GAME #14
ST. OLAF COLLEGE (8-7-0/4-3-0 MIAC)
at
CONCORDIA COLLEGE (2-10-1/1-6-0 MIAC)
October 20, 2007
Jake Christiansen Complex
Moorhead, MN
GAME TIME: 1 p.m.
LAST YEAR: Last year Concordia and St. Olaf battled to the most exciting score in all of sports – a 0-0 double overtime tie in soccer! Despite the final score, the game, which was played in Northfield, had a decided offensive edge as the teams combined for 31 shots. The problem for both teams was finding the target. Overall, St. Olaf held a 19-12 advantage in shots. On net was another story as the Cobbers held the 5-1 edge. Both teams had golden chances from in close and both coaches watched as the players either produced a shot that went right to the goalie or an attempt that went high or wide or, in some cases, both. Concordia's best chances came from the feet of Lane Muzzana and defender Shane Evenstad. Muzzana found himself all alone in front of the goal, but his shot went directly into Ole goalie Eric Smith's legs and Evenstad had the final quality chance of the game. With less than a minute to go in the second overtime session, Evenstad was the recipient of a ball that was rolling directly back towards him at a slow pace inside the St. Olaf penalty area. Evenstad's shot, true to his defender status, was placed over the crossbar and out of harm's way. St. Olaf had a 7-2 edge in corner kicks and the Oles committed 11 fouls the Cobbers' eight. Concordia goalie Mads Schmidt stopped one shot to record his first collegiate shutout. Smith turned aside five shots to collect his second shutout of the year.
SERIES: St. Olaf leads 14-5-1
SERIES SYNOPSIS: St. Olaf is unbeaten against the Cobbers in the last three meetings between the two teams. The last time CC beat the Oles was in 2003 when the Cobbers posted a 2-0 victory. That was the last Cobber MIAC win until Concordia beat St. Mary’s earlier in the year...four of the last five meetings between the teams have featured shutouts.

NSCAA CENTRAL REGION POLL
Week of Oct. 16
1 Loras College (Iowa) 15-0-1
2 Puget Sound (Wash.) 11-1-1
3 Carleton College 11-1-2
4 Whitworth Univ. (Wash.) 10-2-1
5 Gustavus 12-2-1
6 Redlands (Calif.) 12-2-0
7 UC Santa Cruz 12-3-0
8 Wartburg (Iowa) 10-2-1
9 California Lutheran 12-3-0
10 St. Thomas 10-3-2

SINCE WE LAST LEFT YOU
It’s been almost a full month since the Cobbers last had a home game – and what a home game it was!! The last time CC played at Jake Christiansen Athletic Complex they snapped their three-year MIAC winless streak by blanking St. Mary’s 2-0. Since then they have dropped three straight games – the last two by only a single goal. Concordia fell 6-1 at St. Thomas and then dropped one-goal games at Macalester and last Saturday at Hamline. After today, the Cobbers have three games left in the 2007 season. They will play home conference games against Bethel (Wed.) and St. John’s (Sat.) and have a non-conf game game against UW-Whitewater tomorrow at 3 p.m. (in case you were wondering, it is 538 miles one way to Whitewater, Wis. – hope the DVD player in the bus doesn't break!!)

GETTING CLOSER, CLOSER...
Even though the Cobbers haven’t shown drastic improvement in the win/loss column this season, they have shown improvement on the field and being able to stay in almost any game. Concordia lost 2-1 to Hamline on Saturday, marking the fourth time this season they have lost by a single goal in conference play. That is more than the past two seasons combined. In 2005 and 2006 the Cobbers lost 19 MIAC games and of those 19, only three were by a single goal.

THE POWER OF THREE
THREE players lead the Cobbers in goal scoring – and all three have had many each? If you guessed THREE, give yourself a pat on the back. Chad Morlock, Justin Foss and Marco Riboli have all tallied three goals this year. The hottest Cobber lately has been Foss who has scored a goal in two of the team’s last THREE games.

FIRST HALF BLUES
When looking back at the 2007 season, the Cobbers will have to look no farther than the first half of play to find out what went wrong. Concordia has been outscored 16-2 in the opening period of play this year. The Cobbers have scored just once in the first half in their seven conference games this year and have not had a lead at halftime in any MIAC game. Overall, CC has held the lead at the break in only one game- the season opener against Nebraska Wesleyan.

ST. OLAF UPDATE
St. Olaf enters today’s game in a three-way tie for fifth place in the MIAC standings. The Oles have only played seven league games while the other teams that are tied with St. Olaf and above them in the standings have all played eight. The Oles lost a key game against St. Thomas at home last Saturday. The defeat snapped a two-game winning streak and was only the second loss in the last seven games for the Oles. After today’s game, St. Olaf will play at Hamline and then finish off the regular season with Carleton in a game that could have MIAC championship and playoff implications.

FEELING OFFENSIVE
The reason for the big turnaround from last year’s campaign when the Oles went 3-5-2 in the MIAC and 6-10-2 overall is the new found offensive scoring punch. In 2006, St. Olaf scored a grand total of eight goals in conference play and 19 overall. This season they already have 13 in the MIAC and 34 overall. They rank second in the league in scoring.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
October 20
1955 – Harry Belafonte records ”Day-O” (Banana Boat Song)
1960 – First fully mechanized post office opened, Providence, RI
1963 – South Africa begins trial of Nelson Mandela
1964 – Mad Dog Vachon beats Verne Gagne in Minneapolis, to become NWA champ
1968 – Jacqueline Kennedy marries Aristotle Onassis
1971 – Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg (Cordozar Broadus) born
1973 – Queen Elizabeth II opens Sydney Opera House
1976 – ”Disco Duck” tops pop charts
1977 – Six killed in Lynyrd Skynyrd plane crash in McComb, Mississippi
1992 – First World Series game outside of US - Toronto beats Atlanta
2007 Concordia Schedule

**SEPTEMBER**
1. vs. Neb. Wesleyan  L 1-2 OT
2. vs. Luther at SJU  L 0-3

**8-9 COBBER INVITATIONAL**
8. JAMESTOWN  W 3-1
9. ST. SCHOLASTICA  L 0-4
12. at Augsburg  L 0-1
15. at Gustavus  L 0-2
18. at Univ. of Mary  T 2-2 OT
22. CARLETON  L 1-2
24. at Central (Iowa)  L 1-4
29. ST. MARY’S  W 2-0

**OCTOBER**
6. at St. Thomas  L 1-6
10. at Macalester  L 0-1
11. at Hamline  L 1-2
20. ST. OLAF  L 1 p.m.
21. at UW-Whitewater  3 p.m.
24. BETHEL  3:30 pm
27. ST. JOHN’S  3 p.m.
31. MIAC PLAYOFFS - Semifinal

**NOVEMBER**
3. MIAC PLAYOFFS - Final

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**2006 Results**

**SEPTEMBER**
2. vs. Concordia Univ. at St. John’s  W 2-1
3. vs. Univ. of Mary at St. John’s  W 2-1
11. at UC-Santa Cruz  L 0-4
13. at St. Thomas  L 1-3
16. GUSTAVUS  L 0-3
23. at St. Olaf  T 0-0 2OT
26. HAMLINe  L 0-4
30. at St. Mary’s  L 0-2

**OCTOBER**
5. UW-SUPERIOR  W 6-3
7. at Bethel  L 0-1
10. AUGSBURG  L 0-3
14. MACALESTER  L 2-4
15. UPPER IOWA  W 3-2
21. at Carleton  L 0-3
22. vs. Central (IA) at Carleton  L 0-1
25. UNIVERSITY OF MARY  L 2-3
28. ST. JOHN’S  L 1-6

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**MATCHDAY PLAYER PROFILE**

**Name:** Ryan Albrecht  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Year:** Senior  
**Hometown:** Stillwater, Minn.  
**High School:** Stillwater HS ’04  
**Parents:** William Albrecht and Anne James  
**Major:** Physical Education  

**Career Highlights:** 2006 - Played in 15 games...started all 15...attempted eight shots. 2005 - DNP. 2004 - Played in 11 games...started five...attempted nine shots...registered one assist  

**Nickname:** Ray Ray  
**One word that best describes me:** All-powerful  
**Place I would most like to visit:** Australia  
**Favorite food:** Chips  
**Favorite restaurant:** Famous Daves  
**Favorite movies:** Boondock Saints, Robin Hood: Men in Tights  
**Favorite TV Show:** Home Improvement, Planet Earth  
**Favorite music groups:** Uncle Kracker  
**Favorite book:** Harry Potter  
**Favorite holiday:** Christmas  
**One thing I can’t live without:** Fudge  
**The person I would most like to meet:** Angelina Jolie  
**Nobody knows how much I like to:** pop zits  
**Biggest influence on athletic career:** My Dad  
**Greatest personal sports moment:** Scoring the first two goals of the season my first year on varsity high school  
**If I were to play another sport, it would be:** Polo  
**Favorite pro sports team:** LA Galaxy  
**My dream job is:** to dream for a job  

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**Head Coach – Dan Weiller** (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 ’07; 4th Season)
Alex Kuehl and Brad Bond will compete for the third-string goalkeeper.

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In the back, Anderson knows it will be tough to fill the void left open by two-time All-MIAC D Andrew Gastineau who graduated. “It’s not easy to replace Andrew in the back, hopefully one of our five or six guys can step up in his place. He was a mainstay in our line up, he had the ability to change the complexion of the game.” Even without Gastineau in the lineup, the Oles have a veteran group of defenders. The Oles boast a group of four seniors led by captain Bobby Anderson. Karl Gleason, Patrick Rosemas and Jose Martinez round out the senior defenders. Sophomore Eric Van Mechelen also play a key role this year, as he started 12 games last season. Sophomore David Anderson and junior Ryan Doyle look to step up to varsity this season.

Senior captain Eric Smith will return in goal this season. Smith started 15 games last season, compiled 69 saves and was third in the MIAC in shutouts (7). Junior Kevin Friede is a solid backup and gives the Oles two very competent goalkeepers. Friede started two games in 2006 and had 13 saves. First Year players Alex Kuehl and Brad Bond will compete for the third-string goalkeeper.
## 2007 MIAC STANDINGS

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## RECENT RESULTS

**Oct. 13 (Saturday)**
- Bethel 0 @ St. Olaf 1
- St. Mary’s 0 @ Carleton 7
- St. Thomas 4 @ Gustavus 3
- Augsburg 3 @ Macalester 2

**Oct. 14 (Sunday)**
- St. Thomas 3 @ St. Olaf 2
- Concordia 1 @ Hamline 2
- St. Olaf 8-7 @ St. Mary’s 0
- Augsburg 8-5 @ Hamline 0

**RECENT RESULTS____________________

### Gustavus @ St. Thomas 1 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (Saturday)

### Bethel @ Concordia 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 (Thursday)

### St. Mary’s @ St. Thomas 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 (Wednesday)

### St. Olaf @ Hamline 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23 (Tuesday)

## 2007 TEAM STATISTICS

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**CONCORDIA**
- Oct. 20 (Saturday)
  - Hamline @ Carleton 1 p.m.
  - St. Olaf @ Concordia 1 p.m.
  - St. Mary’s @ St. John’s 3:30 p.m.

**Oct. 21 (Sunday)**
- UC-Santa Cruz @ Augsburg 11 a.m.
- Concordia @ UW-Whitewater 3 p.m.

**Oct. 22 (Tuesday)**
- St. Mary’s @ St. Thomas 3:30 p.m.
- St. Olaf @ Hamline 3:30 p.m.
- Northwestern @ Carleton 4 p.m.
- Macalester @ Gustavus 4 p.m.

**Oct. 23 (Wednesday)**
- Bethel @ Concordia 3:30 p.m.
- St. John’s @ Augsburg 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 24 (Thursday)**
- Upper Iowa @ St. Mary’s 3 p.m.

### Recent Results

**Oct. 16 (Tuesday)**
- St. Scholastica 1 @ Hamline 4
  - Augsburg 2 @ Bethel 0

**Oct. 15 (Monday)**
- Carleton 2 @ Luther 0
  - North Central 0 @ St. Mary’s 5

**Oct. 14 (Sunday)**
- St. John’s 1 @ Loras 0 OT

**Oct. 13 (Saturday)**
- Concordia 1 @ Hamline 2
- St. John’s 0 @ Wartburg 1
- Macalester 2 @ St. Mary’s 0
- Gustavus 1 @ Bethel 0 OT
- St. Thomas 3 @ St. Olaf 2
- Carleton 2 @ Augsburg 0

**Oct. 10 (Wednesday)**
- St. Mary’s 0 @ Carleton 7
- Bethel 0 @ St. Olaf 1
- St. John’s 3 @ Hamline 1
- Augsburg 0 @ Gustavus 2
- Concordia 0 @ Macalester 1

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- Central @ Hamline 2 p.m.
  - Oct. 27 (Saturday)

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**Recent Results**
- Oct. 15 (Monday)
- Carleton 2 @ Luther 0
  - North Central 0 @ St. Mary’s 5