

2026 CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL





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2025-26 Schedule/Results

23-7 Overall, 17-5 GPAC (T-3rd)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score
Oct. 25	Kansas Christian	H	W, 117-28
Oct. 28	Graceland (Iowa)	A	W, 80-59
Nov. 7	(18) Arizona Christian	H	W, 99-63
Nov. 8	(13) MidAmerica Naz (Kan.)	H	W, 84-57
Nov. 15	*Waldorf	H	W, 133-48
Nov. 19	*College of Saint Mary	H	W, 96-44
Nov. 22	*Northwestern	A	W, 88-66
Nov. 25	*Mount Marty	A	W, 66-59
Dec. 3	*Doane	H	W, 89-59
Dec. 6	*(14) Dakota Wesleyan	H	L, 56-59
Dec. 10	*Midland	A	W, 98-37
Dec. 13	*(1) Dordt	A	L, 57-79
Dec. 18	(3) Campbellsville (Ky.)	N	L, 44-76
Dec. 19	Providence (Mont.)	N	W, 63-48
Jan. 3	*Northwestern	H	W, 69-67
Jan. 7	*Morningside	A	W, 72-49
Jan. 10	*(13) Briar Cliff	H	W, 89-70
Jan. 14	*Hastings	H	W, 83-77
Jan. 18	*(9) Dakota Wesleyan	A	L, 69-78
Jan. 21	*Midland	H	W, 76-24
Jan. 24	*(1) Dordt	H	L, 56-72
Jan. 31	*Waldorf	A	W, 111-43
Feb. 4	*Doane	A	W, 84-59
Feb. 7	*Morningside	H	W, 84-62
Feb. 11	*College of Saint Mary	A	W, 88-42
Feb. 14	*Briar Cliff	A	W, 83-77
Feb. 18	*Mount Marty	H	W, 75-56
Feb. 21	*Hastings	A	L, 71-81

GPAC Tournament

Feb. 25	Briar Cliff	H	W, 111-70
Feb. 28	(1) Dordt	A	L, 65-71

*Conference game

Coaching Staff



Head Coach
Drew Olson



Assistant Coach
Katherine Benes



Grad Asst. Coach
Vince Ongtango

Concordia Starting Lineup



G • 4 • Ayla Roth
5-9 • Fr. • Milford, Neb.

PTS	REB	AST	FG%
11.0	2.8	2.7	40.8

- 2025-26 Second Team All-GPAC.
- Hoops in Hawaii All-Tournament Team.
- Scored career-high 25 points in win over Providence (Mont.) on 12/19/25.
- Milford HS record holder for season (120) and career assists (282).



G • 11 • Bree Bunting
5-9 • Jr. • Kersey, Colo.

PTS	SPG	FG%	FT%
9.4	1.9	44.5	74.3

- 2025-26 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Named GPAC Defensive Player of the Week on 2/10/26.
- Scored career-high 19 points in win at Doane on 2/4/26.
- Career-high 7 steals vs. Morningside.



G • 21 • Sammy Leu
5-10 • Jr. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	STL	REB	3-PT%
8.9	2.8	2.6	37.1

- 2025-26 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Ranks 2nd among GPAC players in steals (83); multiple steals in 24 games.
- Career-high 20 points came in first college game on 11/3/23.
- Season-high 18 points vs. Morningside.



F • 34 • Raelyn Kelty
5-11 • Jr. • Kiowa, Colo.

PTS	REB	FG%	3-PT%
8.6	5.2	47.8	41.9

- 2x Honorable Mention All-GPAC (2024-25 and 2025-26).
- Scored career-high 23 points (7/9 from 3) in GPAC quarterfinal win over Briar Cliff.
- Career totals of 569 points, 379 rebounds and 86 steals in 88 games.



F • 44 • Kristin Vieselmeyer
6-2 • Sr. • Holyoke, Colo.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
11.1	5.2	50.6	81.2

- 2x All-GPAC (First Team in 2025-26; Second Team in 2024-25).
- 2x CSC Academic All-District.
- Leads team in scoring (11.1), rebounding (5.2) and blocks (1.2).
- Enters national tourney w/968 career pts.

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)

2025-26 Overall Record..... 23-7
 2025-26 GPAC Record 17-5 (T-3rd)
 NAIA Tournament Appearances 24
 NAIA Tournament Record 40-21
 NAIA Fab Fours 7

2025-26 Statistical Leaders

Points Kristin Vieselmeyer (11.1)
 Rebounds Kristin Vieselmeyer (5.2)
 Assists Ayla Roth (2.7)
 Steals Sammy Leu (2.8)
 Blocks Kristin Vieselmeyer (1.2)



Pronunciation Guide

- #4 - AYE-luh ROTH (rhymes with moth)
- #14 - Ahh-nuh STUTS-men
- #21 - LEW
- #22 - BASS-it
- #23 - Lew-BEE
- #34 - RAE-Lynn KELL-tee
- #44 - VEESE-uhl-meyer

Concordia WBB NAIA All-Americans

- 2024: Taysha Rushton
 - 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
 - 1995: Trish Kindle
 - 1994: 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	*20-12, 14-8 GPAC
2023-24	*27-7, 17-5 GPAC
2024-25	14-15, 9-13 GPAC
2025-26	23-7, 17-5 GPAC
TOTAL:	507-162 overall; 301-108 GPAC

- 500th win occurred on 1/21/26 vs. Midland.
- 2018-19 NAIA National Coach of the Year
- 2017-18 WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year
- Three-time GPAC Coach of the Year

2025-26 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Libby Hoffman	G	5-7	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
3	Sara Harley	G	5-10	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard North HS
4	Ayla Roth	G	5-9	Fr.	Milford, Neb./Milford HS
5	Gabrielle Wagner	G	5-9	Sr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City West HS
11	Bree Bunting	G	5-8	Jr.	Kersey, Colo./Platte Valley HS
12	Makynna Robbins	F	5-11	So.	Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy
13	Savi Butterfield	G	6-1	So.	Fenton, Mo./Lutheran South HS
14	Ona Stutzman	G	5-6	So.	Seward, Neb./Seward HS
21	Sammy Leu	G	5-10	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Wahoo HS
22	Joclyn Bassett	G	5-8	Jr.	Parker, Colo./Lutheran HS
23	Jenna Luebbe	G	5-7	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran HS
25	Abbie Kromarek	G	5-8	So.	Plainview, Neb./Plainview, Neb.
33	Juliana Jones	F	5-11	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard South HS
34	Raelyn Kelty	F	5-11	Jr.	Kiowa, Colo./Lutheran HS
35	Mack Reimer	F	5-11	Jr.	Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue East HS
44	Kristin Vieselmeyer	F	6-2	Sr.	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



2025-26 SEASON STATISTICS

CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Overall record: 23-7 Conf: 17-5 Home: 13-2 Away: 9-4 Neutral: 1-1

## PLAYER	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	TOTAL		3-POINT		F-THROW		REBOUNDS				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	FG3%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
22 Joclyn Bassett	26-0	238	9.2	10-30	.333	2-11	.182	2-6	.333	8	17	25	1.0	18	0	13	16	1	25	24	0.9
11 Bree Bunting	30-30	605	20.2	114-256	.445	28-106	.264	26-35	.743	25	39	64	2.1	47	0	50	44	10	57	282	9.4
13 Savannah Butterfield	17-0	209	12.3	36-89	.404	13-47	.277	5-6	.833	9	9	18	1.1	22	0	17	20	6	18	90	5.3
03 Sara Harley	30-0	367	12.2	31-85	.365	23-64	.359	3-5	.600	12	24	36	1.2	12	0	37	18	3	25	88	2.9
02 Libby Hoffman	23-0	193	8.4	33-83	.398	27-73	.370	2-2	1.000	8	8	16	0.7	18	1	20	9	0	14	95	4.1
33 Juliana Jones	30-0	488	16.3	85-172	.494	22-49	.449	38-48	.792	26	73	99	3.3	55	1	48	35	14	32	230	7.7
34 Raelyn Kelty	30-30	688	22.9	89-186	.478	36-86	.419	43-53	.811	27	128	155	5.2	53	0	57	52	3	43	257	8.6
25 Abbie Kromarek	29-0	249	8.6	40-85	.471	5-17	.294	29-44	.659	25	10	35	1.2	28	1	24	22	1	24	114	3.9
21 Sammy Leu	30-30	701	23.4	99-235	.421	52-140	.371	16-26	.615	23	56	79	2.6	40	0	73	34	4	83	266	8.9
23 Jenna Luebbe	16-0	97	6.1	11-40	.275	6-28	.214	1-2	.500	7	15	22	1.4	7	0	11	6	0	4	29	1.8
35 Mack Reimer	16-0	107	6.7	16-53	.302	10-34	.294	2-3	.667	9	16	25	1.6	11	0	4	4	2	8	44	2.8
12 Makynna Robbins	28-0	263	9.4	53-120	.442	0-0	-	33-50	.660	52	64	116	4.1	35	0	11	21	1	24	139	5.0
04 Ayla Roth	30-29	654	21.8	111-272	.408	50-144	.347	58-88	.659	18	65	83	2.8	39	0	80	77	9	50	330	11.0
14 Ona Stutzman	14-0	80	5.7	8-24	.333	5-20	.250	0-0	-	3	9	12	0.9	4	0	4	5	0	7	21	1.5
44 Kristin Vieselmeyer	30-30	657	21.9	126-249	.506	25-65	.385	56-69	.812	49	107	156	5.2	76	1	50	60	37	34	333	11.1
05 Gabrielle Wagner	30-1	398	13.3	48-98	.490	11-39	.282	7-11	.636	12	29	41	1.4	47	0	56	42	5	47	114	3.8
Totals	30.0	5994	-	910-2077	.438	315-923	.341	321-448	.717	368	738	1106	36.9	512	4	555	477	96	495	2456	81.9
Opponents	30.0	5994	-	644-1708	.377	141-537	.263	351-514	.683	369	839	1208	40.3	479	4	390	795	88	291	1780	59.3





NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



NAISMITH QUADRANT

FIRST ROUND
MAR 13

SECOND ROUND
MAR 14

ROUND OF 16
MAR 19

QUARTERFINALS
MAR 21

SEMIFINALS
MAR 23

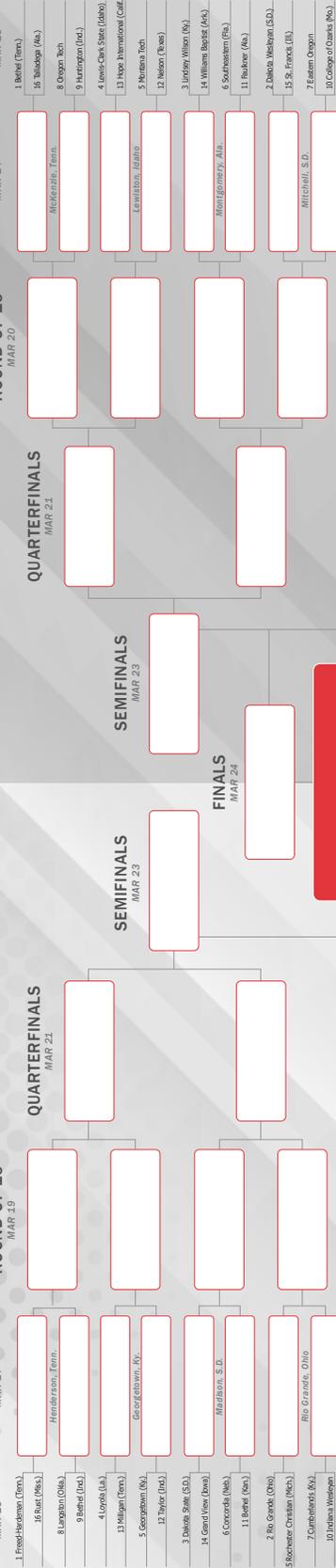
SEMIFINALS
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SECOND ROUND
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FIRST ROUND
MAR 13

DUER QUADRANT



CRAMER QUADRANT

LISTON QUADRANT



★ BATTLE FOR THE RED BANNER ★



Appearances: 24 | Record: 40-21 | 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, 2024, 2026



2024

1ST RD: W, 67-57 (OT) vs. Benedictine (Kan.)
2ND RD: W, 80-62 vs. Wayland Baptist (Texas)
RD of 16: L, 66-73 vs. Providence (Mont.)

2023

RD of 64: W, 77-50 vs. Columbia (Mo.)
RD of 32: L, 89-98 vs. Thomas More (Ky.)

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. Taysha Rushton (2020-24)	1,924
4. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	1,800
5. Quinn Wragge (2015-19)	1,776
6. Kari Saving (2001-05)	1,773
7. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	1,765
8. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,736
9. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,720
10. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	1,656
11. Shelly Poppe (1986-90)	1,630
12. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	1,559
13. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	1,452
14. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	1,426
15. Taylor Cockerill (2017-21)	1,374
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. Kendal Brigham (2020-25)	1,233
23. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
24. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	1,159
25. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
26. Sadie Powell (2020-24)	1,083
27. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,071
28. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
29. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
30. Carlene Gebhard (1975-79)	1,036
31. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
32. Brenleigh Daum (2014-18)	1,014
33. 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. Taysha Rushton (2020-24)	348
11. Kendal Brigham (2020-25)	344
11. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	344
13. Shelby Quinn (2013-17)	338
14. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	337
15. Dani Adams (1999-03)	331
16. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	323
17. MacKenzie Helman (2016-20)	311
18. Carmen Weiser (1987-91)	311
19. Becky Mooney (1998-03)	289
20. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	285

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. Taysha Rushton (2020-24)	213
19. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	211
20. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	209





National Tournament Facts

- In its first 23 appearances at the national championships, Concordia has posted a record of 40-21 with seven journeys to at least the national semifinals (three national championship game appearances). The Bulldogs are 16-7 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.
- Six of the 16 players on Concordia's national tournament roster have prior in-game national tournament experience. That list includes Joclyn Bassett, Bree Bunting, JJ Jones, Raelyn Kely, Sammy Leu and Kristin Vieselmeyer. The upperclassmen players were part of the 2023-24 squad that won twice at home in the first/second rounds of the national tournament and advanced to the NAIA Round of 16 in Sioux City. Vieselmeyer appeared on the national stage in both 2023 and 2024. In the 2023 NAIA first round win (77-50) over Columbia College (Mo.), Vieselmeyer posted 12 points and five rebounds.
- Head Coach Drew Olson has been at the controls for each of Concordia's past 17 national tournament appearances (including 2026). His record at the national tournament stands at 29-14 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).
- During the 2025-26 season to date, the Bulldogs have played 14 games against teams that are included in the national tournament bracket. Concordia has defeated fellow national qualifiers Briar Cliff (three), Hastings, MidAmerica Nazarene University (Kan.) and Northwestern (twice). The Bulldogs went wire-to-wire with Dordt, one of the NAIA's four No. 1 seeds, in the GPAC semifinals.
- Back on Jan. 21, Olson picked up his 500th career victory (20th season) as head coach of the Bulldogs. Olson also reached 300 career GPAC league wins this season. Two seasons earlier, Olson surpassed Grant Schmidt for the most head coaching victories in the history of Concordia Athletics. Schmidt went 445-276 while leading the Bulldog Men's Basketball program from 1989 through 2012. Schmidt formerly served as Director of Athletics and hired Olson as women's basketball coach prior to the start of the 2006-07 season.
- 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.

GPAC Standings

School	GPAC	%	Overall	%
Dordt	21-1	.955	29-2	.935
Dakota Wesleyan	18-4	.818	25-6	.806
Concordia	17-5	.773	23-7	.767
Hastings	17-5	.773	22-8	.733
Briar Cliff	13-9	.591	19-10	.655
Northwestern	12-10	.545	16-13	.552
Mount Marty	10-12	.455	15-14	.517
Doane	10-12	.455	13-15	.464
Morningside	8-14	.364	13-15	.464
Coll. of Saint Mary	3-19	.136	4-24	.143
Midland	2-20	.091	3-25	.107
Waldorf	1-21	.045	2-26	.071

GPAC All-Conference

FIRST TEAM

G - Avery Broughton, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Bailey Kissinger, Jr.	Hastings
F - Abby Lee, Fr.	Briar Cliff
G - Mallie McNair, Sr.	Briar Cliff
G - Gracie Schoonhoven, Jr.	Dordt
G - Macy Sievers, Sr.	Dordt
F - Kristin Vieselmeyer, Sr.	Concordia
C - Lily Vollertsen, Sr.	Morningside
G - McKenna Yates, So.	Hastings
F - Emma Yost, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan

SECOND TEAM

G - Mariyah Avila, Sr.	Hastings
G - Willow Bleeker, Jr.	Dordt
F - Megan Chambers, Sr.	Doane
G - Mattea Kassebaum, Fr.	Doane
G - Kaela Martinez, Sr.	Mount Marty
G - Allison Piercy, Jr.	Northwestern
G - Rylee Rosenquist, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Ayla Roth, Fr.	Concordia
F - Lacey Sprakel, Sr.	Mount Marty
G - Ashtyn Wobig, Sr.	Northwestern

Player of the Year: Macy Sievers, Dordt
Defensive Player of the Year: Avery Broughton, DWU
Freshman of the Year: Abby Lee, Briar Cliff
Coach of the Year: Bill Harmsen, Dordt

GPAC Tournament Results

Quarterfinals – Wednesday, Feb. 25

- (1) Dordt def. (8) Mount Marty, 91-63
- (4) Concordia def. (5) Briar Cliff, 111-70
- (3) Hastings def. (6) Northwestern, 116-88
- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (7) Doane, 74-45

Semifinals – Saturday, Feb. 28

- (1) Dordt def. (4) Concordia, 71-65
- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (3) Hastings, 86-68

Championship - Tuesday, March 3

- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (1) Dordt, 84-76

Coach Olson Accomplishments

- 2019 NAIA Division II National Champions
- 12 GPAC Championships (six regular season; six postseason)
- 17 national tournament appearances (29 national tournament wins)
- Five national semifinal appearances (two national runner-up claims)
- Has coached players to 28 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





#2 | LIBBY HOFFMAN



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

#3 | SARA HARLEY



5-10 • Freshman • Guard
Omaha, Neb.
Millard North HS



#4 | AYL A ROTH



5-9 • Freshman • Guard
Milford, Neb.
Milford HS

#5 | GABRIELLE WAGNER



5-9 • Senior • Guard
Sioux City, Iowa
Sioux City West HS





PLAYER PROFILES

#11 | BREE BUNTING



5-8 • Junior • Guard
Kersey, Colo.
Platte Valley HS

#12 | MAKYNNA ROBBINS



5-11 • Sophomore • Forward
Houston, Texas
Lutheran South Academy



#13 | SAVI BUTTERFIELD



6-1 • Sophomore • Guard
Fenton, Mo.
Lutheran South HS

#14 | ONA STUTZMAN



5-6 • Sophomore • Guard
Seward, Neb.
Seward HS





#21 | SAMMY LEU



5-10 • Junior • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Wahoo HS

#22 | JOCLYN BASSETT



5-8 • Junior • Guard
Parker, Colo.
Lutheran HS



#23 | JENNA LUEBBE



5-7 • Sophomore • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Lincoln Lutheran HS

#25 | ABBIE KROMAREK



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





PLAYER PROFILES

#33 | JULIANA JONES



5-11 • Junior • Forward
Omaha, Neb.
Millard South HS

#34 | RAELYN KELTY



5-11 • Junior • Forward
Kiowa, Colo.
Lutheran HS



#35 | MACK REIMER



5-11 • Junior • Forward
Bellevue, Neb.
Bellevue East HS



#44 | KRISTIN VIESELMeyer



6-2 • Senior • Forward
Holyoke, Colo.
Holyoke HS



'PRESS'-ING ON TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



That look of frustration on the faces of their opponents is taken as the ultimate compliment. These Bulldogs seek to be as annoying as possible, in all the best ways. As the Concordia University, Nebraska Women's Basketball program began to shape its identity for the 2025-26 season, Head Coach Drew Olson crafted the theme of 'Press.' It has a basketball meaning, of course, with the purpose of focusing the team's collective energy on the processes that have made this season a success.

Yes, this is more like it. There was an emptiness felt this time a year ago when a GPAC quarterfinal defeat signaled an abrupt conclusion. This is a program used to finishing seasons at the Tyson Events Center deep into the month of March.

"Our identity and how this team was formed has a lot to do with last year and the growing pains that we went through," Olson said. "I wanted to set a tone of aggressiveness and confidence (in the offseason). We knew we wanted to get back to a pressing style, something that was really affective for us in years past. I felt like we had the personnel to be better in our press this year. We wanted to establish a confidence about our group."

The emphasis on being "annoying," as described by junior guard Sammy Leu has paid off in ways that have shown up in tangible results. The Bulldogs have flown past the 20-win mark while boasting national rankings of third in steals per

game (16.8) and fourth in turnovers forced per game (27.0). The press has been turned up several notches behind chief backcourt pests in Leu and Bree Bunting. The comparison to gnats at a picnic is an apt descriptor.

At their highest levels of annoyance, they come after opponents like locusts, rather than gnats. Impressively, seven players who have appeared in every contest this season average more than a steal per game. The asphyxiation of the opposition begins with Bunting, Leu and their backcourt mates and extends into a second line (Ayla Roth and Raelyn Kelty in the starting five) and then into the halfcourt with the zone defense Concordia has employed in 2025-26. Olson teams of years past have operated in different ways schematically, but the elite ones yield similar results. The 2018-19 national championship team forced a staggering 1,119 turnovers for the year (29.4 per game).

The current team is carving out its own place in history as it presses on into the postseason. Said senior Kristin Vieselmeyer of the team's theme, "I think it resembles our team, pushing through adversity and being able to be the team we want to be and pressuring teams, making them uncomfortable. That's the type of style we like to play at Concordia. Press means grit in my brain. We want to push past the goals that we've set and exceed expectations."

One of only two seniors on the roster, Vieselmeyer has played a major leadership role and has been described as



the “team mom.” The offseason conversations led by Olson and Vieselmeyer were sometimes hard hitting and set a standard for accountability and work ethic. Those conversations stick with Bunting as she discussed the team’s growth at the conclusion of the ’25-26 regular season.

If the group of veteran players had to go through the rash of close losses it endured throughout 2024-25, they were going to learn something from them. As this past preseason arrived, the Bulldogs began to believe in the talent and the makeup of the players in the locker room.

Said Bunting, a junior from Kersey, Colo., “I think it all started with our leadership. We had Olson and Kristin ingraining in us – that is not our team. We expect more from our team. Each and every one of us needs to step up our game. I felt like going into the summer we needed to put our heads down and grind and expect more from ourselves. I think when we came back together, it was like ‘whoa, we can really be something great if we work together and use everyone’s skills.’”

Added the Wahoo High School product Leu, “Obviously our word is ‘press.’ Over the summer, we emphasized being annoying to other teams and causing a lot of chaos because we do have a lot of length and a lot of depth. We have a lot of things that allow us to keep the pressure up the entire game.”

The proof manifests on game days, but an early indicator of what this team was made of came in the preseason. Concordia outplayed a highly ranked opponent in a scrimmage, laying the groundwork for what was to come. The Bulldogs were beginning the season off the national radar, but it wouldn’t be long before they would have everyone’s attention.

Back in the summer, members of the team wore shirts displaying the words ‘Out-Dawg you.’ It served as a reminder of the type of mindset Concordia would need to return to an elite stature.

“It was really a mentality that we’re going to be tough and we’re going to fight,” Olson said. “Our group has done a great job of embracing all of that, but the reason why we’re having the success that we are is because we have a group that has grown up and a group that worked really hard this past summer to develop their games. That junior class with Sammy, Bree, Rae and JJ (Jones) have made significant improvements. The addition of Ayla was a huge impact to our team with what she brings to our group. It’s a group that’s really selfless.”

Anyone needing an example of what it means to show toughness and fight got it when observing Sioux City, Iowa, native Gabrielle Wagner. Three major knee injuries (one each in three successive basketball seasons) failed to deter Wagner. When the third ACL tear happened prior to Wag-

ner’s sophomore season at Concordia, Olson couldn’t help but think it was the end of her basketball career.

Not so fast. Wagner’s faith carried her through the stem cell injections and eventual ACL reconstruction surgery. Wagner made a full recovery and played on the junior varsity as a junior. A year later, she regained the quickness and lateral movement required to play at the varsity level in the Bulldogs’ frenetic system. Vieselmeyer even singled out Wagner as someone who was “kicking butt” in the preseason.

Wagner cited the Bible verse James 1:2-3 in explaining her decision to press on, “Throughout this entire journey, I have had to rely fully on God to guide and heal me, not only physically, but spiritually. He reshaped my identity and reminded me of who I am apart from sports and who I ultimately belong to. At the end of the day, I have loved basketball since I was a young girl. It has always brought me so much joy to compete. What motivated me to keep playing was never forgetting what God had placed in my life, which are the opportunities He gave me. Simply having the opportunity to still play was enough reason for me to continue pursuing it.”

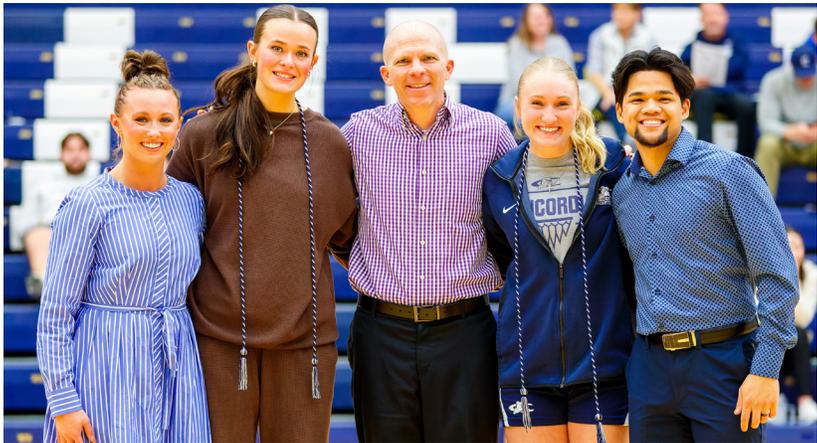
Wagner has added toughness to a rotation that frequently goes 10 or more players deep. It’s the Olson way – when one wave of five begins to tire, hit the opposition with a line change of fresh, hungry locusts. The balance of the roster is exemplified in the scoring column, which shows six players averaging in the range of 7.5 to 11.5 points per game. In a given game, there may be seven or eight candidates capable of leading the team in scoring. In the GPAC quarterfinals, it was Kelty’s turn to go off. She sizzled with a career-high 23 points on the strength of 7-for-9 perimeter shooting.

Such team dynamics likely won’t lend to any single player reeling in truckloads of accolades, and that’s okay with this mature group.

“I feel like everybody is playing for each other in Christ,” Vieselmeyer said.

Read the complete feature here: <https://www.cune.edu/athletics/teams/womens-basketball/news/press-annoyingly-persistent-pursuit-ultimate-goal>.





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