

2020 CONCORDIA BULLDOGS



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Date	Opponent	H/A	Score	W/
10/25/2019	Sterling (Kan.)	Ν	107-50	W
10/26/2019	Southeastern (Fla.)	Ν	63-62(OT)	W
11/1/2019	Simpson (Calif.)	Н	123-45	W
11/2/2019	St. Francis (III.)	Н	107-46	W
11/12/2019	Midland (Neb.) *	Н	93-70	W
11/16/2019	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	Н	113-59	W
11/20/2019	St. Mary (Neb.) *	Н	127-51	W
12/4/2019	Doane (Neb.) *	Н	110-47	W
12/7/2019	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	Н	100-72	W
12/11/2019	Morningside (Iowa) *	Α	88-77	W
12/14/2019	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	Α	80-50	W
12/20/2019	Southeastern (Fla.)	Α	72-97	L
12/21/2019	William Carey (Miss.)	Ν	97-55	W
1/2/2020	Northwestern (Iowa) *	Α	97-81	W
1/4/2020	Dordt (Iowa) *	Н	69-55	W
1/8/2020	Hastings (Neb.) *	Α	59-66	L
1/11/2020	Jamestown (N.D.) *	Н	105-56	W
1/15/2020	St. Mary (Neb.) *	Α	108-64	W
1/18/2020	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	Α	76-64	W
1/22/2020	Morningside (Iowa) *	Н	85-61	W
1/24/2020	Concordia (Mich.)	Ν	74-49	W
1/25/2020	Concordia (Wis.)	Ν	102-47	W
1/29/2020	Northwestern (Iowa) *	Н	91-76	W
2/1/2020	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	Α	69-67	W
2/5/2020	Doane (Neb.) *	Α	102-47	W
2/8/2020	Dordt (Iowa) *	Α	74-56	W
2/12/2020	Hastings (Neb.) *	Н	53-46	W
2/15/2020	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	Н	94-51	W
2/19/2020	Midland (Neb.) *	Α	75-68	W
2/22/2020	Jamestown (N.D.) *	Α	76-66	W
2/26/2020	#Midland (Neb.)	Н	95-46	W
2/29/2020	#Dordt (Iowa)	Н	94-79	W
3/3/2020	#Hastings	Н	60-49	W

*Conference game #GPAC Tournament game



Head Coach Drew Olson



Assistant Coach Tae'lor Purdy-Korell



Grad Asst. Coach **Taylor Jacobsen**





G • 4 • Riley Sibbel 5-9 • Sr. • O'Neill, Neb.

- PTS STL FG% 3-PT% 6.1 2.0 42.6
- 36.6

G • 21 • Mackenzie Koepke

- 6-1 So. Lincoln, Neb. FG% 3-PT% PTS RFB 8.4 3.4 36.2 33.0
- 2019-20 Second Team All-GPAC choice; named Honorable Mention All-GPAC in 2018-19

Two-time Honorable Mention All-GPAC.

• Named GPAC Player of the Week on Jan.

• Career: 460 points, 192 steals, 170

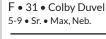
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rebounds and 114 assists in 105 games.

• Notched career high 19 points in 2020 GPAC quarterfinal win over Midland.







PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
8.3	4.5	46.0	60.0

- 2019-20 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Career: 792 points, 634 rebounds, 165 steals, 92 assists and 41 blocked shots in
- Named Concordia's 2019 Homecoming Queen.





F • 42 • Philly Lammers 5-11 • Sr. • Omaha, Neb.

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PTS	REB	STL	FG%
13.9	6.2	2.6	52.7

- Three-time NAIA All-American.
- Four-time First Team All-GPAC.
- 2018-19 GPAC Player of the Year.
- School career rankings of second in points (2,019), second in blocks (179), third in rebounds (1,020) and fourth in steals (355).





G • 55 • Grace Barry 5-7 • Sr. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	AST	STL	FG%
13.9	5.9	3.2	46.3

- 2019 NAIA Division II National Tournament MVP.
- 2019-20 First Team All-GPAC; 2018-19 Second Team All-GPAC.
- 1,067 career points (including 172 at University of Nebraska-Kearney).

Student Manager: Sara Sauceda

Concordia University, Nebraska							
Location	Seward						
Enrollment	2,300						
Nickname	Bulldogs						
School Colors	Navy and White						
Home Arena	Walz Arena						
Capacity	2,000						
President							
Director of Athletics	Devin Smith						
Athletic Trainer	Randy Baack						
ConferenceGreat	Plains Athletic Conf.						
Radio 104.9 Max 0	Country (KTMX-FM)						

2019-20 Overall Record	31-2
2019-20 GPAC Record	21-1 (1st)
NAIA Tournament Appearai	nces19
NAIA Tournament Record	34-17
NAIA Fab Fours	7
2019-20 Statistical Leaders	5
PointsPhilly La	
ReboundsPhilly L	.ammers (6.2)
AssistsGrace	e Barry (5.94)
StealsGrace	
BlocksPhilly La	mmers (1.13)



Pronunciation Guide

#4 Riley Sibbel - sibb-UHL #10 Delani Fahey - FAY #14 Chloe Schumacher - shoe-make-er #21 Mackenzie Koepke - kep-KEY #25 Rylee Pauli - paul-EE #31 Colby Duvel - dewv-uhl #34 Taryn Schuette - shoot-EE #35 Elsie Aslesen - oz-lease-un

Concordia WBB NAIA All-Americans

2019:	Philly Lammers
2018:	Philly Lammers
	Quinn Wragge
2017:	Philly Lammers
2015:	Bailey Morris (Player of the Year)
	Tracy Peitz
2014:	Bailey Morris
	Tracy Peitz
2013:	Kristen Conahan
2012:	Amber Kistler
2012.	Kristen Conahan
2009:	Whitney Stichka
2008:	Whitney Stichka
2005:	Kari Saving
2003:	Flizabeth Rhoden
2000.	Sarah Harrison
1998:	Stephanie Schilke
1997:	Rachel Witzel
1994:	Tricia Kindle Pinneo
1993:	Trish Kindle
1992:	Lynda Beck
1987:	Shelly Poppe
*Does not	include honorable mentions

Olson Coaching Record

*Reached NAIA To	urnament						
2006-07	19-13, 10-8 GPAC						
2007-08	*26-7, 13-6 GPAC						
2008-09	*26-9, 14-4 GPAC						
2009-10	*21-11, 11-7 GPAC						
2010-11	15-17, 6-12 GPAC						
2011-12	*34-3, 18-2 GPAC						
2012-13	*25-6, 16-4 GPAC						
2013-14	*25-7, 16-4 GPAC						
2014-15	*35-3, 18-2 GPAC						
2015-16	*22-9, 14-8 GPAC						
2016-17	*34-3, 19-1 GPAC						
2017-18	*36-2, 19-1 GPAC						
2018-19	*30-3, 19-3 GPAC						
2019-20	*31-2, 21-1 GPAC						
TOTAL: 379-98 overall; 214-63 GPAC							

- 2018-19 NAIA National Coach of the Year
- 2017-18 WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year
- 2014-15 Coach of the Year (Omaha World-Herald / Lincoln Journal Star)
- Three-time GPAC Coach of the Year
- Three-time WBCA Region II Coach of the Year

2019-20 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
3	Averie Lambrecht	G	5-8	Fr.	Eagle, Neb./Waverly HS
4	Riley Sibbel	G	5'8	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb./St. Mary's
10	Delani Fahey	G	5'10	So.	Ord, Neb./Ord
11	Claire Cornell	F	5'9	So.	Elm Creek, Neb./Elm Creek
12	MacKenzie Helman	G	5'7	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Pius X
13	Rebecca Higgins	F	5'10	So.	Thedford, Neb./Thedford HS
14	Chloe Schumacher	F	6'2	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Malcolm HS
15	Taylor Farrell	G	5'7	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
21	Mackenzie Koepke	G	6'1	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran
25	Rylee Pauli	F	5'10	So.	Omaha, Neb./Millard South
31	Colby Duvel	F	5'9	Sr.	Max, Neb./Platteview
34	Taryn Schuette	F	5'10	Sr	Sabetha, Kan./Sabetha
35	Elsie Aslesen	F	6'1	So.	Elk Point, S.D./Elk-Point Jefferson
42	Philly Lammers	F	5'11	Sr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West
55	Grace Barry	G	5'7	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East/UN-Kearney

HEAD COACH DREW OLSON



Faith-filled Christian, humble, invested, intelligent, intense, fun, purposeful. There are many words that describe Drew Olson and each of them distinguishes another layer of the amazing son, father, friend, coach and human being he is.

Former Concordia President Brian Friedrich

Coach Olson has had an incredible impact on my life, probably more than he even realizes. As a player, he set goals for me that I would've never set for myself and then gave me everything I needed to reach them.

Bailey Morris '15 (2015 National Player of the Year; Two-time GPAC Player of the Year)

His will to win always made me want to improve and to put in the extra time in the gym to be the best I could be for my team. No matter your role on the team, he expects 100 percent from you and to put the team first.

Kristen (Conahan) Vogt '14 (Two-time All-American)

His former players look back on their careers so fondly because of the success he helped us achieve and the fun we had playing for him. He has created a family mentality around the basketball program, which is why so many alumni are proud to call themselves Bulldogs today.

Whitney (Stichka) Daberkow '09 (Two-time All-American)



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	31-2	16-0	10-2	5-0
CONFERENCE	21-1	11-0	10-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-1	5-0	0-1	5-0

					Total		3-Poir	nt .	F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
03	Lambrecht, Averie	21-0	170	8.1	23-45	.511	3-12	.250	14-20	.700	14	18	32	1.5	23	0	12	19	4	21	63	3.0
04	Sibbel, Riley	33-33	677	20.5	72-169	.426	34-93	.366	22-32	.688	31	30	61	1.8	49	0	38	27	3	66	200	6.1
10	Fahey, Delani	29-0	291	10.0	46-119	.387	39-98	.398	7-8	.875	6	10	16	0.6	14	0	18	20	2	29	138	4.8
11	Cornell, Claire	27-0	275	10.2	56-97	.577	3-7	.429	40-51	.784	36	56	92	3.4	52	0	15	30	3	24	155	5.7
12	Helman, MacKenzie	33-1	512	15.5	56-142	.394	42-102	.412	17-20	.850	21	29	50	1.5	51	0	99	56	1	52	171	5.2
13	Higgins, Rebecca	30-0	292	9.7	43-125	.344	28-95	.295	3-4	.750	17	47	64	2.1	33	1	29	33	3	25	117	3.9
14	Schumacher, Chloe	21-0	169	8.0	26-76	.342	14-47	.298	12-20	.600	8	28	36	1.7	18	0	15	15	5	11	78	3.7
15	Farrell, Taylor	19-0	188	9.9	54-96	.563	31-60	.517	10-16	.625	10	15	25	1.3	13	0	26	6	1	12	149	7.8
21	Koepke, Mackenzie	33-32	643	19.5	94-260	.362	66-200	.330	23-41	.561	17	94	111	3.4	74	1	33	38	14	65	277	8.4
25	Pauli, Rylee	32-0	457	14.3	54-86	.628	0-6	.000	11-21	.524	42	51	93	2.9	58	1	34	26	13	46	119	3.7
31	Duvel, Colby	33-33	708	21.5	97-211	.460	7-30	.233	72-120	.600	59	89	148	4.5	70	1	29	44	7	53	273	8.3
34	Schuette, Taryn	33-1	409	12.4	56-153	.366	30-95	.316	20-29	.690	27	46	73	2.2	34	0	28	24	3	41	162	4.9
35	Aslesen, Elsie	23-1	268	11.7	48-97	.495	11-39	.282	24-34	.706	16	49	65	2.8	33	1	15	17	20	28	131	5.7
35	Luebbe, Kayla	1-0	7	7.0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2.0
42	Lammers, Philly	32-32	728	22.8	185-351	.527	10-45	.222	65-114	.570	62	135	197	6.2	79	3	36	94	36	84	445	13.9
55	Barry, Grace	33-32	834	25.3	178-392	.454	16-72	.222	86-115	.748	38	56	94	2.8	50	0	196	98	1	106	458	13.9
	Total	33	6628		1089-242	.449	334-1001	.334	426-645	.660	459	836	1295	39.2	651	8	623	553	116	680	2938	89.0
	Opponents	33	6624		677-1840	.368	203-746	.272	418-631	.662	396	957	1353	41.0	545	-	429	1037	78	273	1975	59.8





RECALLING THE 2019 NATIONAL TITLE



"Just seeing the fun and the joy that they had accomplishing that together is something that I'll never forget."

Drew Olson

From the files ...

March 12, 2019

Focused and finished!

SIOUX CITY, Iowa – This is the moment the Concordia University women's basketball program has been waiting for. For the first time in school history, the Bulldogs were the ones celebrating when the confetti streamed down from the Tyson Events Center rafters. Tears of joys flowed for senior Quinn Wragge, who couldn't have asked for a better ending to her college career. Concordia cut down the nets after a 67-59 win over second-ranked Southeastern University (Fla.) in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship Game on Tuesday (March 12).

Throughout the tournament, there was a growing sense that this was their time. Thirteenth-year head coach Drew Olson's program had struck out in national title game appearances in 2015 and 2018. This time around, the Bulldogs focused – and they finished.

"Thinking about all that we went through last year and all the hard work it took to get here, I'm just so proud and so happy for them," Olson said. "I'm thankful I get to be their coach. It's more about the players. I'm just so happy they get this feeling. It's really surreal honestly."

"It was just an incredible feeling to be able to do it with such a great group of girls," said national tournament MVP Grace Barry. "We've been talking about it since the summer workouts. We finally got it done."





Appearances: 19 | **Record:** 34-17 | **Fab Fours:** 7 1992, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020





2019

1ST RD: W, 100-62 vs. Wilberforce (Ohio) 2ND RD: W, 82-71 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 73-53 vs. Indiana Tech SEMIFINALS: W, 82-79 vs. Northwestern CHAMPIONSHIP: W, 67-59 vs. Southeastern (Fla.)

<u> 2018</u>

TST RD: W, 75-52 vs. Stillman (Ala.)
2ND RD: W, 71-50 vs. Taylor (Ind.)
QUARTERFINALS: W, 79-61 vs. Jamestown (N.D.)
SEMIFINALS: W, 84-77 vs. Northwestern (Iowa)
CHAMPIONSHIP: L, 59-82 vs. Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)

2017

1ST RD: W, 101-66 vs. Bryan (Tenn.) 2ND RD: W, 75-56 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 74-59 vs. Jamestown (N.D.) SEMIFINALS: L, 83-91 vs. Saint Xavier (III.)

2016

1ST RD: L, 82-85 vs. Goshen (Ind.)

2015

1ST RD: W, 76-35 vs. Bryan (Tenn.) 2ND RD: W, 92-82 vs. College of Saint Mary (Neb.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 76-59 vs. Jamestown (N.D.) SEMIFINALS: W, 72-62 vs. Briar Cliff (Iowa) CHAMPIONSHIP: L, 57-59 vs. Morningside (Iowa)

2014

1ST RD: L, 86-91 vs. Olivet Nazarene (III.)

2013

1ST RD: L, 60-66 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)

2012

1ST RD: W, 78-54 vs. Sterling (Kan.) 2ND RD: W, 69-48 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 80-68 vs. Grand View (Iowa) SEMIFINALS: L, 70-74 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

2010

1ST RD: L, 42-57 vs. Indiana Wesleyan

2009

1ST RD: W, 72-53 vs. Taylor (Ind.) 2ND RD: W, 74-73 vs. Cornerstone (Mich.) QUARTERFINALS: L, 65-69 vs. Hastings (Neb.)

2008

1ST RD: W, 84-64 vs. Union (Ky.) 2ND RD: W, 82-72 vs. Davenport (Mich.) QUARTERFINALS: L, 53-78 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

2005

1ST RD: W, 70-28 vs. Western Baptist (Ore.) 2ND RD: W, 65-51 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 66-42 vs. Sterling (Kan.) SEMIFINALS: L, 73-86 vs. Cedarville (Ohio)

2004

1ST RD: W, 70-57 vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) 2ND RD: W, 63-53 vs. Tennessee Wesleyan QUARTERFINALS: L, 69-77 Cedarville (Ohio)

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1ST RD: W, 62-59 vs. Madonna (Mich.) 2ND RD: W, 88-44 vs. William Jewell (Mo.) QUARTERFINALS: W, 57-55 vs. Mary (N.D.) SEMIFINALS: L, 60-66 vs. Hastings (Neb.)

2002

1ST RD: W, 71-55 vs. Southern Oregon **2ND RD:** L, 65-67 vs. Briar Cliff (lowa)

<u> 1998</u>

1ST RD: L, 85-92 vs. Spring Arbor (Mich.)

<u> 1997</u>

1ST RD: W, 83-78 vs. Taylor (Ind.)
2ND RD: W, 82-71 vs. Shawnee State (Ohio)
QUARTERFINALS: L, 71-76 vs. Black Hills State (S.D.)

1993

1ST RD: L, 78-94 vs. St. Joseph's (Maine)





SCORING (1,000-point scorers)

1. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	2,054
2. Philly Lammers (2016-20)	2,019
3. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	1,800
4. Quinn Wragge (2015-19)	1,776
5. Kari Saving (2001-05)	1,773
6. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	1,765
7. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,736
8. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,720
9. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	1,656
10. Shelly Poppe (1986-90)	1,630
11. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	1,559
12. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	1,452
13. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	1,426
14. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	1,337
15. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	1,323
16. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	1,302
17. Katie Rich (2009-13)	1,293
18. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	1,277
19. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	1,244
20. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
21. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	1,159
22. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
23. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
24. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
25. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,048
26. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
27. Brenleigh Daum (2014-18)	1,014
28. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	1,013
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*Dani Hoppes: 1,107 career points with Concordia/Midland *Grace Barry: 1,067 career points with Concordia/UNK

Points, Single Game	
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1. Bailey Morris (2/15/2014)	45
2. Taylor Cockerill (10/26/2018)	40
3. Amber Kistler (2/8/2012)	37
4. Joe Bartels/Morris/Whitney Stichka	35

REBOUNDS

1. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,250
2. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,204
3. Philly Lammers (2016-20)	1,020
4. Marsha Nelson (1982-86)	956
5. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	945
6. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	912
7. Shelly Poppe (1985-88)	911
8. Quinn Wragge (2015-19)	833
9. Beth Lorentzen (1983-87)	694
10. Kristin Miller (2007-11)	684
11. Kayla Luehmann (2001-05)	662
12. Katie Rich (2009-13)	653
13. Jenni Lovegrove (2004-08)	649
14. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	645
15. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	640
16. Colby Duvel (2016-20)	634
16. Michelle Metzger (1988-92)	634
18. Kari Saving (2001-05)	629
19. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	594
20. Dena Poppe (1992-96)	592

ASSISTS

1. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	672
2. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	577
3. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	511
4. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	502
5. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	492
6. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86)	426
7. Grace Barry (2018-20)	412
8. Kari Saving (2001-05)	391
9. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	365
10. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	344
11. Shelby Quinn (2013-17)	338
12. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	337
13. Dani Adams (1999-03)	331
14. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	323
15. MacKenzie Helman (2016-20)	311
16. Carmen Weiser (1987-91)	311
17. Becky Mooney (1998-03)	289
18. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	285
19. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	281
19. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	281

STEALS

1. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86) 2. Bailey Morris (2011-15) 3. Andrea Janssen (1986-90) 4. Philly Lammers (2016-20) 5. Amy Scheil (1985-89) 6. Tracy Peitz (2011-15) 7. Kristen Conahan (2010-14) 8. Katie Rich (2009-13) 9. Quinn Wragge (2015-19) 10. Kari Saving (2001-05) 11. Grace Barry (2018-20) 12. Mary Janovich (2014-18) 12. Teresa Noffke (1985-89) 14. Allison Nyland (1993-97) 15. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09) 15. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04) 17. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	409 394 378 355 350 306 291 265 251 250 245 244 231 230 230
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18. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	211
19. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	209
20. Riley Sibbel (2016-20)	192







GPAC Standings

Mount Marty 7-15 .318 13-16 .448	School Concordia Hastings Morningside Dordt Dakota Wesleyan Northwestern Jamestown Midland	GPAC 21-1 20-2 16-6 15-7 13-9 12-10 9-13 8-14	% .955 .909 .727 .682 .591 .545 .409 .364	Overall 31-2 30-3 23-9 24-8 20-11 17-11 16-15 12-19	% .939 .909 .719 .750 .645 .607 .516
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Doane 1-21 .045 2-25 .074	Mount Marty Saint Mary	7-15 2-20	.318	13-16 5-25	.448 .167

GPAC All-Conference

FIRST TEAM

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G - Grace Barry, Sr.	Concordia
G - Sammy Blum, Jr.	Northwestern
F - Sarah Carr, F	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Kynedi Cheeseman, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Shandra Farmer, Sr.	Hastings
F - Erika Feenstra, Jr.	Dordt
F - Gabby Grasso, Sr.	Hastings
F - Philly Lammers, Sr.	Concordia
G - Sierra Mitchell, Jr.	Morningside
G - Konnor Sudmann, Fr.	Briar Cliff

SECOND TEAM

JECOND I LAM	
F - Rachel Evavold, Sr.	Dordt
G - Amanda Hansen, Sr.	Midland
F - Haylee Heits, Sr.	Doane
F - Sydney Hupp, Sr.	Morningside
F - Makaela Karst, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Mackenzie Koepke, So.	Concordia
G - Sophia Pankratz, Sr.	Hastings
F - Sophia Peppers, So.	Morningside
F - Jamie Tebben, Sr.	Mount Marty
F - Alexis Toering, So.	Northwestern

Player of the Year: Shandra Farmer, Hastings **Defensive Player of the Year**: Philly Lammers, Concordia

Freshman of the Year: Konnor Sudmann, Briar Cliff Coach of the Year: Jina Douglas, Hastings

GPAC Tournament Results

Quarterfinals - Feb. 26

- (1) Concordia def. (8) Midland, 95-46
- (4) Dordt def. (5) Dakota Wesleyan, 75-55
- (3) Morningside def. (6) Northwestern, 90-87 (OT)
- (2) Hastings def. (7) Jamestown, 77-49

Semifinals - Feb. 29

- (1) Concordia def. (4) Dordt, 94-79
- (2) Hastings def. (3) Morningside, 65-44

Championship - March 3

(1) Concordia def. (2) Hastings, 60-49

2019-20 GPAC at a Glance

Individual Leaders

Scoring	
1. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	20.4
2. Erika Feenstra (DOR)	17.6
3. Konnor Sudmann (BCU)	16.8
4. Sierra Mitchell (MOR)	16.6
5. Sarah Carr (DWU)	16.0
Rebounding	
1. Aleix Toering (NWC)	7.8
2. Haylee Heits (DOA)	7.2
3. Sydney Hupp (MOR)	7.1
4. Jamie Tebben (MMC)	6.7
5. Gabby Grasso (HAS)	6.6
Assists	
1. Grace Barry (CUNE)	5.94
2. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	4.39
3. Kaylee Kirk (DWU)	4.16
4. Shandra Farmer (HAS)	4.06
5. Jordyn Moser (MOR)	3.59
Steals	
1. Grace Barry (CUNE)	3.21
2. Emma Grenfell (HAS)	2.76
3. Shandra Farmer (HAS)	2.64
4. Philly Lammers (CUNE)	2.63
5. Kaylee Kirk (DWU)	2.52
Field Goal Percentage	
1. Erika Feenstra (DOR)	60.4
2. Philly Lammers (CUNE)	52.7
3. Sophia Peppers (MOR)	50.6
4. Madelyn Deitchler (BCU)	50.5
5. Sydney Hupp (MOR)	49.6
Free Throw Percentage	
1. Sammy Blum (NWC)	86.4
2. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	85.3
3. Konnor Sudmann (BCU)	83.8
4. Gabby Grasso (HAS)	82.7
5. Feenstra / Heits	80.8
3-Point Percentage	
1. Sierra Mitchell (MOR)	38.3
1. Sammy Blum (NWC)	38.3
3. Bre Schuiteman (NWC)	38.1
4. Devyn Kemble (NWC)	36.0
	38.1

Team Leaders

Scoring Offense	
1. Concordia	89.0
2. Morningside	82.0
3. Northwestern	80.5
4. Dordt	80.3
5. Hastings	76.4
Scoring Defense	
1. Hastings	57.9
2. Concordia	59.9
3. Dakota Wesleyan	66.2
4. Jamestown	66.7
5. Dordt	66.8
Field Goal Percentage O	ffense
1. Dordt	46.1
2. Dakota Wesleyan	45.5
3. Concordia	44.9
4. Hastings	43.8
4. Northwestern	43.8
Field Goal Percentage De	
1. Concordia	36.8
2. Dakota Wesleyan	38.0
3. Dordt	38.3
4. Hastings	38.4
5. Mount Marty	38.7
Turnover Margin	
1. Concordia	+14.7
2. Hastings	+9.7
3. Morningside	+5.7
4. Northwestern	+3.5
5. Midland	+1.3
Rebound Margin	
1. Dordt	+9.7
2. Dakota Wesleyan	+3.6
3. Morningside	+3.2
4. Northwestern	+2.5
5. Jamestown	+2.5
3-Point Field Goals Per C	
1. Morningside	10.5
2. Concordia	10.1
3. Northwestern	9.7
4. Mount Marty5. College of Saint Mary	8.3 7.8



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5. Lynsey Curran (CSM)



#3 AVERIE LAMBRECHT



5-8 • Freshman • Guard
Waverly, Neb.
Waverly HS
Business Communication

High School

Prepped at Waverly High School ... coached by John Cockerill for basketball and Ken Adkinson for track ... lettered four times in track and field and three times in basketball ... selected to play in Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on September 22, 2000 ... daughter of Adam and Michelle Lambrecht ... has two younger siblings: Kelcie and Berkley ... enjoys watching Netflix, eating ice cream and spending time outdoors.

LAMBRECHT STATS

G MPG PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT% 19-20 21 8.1 3.0 1.5 0.6 1.0 .511 .250 .700

#10 | DELANI FAHEY



5-10 • Sophomore • Guard Ord, Neb. Ord HS Secondary Education/English

High School

Prepped at Ord High School for head coach Dexter Goodner and lettered and started all four years. Delani served as team captain for two years and was named first team all-state by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald, first team all-conference and first team All-Heartland as a senior. Delani was tabbed first team all-conference a total of three times, All-Heartland three times and all-state three times (twice honorable mention). She helped the Chanticleers to a fourth place state tournament finish in 2017 and a state tournament appearance in 2016. Delani played four years of volleyball and garnered first team all-conference and honorable mention all-state recognition. Delani also competed in track and field for two years and was a member of National Honor Society. She collected academic all-state honors.

Persona

Born in Salina, Kan. on August 4, 1999. She is the daughter of Mike and Angie Fahey and has two older siblings: Taylor and Alex. Delani enjoys reading, sleeping, listening to music and watching movies.

FAHEY STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	27	8.9	4.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	40.2	43.1	88.8
19-20	29	10.0	4.8	0.6	0.6	1.0	38.7	39.8	87.5
Totals	56		251	43	38	43	39.3	412	88.2

#4 RILEY SIBBEL



5-9 • Senior • Guard O'Neill, Neb. St. Mary's HS Biology

High School

Prepped at St. Mary's High School (Neb.) for head coach Traci Berg ... lettered for four years and started for three at the varsity level ... served as team captain for two years ... named second team Class D all-state as both a junior and senior ... selected to the Class D2 state all-tournament first team in 2016 ... garnered honorable mention all-state laurels as a freshman ... collected first team all-conference recognition twice ... tabbed first team all-area as a junior by the Holt County Independent ... led St. Mary's to Class D1 state championship in 2015 and to state runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2016 ...garnered academic all-state honors

Personal

Born in O'Neill, Neb., on June 14, 1997 ... daughter of Jim and Carol Sibbel ... has two older brothers, Zach and Tait ... Tait played football at Concordia from 2012-2016.

SIBBEL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	10	6.7	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	31.3	10.0	83.3
17-18	24	7.9	2.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	40.4	20.0	50.0
18-19	38	20.7	5.1	2.0	1.3	2.6	36.1	29.3	47.8
19-20	33	20.6	6.1	1.8	1.2	2.0	42.6	36.6	68.8
Totals	105		460	170	114	192	38.9	30.5	60.6

#11 | CLAIRE CORNELL



5-8 • Sophomore • Forward

Elm Creek, Neb.

Elm Creek HS

Business Admin. / Public Health

& Fitness

High Schoo

Prepped at Elm Creek Public Schools for head coach Mike Ford ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for four years ... named Kearney Hub all-territory basketball player of the year in 2016-17 ... chosen as a first team all-conference basketball player all four years ... broke five school basketball records ... in track and field, earned the title of Nebraska all class long jump champion three-straight years (2016, 2017, 2018) ... won back-to-back state titles (2017, 2018) in the 300 low hurdles and set the school record in the event ... set the long jump state record in 2017 ... helped the 4x100 meter relay break the school record ... led Elm Creek to two conference titles and a district championship ... member of the National Honor Society ... appeared on the honor roll all four years

Personal

Born in Kearney, Neb., on July 16, 1999 ... daughter of Rodney and Joyce Cornell ... has an older sister Jerilyn ... enjoys working out, being outside and listening to and playing music.

CORNELL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	20	6.8	3.6	1.3	0.7	0.5	37.8	9.1	71.4
19-20	27	10.2	5.7	3.4	0.6	0.9	57.7	42.9	78.4
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#12 | MACKENZIE HELMAN



5-7 • Senior • Guard Lincoln, Neb. Pius HS Exercise Science

High School

Prepped at Lincoln Pius X High School for head coach Bill Rice ... lettered and started for three years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named honorable mention all-state by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha-World Herald in both 2015 and 2016 ... started at point guard for the 2015 Lincoln Pius X state champion team and for the 2014 state runner-up squad ... competed in softball for four years and both soccer and track and field for two ... helped the Thunderbolts softball team to a 2012 state title ... member of green honor roll as a junior and senior.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on December 12, 1997 \dots daughter of Tim and Annette Helman \dots has two older brothers, Michael and Evan.

HELMAN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	16	5.9	2.1	0.3	1.1	0.3	45.8	43.8	100
17-18	38	18.8	4.7	2.2	2.8	1.7	35.3	35.7	46.2
18-19	36	14.3	3.4	1.5	2.5	1.4	23.1	22.0	50.0
19-20	33	15.5	5.2	1.5	3.0	1.6	39.4	41.2	85.0
Totals	123		506	192	311	169	32.6	32.5	62.5

#14 | CHLOE SCHUMACHER



6-2 • Sophomore • Forward Lincoln, Neb. Malcolm HS Elementary Ed / Special Ed

High School

Prepped at Malcolm High School for head coach Trudy Samuelson. She lettered and started all four years at the varsity level and served as team captain for one year. Chloe earned all-conference and all-state accolades and was selected to play in all-star game. She helped the Clippers to two conference championships and a state tournament appearance. She started for four years on the volleyball team, picking up all-state and all-conference honors. Chloe led the volleyball squad to a 2016 state runner-up finish. She competed in track and field for one year. She graduated with highest distinction and was a member of National Honor Society. She was an honor roll all eight semesters and collected four academic letters. She named academic all-state four times.

Persona

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on August 27, 1999. She is the daughter of Dave and Patti Schumacher and has an older brother Jackson and older sister Emma. She enjoys spending time with friends, family and her dog.

SCHUMACHER STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%			
18-19	10	5.7	0.8	1.8	0.1	0.3	23.1	11.1	50.0			
19-20	21	8.0	3.7	1.7	0.2	0.5	34.2	29.8	60.0			
Totals	31		86	54	6	1/	32.6	26.8	59 1			

#13 | REBECCA HIGGINS



5-11 • Sophomore • Forward
Thedford, Neb.
Thedford HS
Exercise Science/Psychology

High School

Prepped at Thedford High School for head coach Jordan Arensdorf ... lettered and started all four years ... served as team captain for three years ... named first team all-conference ... selected to 2016 all-state tournament team ... led the Knights to two state semifinal finishes and three total state tournament appearances ... helped Thedford to three conference titles ... competed in volleyball and track and field for four years.

Personal

Born in Valentine, Neb., on August 9, 1998 ... daughter of Christopher and PattyJo Higgins ... has an older brother Gavin, an older sister Kelsey and younger sister Hannah ... sister Kelsey played on the Concordia volleyball team.

HIGGINS STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
17-18	25	6.8	2.3	1.6	0.5	0.3	39.7	27.3	100.0
19-20	30	9.6	3.9	2.1	1.0	0.8	34.4	29.5	75.0
Totals	55		174	104	42	33	36.1	28.9	83.3

#15 | TAYLOR FARRELL



5-7 • Freshman • Guard Omaha, Neb. Millard West HS Undecided

High School

Prepped at Millard West High School ... lettered all four years and started for three ... served as team captain for one year ... earned honorable mention all-state three times ... lettered four times academically and garnered honor roll status all four years.

Persona

Born in Omaha, Neb., on June 14, 2001 \dots daughter of Jason and Tiffany \dots has a brother Tanner and sister Tatum.

FARRELL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
19-20	19	9.9	8.4	1.3	0.1	0.6	56.3	51.7	62.5



#21 | MACKENZIE KOEPKE



6-1 • Sophomore • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Lincoln Lutheran HS
Behavioral Science / Psychology

High School

Played for Coach Rich Olson at Lincoln Lutheran High School and lettered all four years while being a starter for the Warriors. She was voted captain her senior year and holds the record for career 3s made. Awards include All-Conference Honorable Mention as a freshman, All-Conference 1st Team and All-State Honorable Mention her sophomore, junior and senior years. In addition to being awarded All-City Honorable Mention by the Lincoln Journal Star her senior year, she was chosen to play in both the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands All-Star Basketball Game and the 2018 Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game. Mackenzie also lettered in track all four years at Lincoln Lutheran where she holds the school record for high jump at 5'5". She was state champion in class C high jump her junior year.

Personal

Mackenzie was born in Lincoln, Neb., to William and Lori Koepke. Has a younger brother Ben and enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing and volunteering with youth sports.

KOEPKE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	
18-19	38	14.5	6.8	2.9	8.0	1.5	37.9	32.2	63.2	
19-20	33	19.5	8.4	3.4	0.4	2.0	36.2	33.0	56.1	
Totals	71		537	221	45	122	37.0	32.6	58.3	

#31 | COLBY DUVEL



5-9 • Senior • Forward Max, Neb. Platteview HS Biology / Chemistry

High School

Prepped at Platteview High School for head coaches Ron Coughlin, Justin Dannelly and Nathan Behlke ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named honorable mention all-state all four years ... named first team all-conference all four years and captain of the all-conference team as a senior ... selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game ... garnered the NCA Most Valuable Teammate award ... owns the school record for most points in a single game ... helped the Trojans to a four-year record of 86-17, two conference championships, two district titles and two state tournament appearances ... helped volleyball and track squads to a conference title apiece ... member of honor roll ... named to Principal's Honor List ... academic all-state.

Persona

Born in Wray, Colo., on October 19, 1997 ... daughter of Mardell and Stacy Duvel ... has an older sibling Cade ... enjoys going to church, volunteering for youth organizations and family time.

DUVEL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	36	11.9	2.9	3.4	0.6	0.6	40.4	14.3	63.6
17-18	38	17.7	5.9	6.0	0.6	1.3	50.0	33.3	65.6
18-19	35	15.1	5.5	3.9	0.5	1.2	46.0	15.4	61.9
19-20	33	21.4	8.3	4.5	0.9	1.6	46.0	23.3	60.0
Totals	142		792	634	92	165	46.2	20.0	62.4

#25 | RYLEE PAULI



5-10 • Sophomore • Forward
Omaha, Neb.
Millard South HS
Exercise Science

High School

Prepped at Millard South High School for head coach Bryce Meyers. She started for two years and lettered all four years at the varsity level. Rylee served as team captain for two years and led the team in rebounding. She helped Millard South to three state tournament appearances, including two advancements to the state championship game. Rylee played softball for two years.

Personal

Born in Omaha, Neb. on April 25, 2000. She is the daughter of Ken and Tina Pauli and has two siblings, Garran and Kelsey.

PAULI STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	29	8.3	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.9	57.6		57.7
19-20	32	14.2	3.7	2.9	1.1	1.4	62.8	0.0	52.4
Totals	61		172	160	49	71	61.3	0.0	55.3

#34 | TARYN SCHUETTE



5-11 • Senior • Guard Sabetha, Kan. Sabetha HS Exercise Science

High School

Prepped at Sabetha High School (Kan.) for head coach Alex McAfee ... lettered and started for three years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named all-conference three times, including first team honors as a junior ... garnered honorable mention all-state Kansas Class 3A as a junior and senior ... selected to the Highland All-Star game following senior season ... helped the Bluejays to Big 7 League titles all four years and finishes of fourth (2015) and second (2016) at the state tournament ... competed in cross country, track and field and swimming for four years each ... raced to all-conference honors four times and all-state recognition once in cross country ... qualified for state three out of four years ... member of National Honor Society and honor roll (all four years).

Personal

Born in Sabetha, Kan., on July 27, 1998 ... daughter of Shane and Christa Schuette ... has two younger twin sisters, Kinley and Morgan ... enjoys hanging out with friends, going to movies and shopping.

SCHUETTE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
17-18	19	5.5	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.5	32.5	22.2	63.6
18-19	32	9.2	3.8	1.4	0.6	0.6	37.6	32.4	73.3
19-20	33	12.3	4.9	2.2	0.8	1.2	36.6	31.6	69.0
Totals	2/		318	152	19	70	36.5	31 /	691



#35 | ELSIE ASLESEN



6-1 • Sophomore • Forward Elk Point, S.D. Elk-Point Jefferson HS Biology

High School

Prepped at Elk Point-Jefferson High School (S.D.) for head coach Gary Nebelsick, Elsie lettered all four years and started for three. She served as team captain for two years and earned second team all-conference honors twice and honorable mention all-conference accolades once. Elsie was tabbed second team all-region twice and honorable mention all-region once. She ended career with all-time school rankings of first in blocked shots, second in rebounds, ninth in scoring and 13th in steals. Elsie helped the Huskies to a state runner-up finish and conference and regional championships as a freshman and a state playoff appearance as a sophomore. She competed in track for two years and volleyball for one and was part of 4x400 meter relay that placed fourth at the state meet.

Personal

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on February 7, 2000, she is the daughter of Travis and Janna Aslesen. Elsie has two younger siblings: Sam and Abby and enjoys listening to music, spending time with family and friends, playing with her dogs and being outdoors.

ASLESEN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	33	10.6	3.8	3.0	0.5	1.0	36.0	31.1	75.6
19-20	23	11.7	5.7	2.8	0.9	1.2	49.5	28.2	70.6
Totals	56		258	165	36	60	42.2	29.8	73.3

#55 | GRACE BARRY



5-7 • Senior • Guard Lincoln, Neb. Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney/ Lincoln East HS Secondary Education

Previous SchoolGrace played for The University of Nebraska-Kearney for two years.

High Schoo

Grace played for Coach Dennis Prichard at Lincoln East High School. She was a three year letter, two year starter for the Spartans. She was also voted captain for one year. She was named the Lincoln Journal Star Super State First Team. She was selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star game. She holds the school record for singles season assists at 205, career assists at 417, singles season steals at 125 and career steals at 258. In her senior season she let her team to a conference title and Class A State Championship.

Personal

Grace was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to Tammy and Doug Barry. She has one older brother named Andrew. She enjoys hanging out with friends, exploring the outdoors and going on spontaneous adventures.

BARRY STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	SPG	APG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	38	25.8	11.5	2.8	3.7	5.7	47.2	29.7	80.6
19-20	33	25.3	13.9	2.8	3.2	5.9	45.4	22.2	74.8
Totals	71		895	199	245	412	46.3	25.7	76.9

#42 | PHILLY LAMMERS



5-11 • Senior • Forward Omaha, Neb. Millard West HS Biology / Physics

High School

Prepped at Omaha Millard West High School for head coach Marc Kruger ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named a USA Today second team all-state choice ... earned Class A second team all-state and 'all class' third team all-state recognition ... garnered first team all-metro accolades ... placed on the state Class A and all class all-tournament teams ... broke Millard West record for field goal percentage (.537) ... averaged 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds as a senior ... helped the Wildcats to a 23-6 record and state runner-up finish as a senior.

Personal

Born in Bloomfield, Neb., on February 1, $1997\dots$ daughter of Merlin and Pat Lammers \dots enjoys traveling, hiking and reading.

LAMMERS STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	SPG	BPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	37	20.0	13.2	7.0	2.2	1.2	56.0	0.0	78.5
17-18	38	23.3	13.8	8.3	2.4	1.3	51.4	18.2	73.8
18-19	38	21.7	14.7	6.5	2.6	1.2	57.9	12.5	74.0
<u>19-20</u>	32	22.8	13.9	6.2	2.6	1.1	52.7	22.2	57.0
Totals	145		2019	1020	355	179	54.5	19.3	71.5

CAREER HIGHS

Elsie Aslesen

Points: 19 12/4/19) | Rebounds: 9 (11/20/18) | Steals: 4 (12/5/18) | Blocks: 3 (twice)

Grace Barry

Points: 20 (twice) | Rebounds: 9 (1/30/19) | Assists: 13 (12/8/18) | Steals: 10 (12/11/19)

Claire Cornell

Points: 17 (2/5/20) | Rebounds: 11 (2/5/20) | Assists: 3 (twice) | Steals: 4 (1/18/20)

Colby Duvel

Points: 19 (1/25/20) | Rebounds: 13 (twice) | Steals: 5 (11/12/19) | Assists: 4 (1/11/17)

Delani Fahey

Points: 14 (twice) | Rebounds: 4 (2/13/19) | Assists: 4 (11/2/18) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (5x)

Taylor Farrell

Points: 18 (twice) | Assists: 5 (11/20/19) | Steals: 4 (10/25/19) | 3-pt FGs: 5 (1/11/20)

MacKenzie Helman

Points: 17 (twice) | Assists: 9 (twice) | Rebounds: 6 (twice) | Steals: 4 (6x)

Rebecca Higgins

Points: 12 (2/5/20) | Rebounds: 9 (11/1/19) | Assists: 5 (11/1/19) | Steals: 4 (2/5/20)

Mackenzie Koepke

Points: 19 (2/26/20) | Rebounds: 9 (1/29/20) | Steals: 5 (3x) | 3-pt FGs: 5 (12/11/19)

Averie Lambrecht

Points: 10 (1/15/20) | Rebounds: 5 (12/4/19) | Steals: 3 (twice)

Philly Lammers

Points: 31 (11/10/17) | Rebounds: 17 (3/10/18) | Steals: 8 (3/9/18) | Bocks: 6 (12/15/18)

Rylee Pauli

Points: 11 (3/6/19) | Rebounds: 9 (3/6/19) | Steals: 5 (12/14/19) | Blocks: 3 (11/12/19)

Taryn Schuette

Points: 17 (11/2/18) | Rebounds: 6 (twice) | Steals: 5 (2/5/20) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (11/16/19)

Chloe Schumacher

Points: 13 (1/25/20) | Rebounds: 6 (3x) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (1/25/20)

Riley Sibbel

Points: 26 (1/4/20) | Steals: 8 (12/8/18) | Rebounds: 7 (1/25/19) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (twice)



SENIORS LEAVE UNFORGETTABLE MARK



By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

What group of athletes in college athletics has had it better over the past four years than the seniors who make up the backbone of the powerhouse Concordia women's basketball program? Seriously? Consider not just the winning (there's been a whole lot of that) but the shared journey in locations both near and far – from Seward to Sioux City to Chicago to Hawaii and back.

You can't get the big-time experience at a small school, some may say. Think again. Roughly 2,000 fans made for a raucous environment on Feb. 12, 2020, when the Bulldogs hosted rival Hastings in a battle of GPAC title contenders.

"This is why you come to Concordia," said head coach Drew Olson soon after being greeted by a throng of media members that gave the evening even more of an NCAA Division I type of feel. Continued Olson, "You get to play in big games. You get to play in atmospheres like this. This is what you dream about as a little kid. It's so much fun to play in."

The senior class of 2019-20 started this excursion with eight members and grew by one more with the addition of transfer Grace Barry prior to the 2018-19 season. It's rare these days for an entire class of teammates to stick together all four years, but this one is uniquely special. There seemed to be a sense that true four-year greatness and unprecedented results were attainable. The senior class record of 136-10 is shockingly good.

But for each of those 136 wins (a school record over a four-year period) the stories that come along with them are much more memorable. This group understands when the moment calls for seriousness and focus or when it necessitates laughter and light-

heartedness. As a freshman at the national tournament in 2017, Colby Duvel shared a hotel room with classmates and now fellow seniors in Maggie Goltz, MacKenzie Helman and Philly Lammers. At the time, Philly wasn't too fond of the giggling heard around her as she tried falling asleep on that particular night.

Explains Duvel, "After a short while of time, Philly sat up and said, 'Can you guys be a little quieter? I have a game tomorrow!!' She did not hear the end of that comment for a solid 25 minutes and then from the rest of the team that tournament. We all had to make sure Philly was ready for HER game. The jokes were pretty continual that entire trip and have lingered into each tournament."

Those types of memories stand the test of time. Of course there are specific games that will be long remembered. The spirited atmospheres like the one this week versus Hastings become ingrained in memory, even decades later. A mild-mannered type of person off the court, Lammers has a keen sense of how each of the seniors complement one another.

"We really balance each other out," Lammers said. "We're all such smart, strong women and independent. We support each other in who we are. We don't judge each other. We love each other. On and off the court we're friends. We want to see each other succeed more than anything else. When that happens we're excited for each other."

One of the shared bonds for these seniors revolves around the achievement of the first national championship title in program history. When they arrived for classes in the fall of 2016, Olson's program had been roughly a year-and-a-half removed from an agonizingly close loss to Morningside in the 2015 national championship game. In terms of values or priorities, nothing changed for







Concordia women's basketball in spite of some of the heartache of coming so close to winning it all.

It's true that this class landed in an already healthy, winning environment. No rebuilding efforts were needed. It was about reloading and pursuing the ultimate goal without having to compromise anything the program stands for: faith, family and basketball. In 2016, Olson welcomed a class that would become more than he could have ever imagined.

They will go out just the way they came in: together. They also were smart enough to fully embrace Amazing Grace Barry, who crashed the party last season. The Lincoln East High School alum, who went head-to-head with Lammers in a high school state championship game, was the final piece to the national championship puzzle.

"When I transferred to Concordia I was looking for two things: to play great basketball and to be around loving and servant minded individuals," Barry said. "Here at Concordia I believe both of these goals have been met. Coach Olson and the Concordia women's basketball staff have done a great job of instilling values of respect, academic excellence and work ethic within our team."

Ultra competitiveness is a trait that consumes the entire senior group. There's plenty more to it. Barry will do whatever it takes to win, but she's also a very caring individual. Duvel is the social butterfly and the 2019 homecoming queen. Sibbel is tough and gritty. Olson calls Helman "fun-loving, happy and a little awkward." An all-time great, Lammers is a perfectionist in all aspects. Schuette is a "character" and the inspiration behind a Twitter parody account her freshman year (think "Pen Pineapple Apple Pen"). The remaining three seniors play roles off the court. Sauceda is affectionately known as "Sauce." She certainly helps keep the mood light.

The old cliché about being greater than the sum of its parts fits this group. No one wanted to see Taylor Cockerill suffer a season ending injury in the exhibition game at Creighton back in October, but this team didn't flinch. The veteran leadership was too strong. Here they are with a chance at being conference champions all four years.

Olson is sure their impact will live on long after they graduate with degrees from Concordia.

Says Olson, "They are all strong Christian women who will impact others throughout life's journey. I know they have influenced their teammates, coaches and community members. They are just great personalities that I have enjoyed getting to know and be with on a daily basis. They are part of my own family just as much as they are part of the Bulldog family. I loved getting to coach them and am thankful they allow me to coach them the way I do."

To play for Olson, student-athletes must be all about the team. With the style this program employs, it's rare for any single player to average much more than 25 minutes per game. The seniors have embraced making sacrifices for the good of the team. They know the benefits that come with it.

"As I was in the process of choosing which college would be the best fit for me, it really came down to the core values that each team instilled in their players," Schuette said. "When I visited Concordia, there was something that clicked with me and it was everything that I was wanting in a school. The way I saw people interact with one another on the team and previous success was something that I knew I wanted to be a part of."

The seniors have put their trust in Olson as a coach. The positive yields have been obvious in the results and the relationships formed. Says Sibbel, "I cannot say enough good things about Coach Olson. He understands each and every one of his players and adheres to how each individual needs to be coached. He is a man of faith, who portrays the love of Jesus through his actions. Our senior class would not have experienced so much success without him."

Oh the memories. It's going to be difficult to watch it come to an end – but here's to one last hurrah in Sioux City and a shot at another national championship.

Says Helman, "I still remember the confetti coming down at the National Championship and making snow angels in the confetti. Dreaming of that moment and then celebrating that moment in time with my teammates – especially after coming so close the year before and watching Dakota Wesleyan celebrate in the confetti – it made it even sweeter. Road trips were always fun and I loved the time that I got to really spend getting to know my teammates on a really personal level. Also, being able to go to Hawaii, Arizona, Florida and many other cities are memories and experiences that I will always remember."

Adds Duvel, "As far as the amount of success we have had, I am baffled when I think about the wins and the losses, because the caliber of play is so much higher than it was in high school. However, the relationships made during the process surpass it all. Being surrounded constantly with brothers and sisters in Christ is truly a life changing experience."

And if you happen to see Philly, please do not disturb her. She has a game tomorrow. Like her senior teammates, Lammers is driven to boldly pursue more everlasting memories. The final chapter is yet to come for the program's winningest class ever.

















