MIAC 1ST ROUND
#6 HAMLINE (17-10/6-5 MIAC) at
#3 CONCORDIA (16-7/8-3 MIAC)

October 30, 2007
Memorial Auditorium
Moorhead, Minn.

MATCH TIME: 7 p.m.
SERIES: Concordia leads 34-7-1
SERIES STARTED: 1978
EARLIER THIS YEAR: Earlier this season, Concordia swept Hamline on Oct. 10. In the match, CC started by going down 21-12 in the opening game and it seemed the Cobbers were destined to battle through a marathon MIAC match in order to get past the Pipers. One hour later, the Cobbers had quickly overtaken Hamline and went on to a 30-27, 30-23, 30-22 win. The turnaround in game No.1 came courtesy of a 15-5 run that gave the Cobbers a 27-26 lead - a lead they would never relinquish for the rest of the match. In that run, CC sophomore Maggie Olson had three kills and the Cobbers posted a pair of service aces. Olson would finish the match with a team-high nine kills. The second and third games saw Concordia break to early leads and then hold off the Pipers in the middle of both contests before finally pulling away in the end. In the second game, CC broke to a 4-1 lead and then watched as Hamline cut the margin to 16-13 and 19-16 before rattling off a 7-3 streak to end the game. The third played out in the same fashion, after CC went ahead 4-1, Hamline trimmed the lead to 5-3 and then the Cobbers finished off the match by claiming 25 of the final 44 points. Olson finished the match with the nine kills to go along with a match-high .667 attack percentage. She was matched by Michelle Honek who was a part of a quartet of Cobbers who had at least eight kills in the match. Honek had nine kills to go along with a team-high 12 digs. Jill Hance led CC with 24 assists and freshman Valerie Glynn had a match-high five blocks. Hamline had three players post double-digit kill totals. They were led by Shelby Hylleengren, who had a match-high 14 kills.
SERIES SYNOPSIS: Concordia has won the last nine matches in the series. The last time that the Pipers prevailed was back in 1999. The Cobbers have also claimed 15 of the past 16 matches in the series. The longest winning streak in the series is 12 matches. Concordia strung together 12 straight from 1982-1987. Of the eight victories by Hamline in the series, only two have come back-to-back...since 1990, the Cobbers are 8-1 at home against the Pipers...head coach Tim Mosser has a 16-2 record against Hamline in his 15 seasons.

WELCOME TO THE 2ND SEASON
The days of being able to lose and live to play another day are over. It is officially “lose and go home” season. Tonight’s match pits two teams on the opposite end of the spectrum when it comes to playoff experience. Concordia is competing in its seventh straight MIAC conference tournament since the league went to its current playoff format in 2001. During that time, the Cobbers have a 7-4 record in the tournament and have won three of the past four playoff championships. Hamline on the other hand is making only its second conference tournament appearance and is 0-1 in its only other trip to the postseason. That came last year when the Pipers were the No.5 seed and were swept by UST in the first round.

THE SIGNS ARE UNFRIENDLY
Even though the Cobbers are making their seventh straight playoff appearance, the signs are stacked against CC when it comes to winning the title. Concordia has never won the championship, or even advanced to the title match when they haven’t finished in the top two of the conference to receive the first-round bye. Of the six previous berths, CC has had to play in the first round three times and is 1-3 when playing from below the No.2 seed. They have never advanced past the semifinals in those three previous tournaments. The last time CC had to play in the first round was in 2005 when they were the No.4 seed and hosted No.5 St. Olaf and lost 3-0. The only good omen from that year is even though they lost in the first round in the MIAC playoffs, they received a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

IT’S ABOUT TIME
Cubber senior Michelle Honek was finally named the MIAC Co-Hitter of the Week. Believe it or not, it’s the first time this season she has won the weekly award and the first time in her career she has come away with the conference honor. The Gameday staff would like to blame it on the “steady but not spectacular” theory. When dealing with Player of the Week honors, the prize usually goes to someone who has a monster week and then will slide back into mediocrity. Honek goes about her business and puts up solid numbers every week. The GD staff is happy that she will have the honor on her resume.

HAMLINE UPDATE
Hamline enters tonight’s match having won four of their past five matches. That streak started directly after the Pipers lost to Concordia on Oct. 10. Hamline pulled off wins against Gustavus, St. Kate’s. St. Olaf and Macalester. The win over the Scots on Saturday helped HU clinch the playoff berth.

RECORD BREAKING PIPERS
This year’s team picked up where last year’s Piper squad left off as they have continued to get better and better. This year Hamline set nine new school records for team statistics, including total kills in a season (1383), kills per game (14.41), total digs in a season (2073) and digs per game (21.59).

HYLLENGREN HYPE
Hamline is led by senior Shelby Hylleengren. Hylleengren has 323 kills on the season and 1,202 for her career. She is currently fourth on the school’s all-time list and with 28 more can move into third place on the all-time list. She has posted double-digit kill totals in seven of the past nine matches including a team-high against the Cobbers back on Oct. 10.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
October 30
1864 - Helena, Montana’s capital, founded
1873 - P T Barnum’s circus, “Greatest Show on Earth,” debuts
1888 - John J Loud patents ballpoint pen
1896 - Martha Hughes Cannon of Utah becomes first female senator
1938 - Orson Welles panics a nation with broadcast of “War of the Worlds”
1952 - Clarence Birdseye sells first frozen peas
1960 - Diego Maradona, Argentina’s greatest soccer player ever, born
1964 - Roy Orbison went gold with his hit single, “Oh, Pretty Woman.”
1990 - England-France complete “Chunnel”

2007 MIAC VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS MIAC - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
MEET THE 2007 COBBERS

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach – Tim Mosser (NDSU '86; 15th Season ~ 269-170 First 14 seasons)

Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater – Year/Years at CC):

Bob Jones (Chapman Calif.) '86/9th year
Emily Gilbertson (Concordia '07/2nd Year)

2006 Results

2007 Concordia Schedule

AUGUST
31 CONCORDIA INVITE W 3-0
31 vs. MAYVILLE STATE W 3-0
31 vs. VALLEY CITY ST W 3-1
SEPTEMBER
1 vs. ROCKY MOUNTAIN L 1-3
1 vs. BEMIDJI STATE W 3-2
7-8 at Washinton U. Invite
7 vs. Wittenburg (OH) L 0-3
7 vs. #15 Ohio Northern W 3-0
8 vs. Central (Iowa) W 3-1
8 vs. Washington Univ. L 1-3
12 ST. KATE’S W 3-0
19 at St. Thomas L 1-3
22 MACALESTER W 3-0
28 vs. St. Olaf W 3-0
29 at St. Mary’s W 3-1

OCTOBER
3 AUGSBURG 7 p.m.
5-6 at Border Battle at Simpson
5 vs. Coe (Iowa) W 3-1
5 vs. Buena Vista W 3-2
6 vs. Simpson (Iowa) L 2-3
6 vs. Central (Iowa) W 3-1
10 at Hamline W 3-0
19 GUSTAVUS W 3-0
20 CARLETON L 0-3
23 BETHEL W 3-0
27 at St. Ben’s L 0-3
30 HAMILNE 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER
1 MIAC PLAYOFFS - Semifinal
3 MIAC PLAYOFFS - Final

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Matchday Player Profile

Name: Angie Bonde
Sport: Volleyball
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Nerstrand, Minn.
High School: Faribault HS ’06
Parents: Steve and Linda
Major: Chemistry

Career Highlights: 2006 - Was 5th on the team in kills...3rd on the team in digs...played in 98 games.

Nickname: Bonds
One word that best describes me: Smiley
Where would you go if you could spend one week anywhere in the world: The moon
Favorite foods: hamburgers on the grill
Favorite restaurant: Olive Garden
Favorite movies: A Walk To Remember
Favorite TV show: What Not To Wear
Favorite musical groups: Red Jumpsuit Apparatus
Favorite book: The Harry Potter Series
Favorite holiday: my birthday
One thing I can’t live without: my family
Best gift you ever received: journal
Best class ever taken at Concordia: Evil
The two people I would most like to meet: Misty May, Harry Potter
Nobody knows how much I like to: Eat
The biggest influence on my volleyball career: Chad Becker
If I were to play another sport, it would be: Tennis
My dream job is: Optometrist
One of the Pipers’ biggest challenges as the team takes to the floor will be finding players to replace graduated middle blockers Dana Luiken and Christina Rossetter. Luiken, who was named AVCA All-Central Region honorable mention in 2006, was the heart of the Pipers offense last year, providing a great presence – both athletically and vocally – on the floor. “It’s tough to lose the player around whom an offense was centered, but this gives our returning players a great chance to make our offense their own,” said Jones. Jones will be looking at junior Amanda Booth to take over as the go-to player in the middle for the Pipers. Booth is already sixth in the all-time list at Hamline for blocks after just two years of play. Junior Brittany Roemhild, who had to sit out the 2006 season with an injury and sophomore Aubrey Hendry will be joining Booth in the middle. Two strong outside hitters will be returning to the team to compliment Booth, Roemhild and Hendry - senior Shelby Hyllengren, who was second on the team in kills in 2006 with 318 and the 2006 MIAC Rookie of the Year, sophomore Tasha Simmons. Junior Emily Amici will also be returning to round out the offense and chip in on defense as a utility player, after contributing 40 kills and 1.59 digs per game in 2006.

“The main challenge heading into this season will be to fill the middle position, but we do anticipate a strong, solid front row. Four players (Booth, Roemhild, Simmons and Hyllengren) will be counted upon to lead that charge,” according to Jones. Booth, Simmons and Hyllengren all tallied more than 225 kills during the 2006 campaign. To run the offense this year, Jones has the choice of three talented setters. Junior Jenny Burns had 768 assists in 2006, which placed her as sixth on the single-season assists list. She will be contributing veteran experience and proven success to help guide two newcomers who will be competing for playing time. “Jackie Kelly and Amanda Lindeman should both have the opportunity to see some time on the court since they are coming to us from very successful high school programs,” said Jones. Defensively, Nichols looks to increase the 179 digs she recorded last year in order to fill in for the loss of Jenna Witt’s 364 digs on a 2006 team that finished fifth in the MIAC. Simmons should also continue her defensive dominance, as her 338 digs during her freshman season were second on the team in 2006. Sara Burns joins Hyllengren as the only other senior on the team. The defensive specialist averaged 2.56 digs per game in 2006, and Jones plans to use her leadership on the court to help guide the younger players on the team. Jones hopes to see newcomer Heidi Larson step in early and get some playing time, while being mentored by returners Sara Burns, sophomore Jenni Burns and junior Alex Askew. With five defensive specialists on the roster, Jones is anticipating having a solid back row on the court.
2007 MIAC STANDINGS

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* Clinched MIAC Playoff Spot

UPCOMING MATCHES

Oct. 30 (Tuesday)

MIAC Quarterfinals

#4 Hamline @ #3 Concordia 7 p.m.

#5 Carleton @ #4 Carleton 7 p.m.

Nov. 1 (Thursday)

MIAC Semifinals

#3/6 Winner @ #2 St. Ben’s 7 p.m.

#4/5 Winner @ #1 St. Thomas 7 p.m.

Nov. 3 (Saturday)

MIAC Finals

Semifinal Winners – High Seed Host

RECENT RESULTS

Oct. 27 (Saturday)

St. Mary’s 0 @ Gustavus 3
St. Kate’s 0 @ Bethel 3
Concordia 0 @ St. Ben’s 3
Carleton 2 @ St. Olaf 3
St. Thomas 3 @ Augsburg 0

Oct. 26 (Friday)

Macalester 1 @ Hamline 3

Oct. 24 (Wednesday)

St. Mary’s 1 @ Carleton 3
St. Kate’s 3 @ Augsburg 0
St. Olaf 0 @ Hamline 3
Macalester 1 @ Gustavus 3

Oct. 23 (Tuesday)

Bethel 0 @ Concordia 3
St. Ben’s 0 @ St. Thomas 3

Oct. 20 (Saturday)

Carleton 3 @ Concordia 0
Augsburg 3 @ Bethel 2
Gustavus 3 @ St. Ben’s 2
St. Thomas 3 @ Hamline 0
Macalester 0 @ St. Olaf 3
St. Mary’s 3 @ St. Kate’s 1

Oct. 19 (Friday)

Macalester 0 @ St. Thomas 3
St. Mary’s 2 @ Augsburg 3
Hamline 3 @ St. Kate’s 0
Gustavus 0 @ Concordia 3

Oct. 17 (Wednesday)

Augsburg 3 @ North Central 0
St. Olaf 3 @ Bethel 1
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2007 TEAM STATISTICS

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