GAME #10
ST. MARY'S UNIV. (2-6-1/0-3-0 MIAC)
at
CONCORDIA COLLEGE (1-7-1/0-3-0 MIAC)

September 29, 2007
Jake Christiansen Complex
Moorhead, MN

GAME TIME: 1 p.m.

LAST YEAR: Last year Concordia allowed a pair of first half goals to St. Mary's, missed on several breakaway chances throughout the game and fell 2-0 to the Cardinals in Winona, Minn. The only scoring of the game came in an eight-minute period midway through the opening half. After Concordia just missed several close opportunities, St. Mary's struck at 21:38 when the ball was played over the top of the Cobber defense at the midline and then was batted about until the Cardinals were able to get on the end of it and serve it into the penalty area where Mike Schmitt was able to poke home the game-winning goal. St. Mary's added an insurance goal at the 29:05 mark when Andy Neu scored his second goal of the season on an assist from Jon Vik. Concordia was never able to finish in the final 45 minutes despite getting several quality looks at the goal. In the end, the Cobbers took 12 total shots and were able to put six of those on the frame. St. Mary's had 20 shots in the game with 15 on goal. Concordia goalie Mads Schmidt posted a season-high 13 saves, while Cardinal keeper Jon Szafranski made six stops to pick up his second win, and second shutout, of the season.

SERIES: St. Mary's leads 11-8-1
SERIES STARTED: 1987
SERIES SYNOPSIS: St. Mary's has won the last three meetings between the two teams and four of the last five. The last time Concordia prevailed against the Cardinals was on Oct. 4, 2003 when CC won 2-1. The series has been dominated by the home team. Before the last three SMU wins, the home team in the series had posted a record of 13-2-1...of the 20 games played in the series, 10 have been determined by a single goal with another ending in a draw.

NSCAA CENTRAL REGION POLL
Week of Sept. 25
T1 Gustavus 7-1-0
T1 Loras (Iowa) 7-0-1
3 Whitworth (Wash.) 6-1-1
4 Carleton 7-1-0
5 UC Santa Cruz 7-3-0
6 California Lutheran 7-2-0
7 Wartburg (Iowa) 4-2-1
8 Central (Iowa) 8-1-1
9 Redlands (Calif.) 5-2-0

Also receiving votes: Colorado College, UM-Morris

THE WEEK THAT WAS
The Cobbers are coming off a pair of losses to teams that are ranked in the top 10 in the latest NSCAA West Region poll (see bottom left of page). Last Saturday Concordia hooked up with No.4-ranked Carleton in a great college soccer game that featured swings in momentum, quality chances from both sides and overall high-quality play. CC was able to break out on top first in that game behind a solid head goal from senior Matt Klein. The Knights answered in the 29th minute and the two teams would remain tied at 1-1 until an own goal by CC just 16 minutes into the second half. The Cobbers had chances to equalize down the stretch but every attempt went just wide of the mark. On Monday, the team traveled to Pella, Iowa, (the home of Pella windows!) and fell to No.8-ranked Central. The game was close until the 53rd minute when the Dutch turned a 1-0 lead into a four-goal margin by scoring three goals in a span of less than four minutes. Concordia posted their only score of the game on a nugget from senior defender Chad Morlock at the 70:48 mark.

I SHOULD BE A FORWARD
Don't look now Cobber men's soccer fans but the player leading the team in scoring this season is that same senior defender Chad Morlock. After not scoring a single goal in his first three years as a college player, Morlock has recorded three goals this year. The goal that opened the floodgates came in CC's season-opener against Nebraska Wesleyan. He also scored against Jamestown and then again on Monday against Central.

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
As much as the Gameday staff hates to bring up this next item, it is still newsworthy and will hopefully come to a screeching halt. The Cobbers enter today's game having lost 35 straight conference games. The streak dates all the way back to the 2003 season when some guy who chewed on a towel was still coaching Concordia. The last win against a MIAC opponent was on Oct. 25, 2003 when CC beat St. Olaf 2-0. (Pop quiz – who scored the two goals for CC in that game? Answer at the bottom of the This Date In History section) The streak encompasses four coaches, over 3,200 minutes played and 1,433 calendar days.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED
St. Mary's enters today's game on a six-game winless skid and has not won on the road in 2007. The Cardinals are 2-6-1 overall this year and last won on Sept. 8 when they beat Northland 3-0. SMU is currently 0-4-1 in games played away from Winona.

A TALE OF TWO HALVES
Today's game offers a stark contrast in scoring trends for the two teams. Concordia has been outscored 11-2 in the first half this season but has only been edged 9-6 in the second frame. St. Mary's, on the other hand, is only being outscored 8-3 in the first half and has allowed 10 goals in the second half.

MANLEY YES BUT I LIKE HIM TOO
The Cardinals are led in scoring by senior midfielder Joey Manley. Manley has five goals on the year for 10 points. He has scored three times in the team's last three games including a pair of PK goals against Ripon last Sunday.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
September 29
1935 - Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jerry Lee Lewis born
1951 - First college football game televised in color in 1951 (California vs. Penn)
1962 - The Broadway play "My Fair Lady" closed after a run of 6½ years.
1963 - Bobby Vinton's classic song "Blue Velvet" topped the charts
1977 - Muhammad Ali beats Ernie Shavers in the most watched prize fight in history. The fight was also known for having the first female official in the history of heavyweight boxing
1996 - First Nintendo 64 video game released in 1996

Trivia Answer: Kevin Quimby and Nwachukwu Chukwuola scored the two goals in the Cobbers’ last conference win against St. Olaf (Kevin is the older brother of current CC freshman Kyle Quimby).
2007 Concordia Schedule

2006 Results

Matchday Player Profile

Head Coach – Dan Weiler (MSU Moorhead ’96; 1st Season)
Assistant Coach – Kevin Roos (Concordia ’02; 1st Season)
Assistant Coach – Kris Overby (Concordia ’04; 1st Season)
Assistant Coach – Joe Larson (Liberty ’97; 4th Season)

2006 Results

Matchday Player Profile

Name: Shane Evenstad
Sport: Soccer
Year: Senior
Hometown: Moorhead, Minn.
High School: Moorhead HS ’04
Parents: Jerry and Cheryl
Major: Biology

Career Highlights: 2006 - Played in 16 games for the Cobbers, started 15...attempted one shot. 2005 - Played in 14 games...started 5...recorded 1 assist. 2004 - Played in 10 games for the Cobbers.

Place I would most like to visit: Sydney, Australia
Favorite food: Anything spicy
Favorite movies: Anchorman, Wedding Crashers
Favorite TV show: Sportscenter
Favorite music groups: Johnny Cash, Linkin Park, Staind
Favorite book: Lord of the Rings trilogy
The two people I would most like to meet: Lance Armstrong, Seth MacFarland
Nobody knows how much I like to: Wouldn't you like to know....
If I were to play another sport, it would be: Hockey
My dream job is: Win the lottery and coach soccer

Why Did You Choose to Come to Concordia? "Excellent education."
What do you like best about Concordia? "The people."
The person I admire most is: "Lance Armstrong."
2007 St. Mary's Schedule

AUGUST
31 PRESENTATION W 1-0

SEPTEMBER
3 UM-MORRIS L 0-2
8 NORTHLAND W 3-0
11 at Carthage L 1-2
15 at St. Olaf L 0-3
18 at UW-Whitewater L 0-4
22 at Hamline L 1-2
23 at Ripon T 3-3 OT
25 GUSTAVUS L 0-2
29 at Concordia 1 p.m.

OCTOBER
6 AUGSBURG 3:30 pm
10 at Carleton 4 p.m.
13 MACALESTER 1 p.m.
15 NORTH CENTRAL 3:30 pm
20 at St. John's 3:30 pm
23 at St. Thomas 4 p.m.
25 UPPER IOWA 3 p.m.
27 BETHEL 1 p.m.
31 MIAC PLAYOFFS - Semifinal

NOVEMBER
3 MIAC PLAYOFFS - Final

2007 ST. MARY'S PREVIEW (Courtesy of the St. Mary's SID)

As if trying to figure out how to replace his leading scorer — who accounted for nearly one-third of the Saint Mary's University men's soccer team's goals a year ago — wasn't tough enough, Chris Dembiec's work load just got a bit heavier. In fact, it doubled.

Dembiec, entering his second season as the SMU men's soccer coach, added "head women's soccer coach" to his title on Aug. 8, replacing Tony Guinn, who stepped down on Tuesday to accept the head soccer position at Western Illinois State University.

"Organization is going to be the key — that, and a whole lot of energy," said Dembiec, who guided the Cardinal men to a 4-12-0 record in his first year at the helm a year ago. "(Coaching both soccer teams) isn't unheard of at the (NCAA) Division III level, and "Organization is going to be the key — that, and a whole lot of energy," said Dembiec, who guided the Cardinal men to a 4-12-0 record in his first year at the helm a year ago. "(Coaching both soccer teams) isn't unheard of at the (NCAA) Division III level, and many schools have had great success with it. "I'm excited about the opportunity," Dembiec added. "For me personally, it's going to mean double the training sessions, double the games — and double the headaches — but we've put together an outstanding coaching staff, which will make my life a little easier." Replacing Mike Schmitt, on the other hand, won't be so easy.

A two-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, Schmitt was the team's leader in all three offensive categories a year ago, collecting nine goals and four assists for 22 points. Schmitt's nine goals were one shy of his career high and his 22 points were a career best. A four-year starter, Schmitt closed out his four-year collegiate career with 26 goals, ranking him No. 2 all-time, behind Jerad Rassmussen.

"We don't have a guy like Mike — that pure goal scorer who can take on any defender one-on-one and beat him to the goal — on our roster," admitted Dembiec. "We're going to have to find someone to step up and fill that role, but right now, I don't see anyone putting up nine goals and 22 points like Mike did last year." Which, surprisingly, isn't all bad.

"Offensively, we weren't all that deep last year, which allowed teams to key on Mike," said Dembiec, whose team was 1-9-0 when Schmitt was held without a goal last year. "This year, we will be much deeper, and, hopefully, that will open things up a bit for us on the offensive end."

Dembiec may not be sure who's going to be putting the ball in the net for the Cardinals, but he's sure who will be keeping it out, as goalkeeper Jon Szafranski (Barrington, Ill. / 1.93 GAA, .793 save %) is back.

"It's really tough to say how we'll be this season — with so many new guys, it's definitely going to take some time for everyone to meld together," said Dembiec, whose roster will have 21 new faces among the 29 on the early-season roster. "There are a lot of unknowns at this point, but there's no question in my mind we will be a better team than we were a year ago."
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2007 MIAC STANDINGS

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UPCOMING MATCHES

**Sept. 29 (Saturday)**
- St. Mary’s @ Concordia 1 p.m.
- Gustavus @ Carleton 1 p.m.
- St. Olaf @ St. John’s 1 p.m.
- St. Thomas @ Central 4:30 p.m.

**Sept. 30 (Sunday)**
- St. Thomas @ Simpson 1 p.m.
- Buena Vista @ Gustavus 4 p.m.
- Wartburg @ Macalester 5 p.m.

**Oct. 2 (Tuesday)**
- St. Olaf @ Northwestern
- Oct. 3 (Wednesday)
  - Macalester @ Bethel 4 p.m.
  - Hamline @ St. Thomas 4 p.m.
  - St. Scholastica @ Augsburg 5 p.m.

**Oct. 6 (Saturday)**
- Concordia @ St. Thomas 2 p.m.
- Carleton @ Bethel 1 p.m.
- St. Olaf @ Loras 1 p.m.
- Hamline @ Gustavus 1 p.m.
- Augsburg @ St. Mary’s 3:30 p.m.
- St. John’s @ Macalester 7:30 p.m.

RECENT RESULTS

**Sept. 26 (Wednesday)**
- Macalester 0 @ Hamline 2
- Augsburg 2 @ St. Olaf 3

**Sept. 25 (Tuesday)**
- Gustavus 2 @ St. Mary’s 0
- Bethel 1 @ St. John’s 5
- Carleton 1 @ St. Thomas 1 2OT

**Sept. 24 (Monday)**
- Concordia 1 @ Central 4

**Sept. 23 (Sunday)**
- UW-Whitewater 3 @ St. Thomas 1
- St. Mary’s 3 @ Ripon 3 2OT
- Luther 0 @ Macalester 0 2OT

**Sept. 22 (Saturday)**
- Carleton 2 @ Concordia 1
- St. Mary’s 1 @ Hamline 2
- Bethel 0 @ Univ. of Sioux Falls 1
- Gustavus 1 @ St. John’s 0
- St. Thomas 3 @ Augsburg 0

**Sept. 20 (Thursday)**
- Bethel 2 @ Dordt 0

**Sept. 19 (Wednesday)**
- Simpson 1 @ Carleton 2
- Bethany Lutheran 0 @ St. Olaf 4
- Hamline 0 @ Augsburg 4

2007 TEAM STATISTICS

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE**

**ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY**

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