



**2022 CONCORDIA BULLDOGS**





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## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### 2021-22 Schedule/Results 16-13 Overall, 13-9 GPAC (T-5th)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score
Nov. 1	Bellevue (Neb.)	H	W, 77-71
Nov. 5	(18) Sterling (Kan.)	H	L, 66-84
Nov. 6	(13) Dakota State (S.D.)	H	W, 88-80
Nov. 13	*Briar Cliff	A	L, 68-74
Nov. 17	*Midland	H	W, 93-52
Nov. 20	*(16) Dordt	A	L, 60-69
Nov. 23	*Jamestown	H	W, 69-67
Nov. 27	(3) Wayland Baptist (Texas)	A	W, 76-66
Dec. 1	*(10) Morningside	A	L, 83-89
Dec. 4	*(12) Northwestern	H	W, 84-82 (OT)
Dec. 8	*Mount Marty	H	W, 88-53
Dec. 11	*Hastings	H	W, 91-69
Dec. 18	(1) Campbellsville (Ky.)	N	L, 57-64
Dec. 19	(3) Thomas More (Ky.)	N	L, 67-84
Jan. 1	*Doane	H	W, 76-70 (OT)
Jan. 5	*Mount Marty	A	W, 83-58
Jan. 8	*Dakota Wesleyan	H	W, 90-58
Jan. 12	*College of Saint Mary	H	W, 87-58
Jan. 15	*Jamestown	A	L, 51-65
Jan. 19	*(8) Morningside	H	L, 62-68 (OT)
Jan. 22	*(14) Northwestern	A	L, 68-74
Jan. 26	*Hastings	H	L, 60-68
Feb. 2	*Midland	A	W, 101-57
Feb. 5	*Dordt	H	L, 69-76
Feb. 9	*Doane	A	W, 74-63
Feb. 12	*College of Saint Mary	A	W, 98-73
Feb. 16	*Briar Cliff	H	W, 62-43
Feb. 19	*Dakota Wesleyan	A	L, 67-71
<u>GPAC Tournament</u>			
Feb. 23	Dakota Wesleyan	A	L, 52-68

\*Conference game

### Coaching Staff



Head Coach  
Drew Olson



Assistant Coach  
Tae'lor Purdy-Korell



Grad Asst. Coach  
Kaitlyn Hodgins

### Concordia Starting Lineup



G • 2 • Bailey Conrad  
5-6 • Fr. • Tea, S.D.

PTS	AST	FG%	FT%
4.8	4.6	26.5	75.0

- Ranks No. 1 in the GPAC in assists per game (4.6); has notched 5+ assists 11 times this season.
- Career high point total of 15 was achieved in a home win over Mount Marty on 12/30/20.



G • 3 • Taylor Farrell  
5-7 • So. • Omaha, Neb.

PTS	RPG	FG%	3-PT%
6.4	1.8	42.7	35.0

- Career 39.2 percent 3-point shooter (112-for-286).
- Has posted a single-game career high of 18 points three times.
- Made four treys (17 points) in win at No. 3 Wayland Baptist.



G • 4 • Taysha Rushton  
5-4 • Fr. • Midland, Texas

PTS	REB	FG%	3PT%
17.9	2.9	38.7	33.8

- Two-time First Team All-GPAC.
- Has totaled 947 points, 156 rebounds, 151 assists and 94 steals over 59 career games played.
- Scored career high 32 points in season opening win vs. Bellevue.



F • 25 • Rylee Pauli  
5-10 • Jr. • Omaha, Neb.

PTS	REB	STL	FG%
7.2	7.0	1.8	52.3

- Two-time Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Career totals of 608 points, 525 rebounds, 168 steals and 124 assists in 122 games.
- Member of 2018-19 national championship team and four teams that have reached the national tournament.



F • 35 • Sadie Powell  
6-0 • Fr. • Cedar Rapids, Iowa

PTS	REB	STL	FG%
9.1	4.7	1.0	48.7

- 2021-22 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Recorded a career high 21 points in the win over Doane on New Year's Day.
- Averaging 9.1 points and 4.7 rebounds in 2021-22 as compared to 3.2 points and 1.8 rebounds in 2020-21.

### Quick Facts

#### Concordia University, Nebraska

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

2021-22 Overall Record.....16-13  
2021-22 GPAC Record.....13-9 (T-5th)  
NAIA Tournament Appearances.....21  
NAIA Tournament Record.....37-18  
NAIA Fab Fours.....7  
**2021-22 Statistical Leaders**  
Points.....Taysha Rushton (17.9)  
Rebounds.....Rylee Pauli (7.0)  
Assists.....Bailey Conrad (4.56)  
Steals.....Mackenzie Toomey (1.83)  
Blocks.....Kayla Luebke (0.70)

## Pronunciation Guide

#00 Mackenzie Toomey – TWO-me  
 #3 Taylor Farrell – fair-uhl  
 #5 Abby Krieser – Kreeze-er  
 #14 Chloe Schumacher – shoe-mock-er  
 #25 Rylee Pauli – paul-ee  
 #42 Kayla Luebbe – LEW-bee

## Concordia WBB NAIA All-Americans

2021: Taylor Cockerill  
 2020: Grace Barry  
 Philly Lammers  
 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  
 Kristen Conahan  
 2009: Whitney Stichka  
 2008: Whitney Stichka  
 2005: Kari Saving  
 2003: Elizabeth Rhoden  
 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 Tournament  
 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 \*32-2, 21-1 GPAC  
 2020-21 \*20-8, 17-5 GPAC  
 2021-22 \*16-13, 13-9 GPAC  
 TOTAL: 423-120 overall; 244-77 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

## 2021-22 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
00	Mackenzie Toomey	G	5-8	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast HS
2	Bailey Conrad	G	5-6	Fr.	Tea, S.D./Tea Area HS
3	Taylor Farrell	G	5-7	So.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
4	Taysha Rushton	G	5-4	Fr.	Midland, Texas/Monterey HS
5	Abby Krieser	G	5-8	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln North Star HS
10	Hanna Spearman	G	5-8	Fr.	Gretna, Neb./Gretna HS
12	Lauren Baker	G	5-9	Fr.	Fremont, Neb./Archbishop Bergan HS
13	Abby Heemstra	F	5-11	Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa/Rock Valley Community
14	Chloe Schumacher	F	6-2	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Malcolm HS
25	Rylee Pauli	F	5-10	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard South HS
32	Kendal Brigham	G	5-4	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb./Wahoo HS
34	Hailey Kleinschmit	F	5-11	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb./Norfolk HS
35	Sadie Powell	F	6-0	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy HS
42	Kayla Luebbe	F	6-1	So.	Bee, Neb./Seward HS
55	Taryn Tracy	G	5-5	Fr.	Hickman, Neb./Norris HS

## HEAD COACH DREW OLSON



Coach Olson leads by example and instills in his players to keep one's priorities straight: God, Family, School, Basketball and then everything else.

**Grace Barry, 2019 National Tournament MVP**

When being recruited to play basketball at Concordia, Coach Olson's understanding and passion for the game was apparent. He has always been easy to talk with and he truly cares about each of his players. Not only is he an amazing coach, but he is an even better person off the floor.

**Taylor Cockerill, Junior Guard**

Coach also always saw his players as people to get to know. He understood that we were all different, had different abilities and roles that we could fill. I think the fact that he cares about his team like a family lets him connect and understand his players.

**Philly Lammers, four-time All-American**

I took a number of lessons from Olson during my time at Concordia, but here are some that still ring true in my life today! God, Family, School, Basketball. I still try to live my life according to these priorities! Olson was a coach who was constantly trying to improve and better himself.

**Quinn Wragge, Three-time first team All-GPAC**





## 2021-22 SEASON STATISTICS

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	16-13	10-4	6-7	0-2
CONFERENCE	13-9	8-3	5-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-4	2-1	1-1	0-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds										pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl		
00	Toomey, Mackenzie	29-9	592	20.4	71-204	.348	20-76	.263	26-50	.520	37	82	119	4.1	90	4	47	61	8	53	188	6.5
2	Conrad, Bailey	27-26	637	23.6	40-151	.265	19-85	.224	30-40	.750	19	73	92	3.4	37	0	123	66	5	29	129	4.8
3	Farrell, Taylor	29-8	475	16.4	67-157	.427	36-103	.350	16-18	.889	8	43	51	1.8	26	0	34	21	1	14	186	6.4
4	Rushton, Taysha	28-28	880	31.4	172-444	.387	72-213	.338	86-114	.754	21	60	81	2.9	56	0	71	43	6	45	502	17.9
5	Krieser, Abby	17-0	123	7.2	19-34	.559	5-13	.385	4-4	1.000	7	13	20	1.2	14	0	5	4	1	9	47	2.8
10	Spearman, Hanna	16-0	74	4.6	3-17	.176	0-10	.000	1-2	.500	1	11	12	0.8	9	0	7	11	0	3	7	0.4
12	Baker, Lauren	23-15	329	14.3	36-92	.391	28-65	.431	5-6	.833	1	13	14	0.6	18	0	17	16	6	9	105	4.6
13	Heemstra, Abby	29-16	477	16.4	49-124	.395	1-12	.083	39-57	.684	50	64	114	3.9	66	2	17	40	3	17	138	4.8
14	Schumacher, Chloe	19-1	79	4.2	6-15	.400	1-2	.500	6-6	1.000	4	14	18	0.9	12	0	5	6	6	3	19	1.0
15	Aplaca, Abby	2-0	10	5.0	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
25	Pauli, Rylee	29-29	724	25.0	78-149	.523	1-8	.125	53-81	.654	79	123	202	7.0	101	7	44	25	18	51	210	7.2
32	Brigham, Kendal	28-1	478	17.1	59-142	.415	33-88	.375	15-25	.600	10	31	41	1.5	26	0	45	23	2	21	166	5.9
34	Kleinschmit, Hailey	12-0	68	5.7	8-21	.381	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	2	12	14	1.2	11	0	3	5	1	2	20	1.7
35	Powell, Sadie	29-11	598	20.6	109-224	.487	14-53	.264	33-56	.589	33	102	135	4.7	54	0	26	53	10	30	265	9.1
42	Luebke, Kayla	27-1	314	11.6	73-131	.557	8-29	.276	19-34	.559	22	61	83	3.1	30	0	4	15	19	11	173	6.4
55	Tracy, Taryn	4-0	17	4.3	2-5	.400	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	3	0	0	2	6	1.5
Total.....		29	5875		793-1915	.414	240-763	.315	338-501	.675	336	769	1105	38.1	552	13	451	398	86	299	2164	74.6
Opponents.....		29	5886		659-1671	.394	207-714	.290	446-604	.738	294	832	1126	38.8	471	-	385	521	79	213	1971	68.0





# WIN OVER NO. 4 MARIAN HIGHLIGHTED 2020-21 SEASON



**"We were so thankful and blessed to be able to have a season to grow together. It was a lot of fun. The group was very coachable. They handled everything probably much better than I did. I'm so thankful for them and for the fun that we had."**

**-Drew Olson**

## Advancing to quarterfinals

(From the archives | March 19, 2021) The Concordia University Women's Basketball program continues to make a habit out of rising to the occasion in March. In an unfamiliar underdog role, the 13th-seeded Bulldogs led for roughly 35 minutes and held off a late push from fourth-seeded Marian University (Ind.), 73-67, on Friday (March 19). Freshman guard Taysha Rushton proved fearless in a 27-point outing for the victors, who move on to the NAIA national tournament quarterfinals.

Head Coach Drew Olson's program has won eight-straight national tournament games, dating back to the 2019 national title run. The Bulldogs (22-8) knew they couldn't get into a low-post slugfest with the physically imposing Knights, so they went on the run.

"We believe we're as good as any team," Olson said. "It's all about matchups and who's playing really well at this time. Hopefully we can keep going ... it was an awesome performance, just really gritty. Defensively I thought we did a really good job of pressuring the ball full court. Rylee Pauli was awesome in limiting touches, but when they did touch it we did a good job doubling in the post and causing them more problems."

In terms of coaching performances, this has been a Picasso for Olson, who has melded a youthful group into a team of believers. They have developed into the type of tough and gritty squad that opponents hate to play against. Olson unleashed the press on Friday and watched scrappers like Rylee Pauli and Mackenzie Toomey go to work.







## NAIA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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**Appearances: 21 | Record: 37-18 | Fab Fours: 7**

1992, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022



### **2021**

OPENING RD: W, 71-54 vs. Loyola (La.)  
RD of 16: W, 73-67 vs. Marian (Ind.)  
QUARTERFINALS: L, 83-67 vs. Morningside (Iowa)

### **2020**

1ST RD: W, 75-57 vs. Wilberforce (Ohio) \*Remainder of tournament canceled

### **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.)

### **2018**

1ST 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 (Ill.)

### **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 (Ill.)

### **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)

### **2003**

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 (Iowa)

### **1998**

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

### **1997**

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.)

### **1992**

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)	2,033
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. Taylor Cockerill (2017-21)	1,374
15. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	1,337
16. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	1,323
17. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	1,302
18. Katie Rich (2009-13)	1,293
19. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	1,277
20. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	1,244
21. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
22. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	1,159
23. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
24. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
25. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
26. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,048
27. Carlene Gebhard (1975-79)	1,036
28. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
29. Brenleigh Daum (2014-18)	1,014
30. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	1,013
*Amber Kistler: 1,392 career points with Concordia/W. Nebraska CC	
*Dani Hoppes: 1,107 career points with Concordia/Midland	
*Grace Barry: 1,081 career points with Concordia/UNK	

#### Points, Single Game

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)	1,026
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)	414
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)	409
2. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	394
3. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	378
4. Philly Lammers (2016-20)	357
5. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	350
6. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	306
7. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	291
8. Katie Rich (2009-13)	265
9. Quinn Wragge (2015-19)	251
10. Kari Saving (2001-05)	250
11. Grace Barry (2018-20)	248
12. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	244
12. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	244
14. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	231
15. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	230
15. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	230
17. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	214
18. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	211
19. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	209
20. Riley Sibbel (2016-20)	192



Taylor Cockerill



## GPAC Standings

School	GPAC	%	Overall	%
Morningside	20-2	.909	27-5	.844
Dordt	16-6	.727	24-8	.750
Dakota Wesleyan	15-7	.682	26-7	.788
Northwestern	15-7	.682	24-8	.750
Briar Cliff	13-9	.591	17-13	.567
Concordia	13-9	.591	16-13	.552
Jamestown	11-11	.500	18-13	.581
Hastings	11-11	.500	15-14	.517
Coll. of Saint Mary	7-15	.318	13-15	.464
Doane	6-16	.273	12-18	.400
Midland	4-18	.182	8-21	.276
Mount Marty	1-21	.045	2-27	.069

## GPAC All-Conference

### FIRST TEAM

C - Madelyn Deitchler, Sr.	Dordt
F - Hannah DeMars, Jr.	Jamestown
G - Sierra Mitchell, Sr.	Morningside
F - Sophia Peppers, Sr.	Morningside
F - Karly Gustafson, Jr.	Dordt
G - Mak Hatcliff, Fr.	Doane
F - Matti Reiner, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Taysha Rushton, Fr.	Concordia
C - Molly Schany, So.	Northwestern
F - Ashtyn Veerbeek, Jr.	Dordt

### SECOND TEAM

G - Taylor Beacom, Sr.	Hastings
G - Bailey Beckman, Jr.	Dordt
C - Jada Campbell, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Maddie Jones, Jr.	Northwestern
F - Noelle Josephson, Sr.	Jamestown
G - Kaylee Kirk, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Alyssa Marsh-Contreras, Sr.	CSM
G - McKenna Sims, Jr.	Morningside
G - Konnor Sudmann, Jr.	Briar Cliff
G - Payton Wingert, Sr.	Midland

**Player of the Year:** Ashtyn Veerbeek, Dordt  
**Defensive Player of the Year:** Kaylee Kirk, DWU  
**Freshman of the Year:** Mak Hatcliff, Doane  
**Coach of the Year:** Jason Christensen, DWU

## GPAC Tournament Results

### Quarterfinals - Feb. 24

- (1) Morningside def. (8) Hastings, 98-84
- (2) Dordt def. (7) Jamestown, 71-60
- (4) Northwestern def. (5) Briar Cliff, 72-60
- (3) Dakota Wesleyan def. (6) Concordia, 68-52

### Semifinals - Feb. 27

- (1) Morningside def. (4) Northwestern, 73-72
- (3) Dakota Wesleyan def. (2) Dordt, 69-59

### Championship - March 2

- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (1) Morningside, 83-60

## National Tournament Facts

- In its first 20 appearances at the national championships, Concordia has posted a record of 37-18 with seven journeys to at least the national semifinals (three national championship game appearances). The Bulldogs are 14-6 in first-round games. All of the program's national tournament berths have come since 1992 – the same year the NAIA split into two divisions for basketball. The 2019-20 season marked the final one featuring two divisions. The 2019-20 squad had garnered the No. 1 overall seed in a tournament that was shut down in the middle of the first round.

- Nine of the 15 players on Concordia's national tournament roster have prior national tournament experience. That list includes Kendal Brigham, Bailey Conrad, Taylor Farrell, Kayla Luebbe, Rylee Pauli, Sadie Powell, Taysha Rushton, Chloe Schumacher and Mackenzie Toomey. Pauli has appeared at the national tournament in each of the past three seasons. She put together a memorable performance in last year's 73-67 win over No. 4 Marian (Ind.). In that victory, Pauli notched 17 points and six rebounds. Meanwhile, Rushton topped all players with 27 points in the win. Pauli, Schumacher and Mackenzie Koepke (out with injury) were each part of the 2018-19 national championship team. Koepke has totaled 61 career points in national tournament games.

- Head Coach Drew Olson has been at the controls for each of Concordia's past 14 national tournament appearances (including 2022). His record at the national tournament now stands at 26-11 with five trips to the final four, including three national championship game appearances (2015, 2018, 2019). The program raised its first-ever national championship banner in March 2019. Olson has won more national tournament games than any coach in school history (men's or women's programs).

- During the 2021-22 season to date, the Bulldogs played nine opponents that were ranked in the NAIA's final coaches' top 25 poll: No. 3 Thomas More (Ky.), No. 5 Campbellsville (Ky.), No. 6 Morningside (twice), No. 8 Wayland Baptist (Texas), No. 12 Sterling (Kan.), No. 21 Dordt (twice) and No. 24 Dakota State (S.D.). In addition, GPAC foes Northwestern and Dakota Wesleyan were situated just outside of the top 25. Heading into the national tournament, Concordia has played the No. 1 strength of schedule in the entire NAIA.

- Olson became the program's fifth coach to lead Concordia to the national tournament when he made his first appearance in 2008. Past coaches to take the Bulldogs to nationals were Todd Voss (three), Mark Lemke (two), Micah Parker (one) and Carl Everts (one). Voss guided two squads that reached the national semifinals.

## Coach Olson Accomplishments

- 2019 NAIA Division II National Champions
- 12 GPAC Championships (six regular season; six postseason)
- 13 national tournament appearances (26 national tournament wins)
- Five national semifinal appearances (two national runner-up claims)
- Has coached players to 17 All-America awards and one National Player of the Year honor
- 2019 NAIA Phyllis Holmes National Coach of the Year
- 2018 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year
- Three-time GPAC Coach of the Year; four-time WBCA regional Coach of the Year







## #00 MACKENZIE TOOMEY



5-8 • Freshman • Guard  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Lincoln Southeast HS

## #2 BAILEY CONRAD



5-6 • Freshman • Guard  
Tea, S.D.  
Tea Area HS



## #3 | TAYLOR FARRELL



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

## #4 | TAYSHA RUSHTON



5-4 • Freshman • Guard  
Midland, Texas  
Monterey HS





## PLAYER PROFILES

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### #5 | ABBY KRIESER



5-8 • Freshman • Guard  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Lincoln North Star HS

### #10 | HANNA SPEARMAN



5-8 • Freshman • Guard  
Gretna, Neb.  
Gretna HS



### #12 | LAUREN BAKER



5-9 • Freshman • Guard  
Fremont, Neb.  
Archbishop Bergan HS

### #13 | ABBY HEEMSTRA



5-11 • Freshman • Forward  
Rock Valley, Iowa  
Rock Valley Community







## #14 | CHLOE SCHUMACHER



6-2 • Junior • Forward  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Malcolm HS

## #25 | RYLEE PAULI



5-10 • Junior • Forward  
Omaha, Neb.  
Millard South HS



## #32 | KENDAL BRIGHAM



5-4 • Freshman • Guard  
Wahoo, Neb.  
Wahoo HS

## #34 | HAILEY KLEINSCHMIT



5-11 • Freshman • Forward  
Norfolk, Neb.  
Norfolk HS





## PLAYER PROFILES

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### #35 | SADIE POWELL



6-0 • Freshman • Forward  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
John F. Kennedy HS

### #42 | KAYLA LUEBBE



6-1 • Sophomore • Forward  
Bee, Neb.  
Seward HS



### #55 | TARYN TRACY



5-5 • Freshman • Guard  
Hickman, Neb.  
Norris HS







# YOUNG SQUAD NAVIGATED RIGOROUS SCHEDULE WHILE EXTENDING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT STREAK



By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

When things go well, they go really well for the 2021-22 Concordia University Women's Basketball team. Take for example, the road win over then No. 3 Wayland Baptist University (Texas), the overtime victory over then No. 12 Northwestern and the 90-58 home thrashing of national tournament qualifier Dakota Wesleyan. Those victories were vital in regards to the Bulldogs extending the program's streak of consecutive national tournament appearances to 11 (and 14 appearances over the past 15 seasons).

The overall record of 16-13 won't jump off the page, but it's a bit misleading in that Concordia has played the most challenging schedule of any team in the NAIA. Even with a young roster, Head Coach Drew Olson didn't back away from the program's mantra of playing anybody, anywhere.

Senior Rylee Pauli and company have already seen some of the best the NAIA has to offer. Said Pauli in mid-February, "It showed a lot of toughness (persevering through a challenging schedule). We have to be ready to go every single game. I feel like we've learned that this year. It's been a rollercoaster of a ride. It's gone up and down. Hopefully we can finish out on top."

Indeed, this '21-22 campaign has featured its share of twists and turns. Throughout the season, consistency has been a difficult concept to grasp. At one point, the Bulldogs won six GPAC games in a row and then followed that stretch with four-straight conference losses. In certain games, Concordia has looked like the vintage nationally prominent squads of recent seasons. After pummeling College of Saint Mary on the road in February, Olson commented that it looked like "really good Bulldog Basketball." If the Bulldogs can bottle up the type of performance they displayed in the blowout of

Dakota Wesleyan, they can make some noise on the national stage.

Star guard Taysha Rushton has already proven she's ready for primetime. The Midland, Texas, native poured in 27 points in last season's win over No. 4 Marian (Ind.) that pushed Concordia into the national quarterfinals. Rushton enters the national tournament averaging 17.9 points per game and on the heels of a white-hot finish to the regular season. Pauli scored 17 points in that same victory over Marian and was a member of the 2018-19 national championship team.

Nine players on the postseason roster possess national tournament experience. Prior experience or not, this group has found out what it's like to go up against the best. The GPAC schedule is rigorous enough, but the Bulldogs also played teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2 (at the time) in Campbellsville University (Ky.) and Thomas More University (Ky.) as part of the Hawaii trip. In addition, it hosted top 25 foes Sterling College (Kan.) and Dakota State University (S.D.) at the Cattle Classic and ambushed highly rated Wayland Baptist on the road.

Said Olson late in February, "Our body of work, our resume has earned this opportunity. I'm excited about the chance to keep the season going."

From game-to-game, Concordia has found unique ways to put together another successful season. While Rushton is clearly the go-to player, others have taken turns stepping forward. Rushton has often been one of three second-year players in the starting lineup, in addition to Bailey Conrad and Sadie Powell. The Bulldogs have also broken in freshmen such as Abby Heemstra and Abby Krieser.

Olson regularly goes 10 deep while attempting to hit the opponents





in waves. All 10 of those Bulldogs average at least 4.6 points and double-digit minutes per game. Each of the following players have produced at least one game with 19 or more points: Rushton (high of 32), Lauren Baker (24), Sadie Powell (21), Kayla Luebbe (20), Pauli (20), Kendal Brigham (19), Heemstra (19) and Toomey (19).

Even through some of the inconsistency, Concordia has made strides that provide optimism for not just the 2022 national tournament, but also the 2022-23 season. Said Pauli, "It's fun to see the growth of every player on this team. You can see it from last year to this year. Each one of them is stepping up when their name is called."

Barring a decision to return and use the extra 'COVID year,' Pauli and her classmates will end their careers at the national tournament. It provides at least one more chance to create lasting memories. The class includes Abby Aplaca, Mackenzie Koepke, Courtney Merryweather and Chloe Schumacher. Said Pauli, "It's been a very special bond. Us five have toughed it out through the injuries and everything. I get to play basketball with my best friends. It's been a fun four years."

In conjunction with senior night back in February, Olson praised the seniors for helping lead a team with a lot of youth through the highs and lows that have been part of the journey. Said Olson, "It's a great group that has had incredible buy-in throughout their careers – very selfless people that love our program. They've been a huge part of our success."









