



**2023 CONCORDIA BULLDOGS**





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## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### 2022-23 Schedule/Results 19-11 Overall, 14-8 GPAC (T-5th)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score
Nov. 4	Bellevue	H	W, 74-52
Nov. 5	Dakota State (S.D.)	H	W, 71-61
Nov. 12	*Briar Cliff	A	L, 76-87
Nov. 16	*Midland	H	W, 84-59
Nov. 19	*(13) Dordt	A	L, 65-76
Nov. 22	*Jamestown	H	L, 49-66
Nov. 30	*(25) Morningside	A	W, 71-64
Dec. 3	*(16) Northwestern	H	L, 56-72
Dec. 7	*Mount Marty	H	W, 91-48
Dec. 10	*Hastings	A	W, 70-57
Dec. 15	*Doane	H	W, 72-55
Dec. 28	Texas Wesleyan University	A	L, 71-73
Dec. 30	(17) Science & Arts (Okla.)	A	L, 64-77
Jan. 5	*Mount Marty	A	W, 85-62
Jan. 7	*(21) Dakota Wesleyan	H	W, 59-58
Jan. 11	*College of Saint Mary	H	W, 74-54
Jan. 14	*Jamestown	A	L, 72-79
Jan. 19	*Morningside	H	W, 74-60
Jan. 21	*(15) Northwestern	A	W, 65-55
Jan. 25	*Hastings	H	W, 73-62
Jan. 27	Concordia Wisconsin	H	W, 100-49
Jan. 28	Concordia Chicago	H	W, 85-33
Feb. 1	*Midland	A	W, 102-64
Feb. 4	*(4) Dordt	H	L, 69-76
Feb. 8	*Doane	A	W, 92-80
Feb. 11	*College of Saint Mary	A	W, 99-76
Feb. 15	*(23) Briar Cliff	H	L, 51-56
Feb. 18	*Dakota Wesleyan	A	L, 54-61
<b>GPAC Tournament</b>			
Feb. 21	(19) Jamestown	A	W, 73-67
Feb. 25	(18) Briar Cliff	A	L, 57-66

\*Conference game

### Coaching Staff



Head Coach  
Drew Olson



Assistant Coach  
Tae'lor Purdy-Korell



Grad Asst. Coach  
Emmiley Hendrixson

### Concordia Starting Lineup



G • 00 • Mackenzie Toomey  
5-9 • So. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	REB	STL	FG%
6.3	4.2	1.8	34.6

- Scored a career high 19 points in a home win over Dakota Wesleyan on 1/8/22.
- Honorable Mention All-GPAC in 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- Has collected 137 career steals in 85 games.



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

PTS	RPG	FG%	3-PT%
13.6	3.3	41.9	40.2

- Three-time First Team All-GPAC.
- Career totals of 1,368 points, 261 rebounds, 248 assists and 147 steals in 90 games.
- 2021-22 NAIA Honorable Mention All-America.



F • 13 • Abby Heemstra  
5-11 • So. • Rock Valley, Iowa

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
5.3	3.9	46.6	75.0

- Scored career high 19 points in a home win over Dakota State on 11/6/21.
- Has started all 30 games in 2022-23; started 16 games as a freshman in 2021-22.
- Tallied more than 1,000 points and 700 rebounds at Rock Valley Community HS.



G • 23 • Abby Krieser  
5-8 • So. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	STL	FG%	3-PT%
10.0	2.0	49.8	36.0

- 2022-23 Second Team All-GPAC.
- Poured in career high 23 points while making 5/7 3-point FG attempts in a road win over Doane on 2/8/23.
- Younger sister Aubriana is committed to play softball at Concordia.



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

PTS	REB	STL	FG%
9.9	4.7	1.4	40.4

- 2022-23 Second Team All-GPAC; 2021-22 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Totaled career high 21 points in a home win over Doane on 1/1/22.
- 2022-23 Academic All-District selection by College Sports Communicators.

### 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)

2022-23 Overall Record.....19-11  
2022-23 GPAC Record.....14-8 (T-5th)  
NAIA Tournament Appearances.....22  
NAIA Tournament Record.....37-19  
NAIA Fab Fours.....7  
**2022-23 Statistical Leaders**  
Points.....Taysha Rushton (13.6)  
Rebounds.....Sadie Powell (4.7)  
Assists.....Taysha Rushton (3.1)  
Steals.....Abby Krieser (2.0)  
Blocks.....Mackenzie Koepke (0.8)



### Pronunciation Guide

#00 Mackenzie Toomey – TWO-me  
 #10 Taylor Farrell – fair-uhl  
 #21 Mackenzie Koepke - KEPP-key  
 #23 Abby Krieser – Kreeze-er  
 #34 Hailey Kleinschmit - Kline-Schmit  
 #44 Kristin Vieselmeyer - VEESE-uhl-meyer

### 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 \*16-14, 13-9 GPAC  
 2022-23 \*19-11, 14-8 GPAC  
 TOTAL: 442-131 overall; 258-85 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

## 2022-23 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
00	Mackenzie Toomey	G	5-9	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast HS
2	Reece Snodgrass	G	5-6	So.	West Point, Neb./West Point Beemer HS
4	Taysha Rushton	G	5-5	So.	Midland, Texas/Monterey HS
5	Megan Belt	G	5-4	Fr.	Papillion, Neb./Millard South HS
10	Taylor Farrell	G	5-7	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
12	Hanna Spearman	G	5-8	So.	Gretna, Neb./Gretna HS
13	Abby Heemstra	F	5-11	So.	Rock Valley, Iowa/Rock Valley HS
21	Mackenzie Koepke	G	6-1	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran HS
22	Destiny Shepherd	G	5-7	Fr.	York, Neb./York HS
23	Abby Krieser	G	5-8	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln North Star HS
32	Kendal Brigham	G	5-4	So.	Wahoo, Neb./Wahoo HS
34	Hailey Kleinschmit	F	5-11	So.	Norfolk, Neb./Norfolk HS
35	Sadie Powell	F	6-0	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy HS
44	Kristin Vieselmeyer	F	6-1	Fr.	Holyoke, Colo. Holyoke 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**





# 2022-23 SEASON STATISTICS

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	19-11	11-4	8-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	14-8	7-4	7-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-3	4-0	1-3	0-0

#	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	Mackenzie Toomey	30-29	690	23.0	71-205	.346	19-78	.244	28-41	.683	27	98	125	4.2	100	4	75	75	8	54	189	6.3
02	Snodgrass, Reece	7-0	60	8.6	7-24	.292	5-18	.278	2-2	1.000	4	10	14	2.0	8	0	6	5	0	5	21	3.0
4	Taysha Rushton	30-30	864	28.8	138-329	.419	66-164	.402	67-86	.779	27	73	100	3.3	54	1	94	78	2	48	409	13.6
5	Megan Belt	22-0	350	15.9	48-140	.343	43-122	.352	4-7	.571	5	24	29	1.3	20	0	18	7	3	11	143	6.5
10	Taylor Farrell	11-1	87	7.9	10-29	.345	7-22	.318	0-0	.000	1	9	10	0.9	4	0	4	7	0	4	27	2.5
13	Abby Heemstra	30-30	581	19.4	61-134	.455	2-8	.250	30-40	.750	35	83	118	3.9	59	1	18	30	4	12	154	5.1
21	Mackenzie Koepke	26-1	369	14.2	33-112	.295	24-89	.270	11-15	.733	17	59	76	2.9	41	1	20	16	20	24	101	3.9
22	Destiny Shepherd	13-0	101	7.8	9-29	.310	6-20	.300	6-6	1.000	3	8	11	0.8	12	0	10	10	0	10	30	2.3
23	Abby Krieser	30-29	726	24.2	114-229	.498	32-89	.360	39-48	.813	24	76	100	3.3	72	1	41	59	11	60	299	10.0
32	Kendal Brigham	30-0	731	24.4	103-230	.448	48-114	.421	44-59	.746	19	67	86	2.9	51	0	79	44	0	31	298	9.9
34	Hailey Kleinschmit	25-0	259	10.4	24-53	.453	1-9	.111	17-26	.654	14	40	54	2.2	32	0	16	15	4	6	66	2.6
35	Sadie Powell	30-30	718	23.9	110-272	.404	30-87	.345	46-59	.780	22	120	142	4.7	44	0	49	45	13	41	296	9.9
44	Kristin Vieselmeyer	30-0	464	15.5	52-121	.430	9-30	.300	51-61	.836	40	66	106	3.5	68	1	27	22	6	14	164	5.5
Total.....		30	6000		780-1907	.409	292-850	.344	345-450	.767	271	796	1067	35.6	565	9	457	420	71	320	2197	73.2
Opponents.....		30	5997		657-1728	.380	189-661	.286	402-560	.718	334	876	1210	40.3	456	-	358	589	59	218	1905	63.5

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals
Concordia (NE)	549	514	552	583	2198
Opponents	461	458	486	500	1905





# RECAPPING THE 2022 NATIONAL TOURNEY TRIP



## Bulldogs in Bowling Green

2022 NAIA National Championships Round of 64  
**Final Score:** Benedictine 62, Concordia 58  
--Bowling Green, Kentucky

For 30-plus minutes, the ninth-seeded Concordia University Women's Basketball team appeared well on its way to extending its season for at least one more day. However, eighth-seeded Benedictine College (Kan.) stormed back with a dominant fourth quarter that left the Bulldogs stunned at the conclusion of Friday (March 11)'s opening round game at the NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship. The Ravens came back from 14 points down to win, 62-58, in action in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Coach Olson: "We have a potentially really good team (for 2022-23). We have a great core of young players that are capable of doing something special if we stick together. They need to push themselves individually and push each other to be better. We had a lot of games where we weren't quite ready yet to take that step towards being an elite team. We just didn't get there. I think Rylee Pauli should be praised for the career that she had. It wasn't the way she wanted to go out, but I think a lot of our success this season and last season – she was a huge part of it."







**Appearances: 22 | Record: 37-19 | Fab Fours: 7**

1992, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023



**2022**  
RD of 64: L, 58-62 vs. Benedictine (Kan.)

**2021**  
OPENING RD: W, 71-54 vs. Loyola (La.)  
RD of 16: W, 73-67 vs. Marian (Ind.)  
QUARTERFINALS: L, 67-83 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. Taysha Rushton (2020--)	1,368
16. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	1,337
17. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	1,323
18. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	1,302
19. Katie Rich (2009-13)	1,293
20. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	1,277
21. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	1,244
22. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
23. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	1,159
24. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
25. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
26. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
27. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,048
28. Carlene Gebhard (1975-79)	1,036
29. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
30. Brenleigh Daum (2014-18)	1,014
31. 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. Mackenzie Koepke (2018-23)	200







## GPAC Standings

School	GPAC	%	Overall	%
Dordt	20-2	.909	28-3	.903
Briar Cliff	17-5	.773	24-7	.774
Jamestown	16-6	.727	21-8	.724
Dakota Wesleyan	15-7	.682	22-8	.733
Concordia	14-8	.636	19-11	.633
Northwestern	14-8	.636	19-10	.655
Morningside	12-10	.545	17-12	.586
Doane	8-14	.364	14-15	.483
Hastings	7-15	.318	11-17	.393
Mount Marty	4-18	.182	7-21	.250
Coll. of Saint Mary	3-19	.136	6-22	.214
Midland	2-20	.091	4-23	.148

## GPAC All-Conference

## FIRST TEAM

G - Bailey Beckman, Sr.	Dordt
F - Hannah DeMars, Sr.	Jamestown
F - Karly Gustafson, Sr.	Dordt
G - Mak Hatcliff, So.	Doane
G - Maddie Jones, Sr.	Northwestern
F - Sophia Peppers, Sr.	Morningside
F - Matti Reiner, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Taysha Rushton, So.	Concordia
G - Konnor Sudmann, Sr.	Briar Cliff
G - Kia Tower, Sr.	Jamestown

## SECOND TEAM

G - Kennedy Benne, Jr.	Briar Cliff
C - Jada Campbell, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Emilee Danner, Sr.	Northwestern
C - Madelyn Deitchler, Sr.	Briar Cliff
G - Macy Holtz, So.	Doane
G - Isabel Ihnen, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Abby Krieser, So.	Concordia
F - Sadie Powell, So.	Concordia
F - Molly Schany, Jr.	Northwestern
F - Janie Schoonhoven, So.	Dordt

**Player of the Year:** Hannah DeMars, Jamestown

**Defensive Players of the Year:** Kennedy Benne, Briar Cliff / Jada Campbell, Dakota Wesleyan

**Freshman of the Year:** Macy Sievers, Dordt

**Coach of the Year:** Bill Harmsen, Dordt / Thad Sankey, Jamestown

## GPAC Tournament Results

## Quarterfinals - Feb. 21

- (1) Dordt def. (8) Doane, 80-64
- (4) Dakota Wesleyan def. (5) Northwestern, 69-62
- (6) Concordia def. (3) Jamestown, 73-67
- (2) Briar Cliff def. (7) Morningside, 85-82 (OT)

## Semifinals - Feb. 25

- (1) Dordt def. (4) Dakota Wesleyan, 75-74 (OT)
- (2) Briar Cliff def. (6) Concordia, 66-57

## Championship - Feb. 28

- (2) Briar Cliff def. (1) Dordt, 86-69

## National Tournament Facts

- In its first 21 appearances at the national championships, Concordia has posted a record of 37-19 with seven journeys to at least the national semifinals (three national championship game appearances). The Bulldogs are 14-7 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 due to COVID-19.

- Eight of the 14 players on Concordia's national tournament roster have prior national tournament experience. That list includes Kendal Brigham, Taylor Farrell, Abby Heemstra, Mackenzie Koepke, Sadie Powell, Taysha Rushton, Hanna Spearman and Mackenzie Toomey. Koepke played in each of the national tournaments from 2019 through 2021 and is the lone player on the roster that was part of the 2018-19 national championship team. Koepke has totaled 61 career points in national tournament games. The only fourth-year senior on the roster, Farrell had her shining moment on the national stage in 2021 when she totaled 14 points on 3-for-4 3-point shooting in a 71-54 win over Loyola University of New Orleans. Rushton also played an instrumental role in that 2021 run to the national quarterfinals and has appeared in four games at the national tournament. She's averaged 14.8 points in those contests with a high of 27 in the 73-67 win over fourth-ranked Marian University (Ind.).

- Head Coach Drew Olson has been at the controls for each of Concordia's past 15 national tournament appearances (including 2023). His record at the national tournament now stands at 26-12 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 when it defeated No. 2 Southeastern University (Fla.), 67-59. Olson has won more national tournament games than any coach in school history (men's or women's programs).

- 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.

- One more win would give the Bulldogs 20 for the season, a mark Drew Olson has hit in 13 of his first 16 seasons as head coach at his alma mater. Last week's win at Jamestown marked No. 442 in the career of Olson. He's begun to sneak up on former Bulldog men's basketball head coach Grant Schmidt for the most wins ever by a Concordia basketball coach (or for any sport at Concordia). Schmidt compiled a record of 445-276 over his 23-year tenure. Olson played for Schmidt during the 2000-01 through 2002-03 seasons. Counting Olson's three seasons as a Bulldog student-athlete, he's been involved in 504 victories (62 wins as a player).

## Coach Olson Accomplishments

- 2019 NAIA Division II National Champions
- 12 GPAC Championships (six regular season; six postseason)
- 15 national tournament appearances (26 national tournament wins)
- Five national semifinal appearances (two national runner-up claims)
- Has coached players to 19 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 • Sophomore • Guard  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Lincoln Southeast HS

## #2 REECE SNODGRASS



5-6 • Freshman • Guard  
West Point, Neb.  
West Point Beemer HS



## #4 | TAYSHA RUSHTON



5-5 • Sophomore • Guard  
Midland, Texas  
Monterey HS

## #5 | MEGAN BELT



5-4 • Freshman • Guard  
Papillion, Neb.  
Millard South HS







## PLAYER PROFILES

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### #10 | TAYLOR FARRELL



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

### #10 | HANNA SPEARMAN



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



### #13 | ABBY HEEMSTRA



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

### #21 | MACKENZIE KOEPKE



6-1 • Senior • Forward  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Lincoln Lutheran HS







## #22 | DESTINY SHEPHERD



5-7 • Freshman • Guard  
York, Neb.  
York HS



## #23 | ABBY KRIESER



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



## #32 | KENDAL BRIGHAM



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



## #34 | HAILEY KLEINSCHMIT



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







## PLAYER PROFILES

## CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### #35 | SADIE POWELL



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

### #44 | KRISTIN VIESELMAYER



6-1 • Freshman • Forward  
Holyoke, Colo.  
Holyoke HS







# RECAPPING THE 2022-23 SEASON TO DATE



Led by a strong group of second- and third-year players, the Bulldogs have taken a step forward from a year ago when they went 16-14 overall and exited the national tournament in the first round. Concordia started GPAC play at 1-3 and then recovered nicely in going 11-2 over its next 13 GPAC contests. The surge gave Olson's squad a shot at placing as high as second in the league, entering the final week of the regular season. The Bulldogs wound up settling for a tie for fifth in a conference that ranks among the best in the NAIA.

Going by the NAIA coaches' poll at the time the games were played, the Concordia has won three times on the road against top 25 foes, defeating No. 25 Morningside (Nov. 30), No. 15 Northwestern (Jan. 21) and No. 19 Jamestown (Feb. 21). Contributions were made up and down the roster in the GPAC quarterfinal victory at Jamestown, which saw five Bulldogs score in double figures. In addition, the Bulldogs once again dominated the Concordia Invitational Tournament, winning by scores of 100-49 over Concordia Wisconsin and 85-33 over Concordia Chicago in front of a packed Friedrich Arena crowd. The team's GPAC postseason run ended with a 66-57 loss at No. 18 Briar Cliff.

Individually, Taysha Rushton has enjoyed another strong season. Her shooting percentages have gone up across the board as she leads the team in scoring at 13.6 points per game. She's shooting 40.2 percent from 3-point range and has moved her career point total to 1,368 (15th most in program history). The next three highest scorers on the team

sport remarkably similar averages: Abby Krieser (10.0), Kendal Brigham (9.9) and Sadie Powell (9.9). Krieser has taken her offensive game to new heights while serving as one of the top backcourt defenders in the GPAC.

Defensive tenacity has been a constant for Concordia, even when it hasn't shot the ball well. Currently, the Bulldogs sport GPAC rankings of first in field goal percentage defense (.380), first in turnovers forced per game (19.6), fourth in defensive efficiency (.843) and sixth in scoring defense (63.5). There are five Concordia players averaging at least 1.0 steal per game: Krieser (2.0), Mackenzie Toomey (1.8), Rushton (1.6), Powell (1.4) and Brigham (1.0). Unfamiliar foes will have to deal with the Bulldogs' patented full-court pressure.

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This will be the last dance for fifth-year player Mackenzie Koepke, who missed all of last season due to injury. Koepke





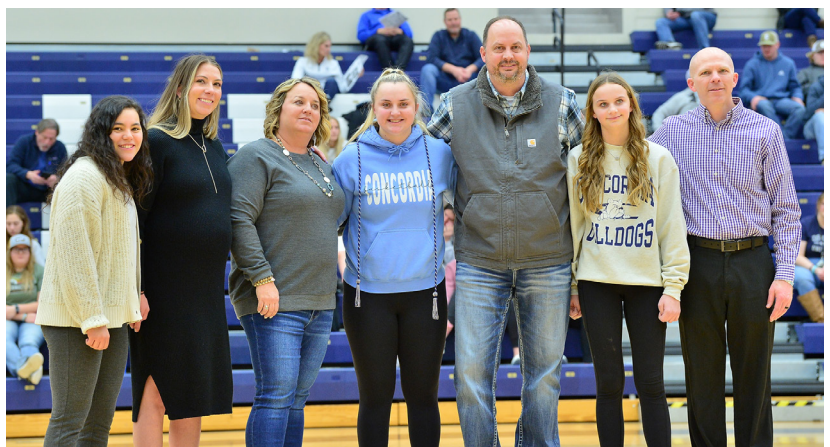
was part of the 2018-19 NAIA Division II national championship team. Koepke has come off the bench to play in 26 games this season (one start). In 128 career games, Koepke has totaled 858 points, 466 rebounds, 200 steals, 123 assists and 95 blocked shots. She's one of seven players in program history to knock down at least 200 career 3-point field goals.

**"I think we've learned a lot of things about each other and how much they love playing together. It's a really competitive group that's built up a lot of confidence with some of the wins we've had. It makes a big difference when you trust each other, care about each other and love to win."**

--Drew Olson











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