GAME #9
ST. MARY’S UNIV. (7-2-0/2-0-1 MIAC) at
CONCORDIA COLLEGE (5-2-1/3-0-1 MIAC)

September 29, 2007
Jake Christiansen Complex
Moorhead, Minn.

GAME TIME: 3 p.m.
SERIES: St. Mary’s leads series 16-12-0
SERIES STARTED: 1984

LAST YEAR: Concordia was able to score a goal in the final five minutes of play against St. Mary’s and came away with a 1-0 victory in Winona. The game was a decidedly one-sided affair, as Concordia continually attacked the Cardinal end of the field. However, the Cobbers were turned away by a tight St. Mary’s defense and the excellent goalkeeping of all-conference netminder Jennifer Johnson. Johnson made 15 saves in the game, which included seven in the first half and eight in the second period. On the other side of the field, the Cobber defense rarely allowed the Cardinals enough space to attack the CC defensive third of the field, and held St. Mary’s to only two shots on net the entire 90 minutes. Cobber goalie Britt Reiersgord made both saves to earn her sixth shutout of the season and seventh overall win. With the score tied in final minutes of the contest, Concordia’s record-breaking scoring threat Morgan Bain, was able to beat Johnson to a ball that was poked free of a goalmouth scramble by teammate Megan Rice. Bain touched the ball around Johnson and calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net for the game-winning score at the 84:58 mark. For the game, Concordia outshot St. Mary’s 30-4 overall and 16-2 in shots on net.

SERIES SYNFOSIS: Concordia has won the last eight games against St. Mary’s. The Cobbers also have a five-game shutout streak against SMU – a stretch that totals the last 489 consecutive minutes. The last time that the Cardinals beat Concordia was back in 1998 (2-1 win in Moorhead). SMU dominated the early stages of the series, winning seven straight times from 1985-89. They also won 13 of 14 in a period from 1985-95.

NSCAA CENTRAL REGION POLL
Week of Sept. 25
1. Wheaton (Ill.) 9-0-0
2. Washington Univ. (Mo.) 8-0-0
3. UW-Eau Claire 6-0-1
4. St. Ben’s 8-0-0
5. Carthage (Wis.) 7-1-0
6. Univ. of Chicago 5-1-1
7. Macalester 6-1-0
8. UW-Stevens Point 5-2-1
9. Webster (Mo.) 8-0-0
10. St. Thomas 5-2-0

THE WEEK THAT WAS
Concordia enters today’s game on a three-game winning streak. To make things even better for the Cobbers, all three of those wins have come against conference opponents. CC beat Carleton 2-0 last Sunday in Northfield. The game was dominated in possession by the Knights, but Concordia was able to notch a pair of counterattack goals and come away with the critical conference road win. Both goals featured well-placed shots by CC forwards Megan Rice and Rachel Lewis. For Rice it was her second goal of the season which equals her output from all of her freshman season. On Wednesday, the Cobbers secured another MIAC away win by outlasting St. Kate’s 2-1. CC got a goal in the first half from freshman Sam Johnson and then scored the game-winner on a penalty kick with just under 20 minutes to go in the second half. The PK was converted by Lewis to give her a team-leading four goals. She is currently tied with freshman Susan Obermiller.

IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED
Unfortunately for you record watchers out there, the Cobber shutout streak in the first half came to an abrupt end on Wednesday against the Wildcats. Concordia entered the game with a streak of 377 minutes without conceding a goal in the first half of play – a stretch that started at the end of last season. The streak lasted for another 29 minutes before St. Kate’s scored their only goal of the game on a corner kick at 29:40. For those of you scoring at home, the final shutout streak in the first half of play finished at 407:09.

JUST MAKE SURE SHE SCORES
Cobber senior forward Rachel Lewis has found her scoring touch. After scoring only one goal in the team’s first six games of the season, she has scored a goal in each of the last three contests. She now has four goals for the season and 19 for her career. She also has been the sage of good fortune for CC this year. Every time she has put the ball in the back of the net, Concordia has won.

A REAL BLANKETY-BLANK
CC junior goalie Britt Reiersgord continues to add to her school record in career shutouts. On Sunday against Carleton she posted her second blanking of the season and 21st of her career.

WE’VE BEEN HERE BEFORE
St. Mary’s is coming off a loss at Gustavus on Wednesday. The Cardinals gave up a pair of second-half goals to the Gusties and were saddled with their second conference loss of the season. SMU is now 2-2 in MIAC play and 5-0 against non-league opponents. In fact, the Cardinals have a gaudy 22-game winning streak against non-conference opponents. While this may seem like a newsworthy item, the Gameday staff has to once again step in and inform the readers that most of those wins have come against teams that struggle to compete at the college level. Take this years’ stellar crop of non-league opponents; Ripon, Northland, Martin Luther, Wisc. Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran. Those five have a combined record of 8-35-2. Hopefully the current coaching staff will understand that there is a direct correlation between skill of non-conference opponents and finishing with a winning record in the MIAC – which the Cardinals have done only once in the past seven seasons.

ANY RELATION TO ROBERTO?
St. Mary’s is led in scoring by senior forward Bridgette Baggio. In addition to having one of the most appropriate last names of any athlete in an MIAC sport (imagine having a quarterback named Elway!), she is having a career season. After recording 20 points in her first three seasons at SMU, Baggio has 22 in 2007 and is one of the top five scorers in the MIAC.

A + B HAS TO = C!
Due to the scoring prowess of Baggio, the Cardinals, as a team, have not been shutout this season. They have scored at least one goal in all nine games and have outscored their opponents by a combined margin of 35-6. They have scored one goal in two games and have posted four-plus goals in four games.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
September 29
1935 – Rock and Roll Hall of Famers JerryLee 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
1996 – First Nintendo 64 video game released in 1996
### 2007 Concordia Schedule

**SEPTMBER**
- 1 vs. UW-Stout at SJU W 3-0
- 2 vs. Luther at SJU W 6-0
- 7-8 COBBER INVITE
- 9 ST. SCHOLASTICA L 0-1
- 12 at Augsburg T 1-1 OT
- 15 GUSTAVUS W 4-2
- 23 at Carleton W 2-0
- 26 at St. Kate's W 2-1
- 29 ST. MARY'S 3 p.m.

**OCTOBER**
- 2 JAMESTOWN 4 pm
- 5 at St. Thomas 4:30 pm
- 9 MACALESTER 4 pm
- 13 at Hamline 3 p.m.
- 14 at UW-River Falls 2 p.m.
- 20 ST. OLAF 11 a.m.
- 22 at UW-Whitewater 2 p.m.
- 24 BETHEL 1:30 pm
- 27 ST. BEN’S 11 a.m.
- 30 MIC PLAYOFFS - Semifinal

**NOVEMBER**
- 3 MIC PLAYOFFS - Final

### 2006 Results

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**Head Coach** – Dan Weiler (Moorhead State Univ. ’96; 6th Season – 48-21-4 first 5 seasons)
**Assistant Coach** - Matt Stucke (University of Mary ’04/1st Year)
**Assistant Coach** – Betsy Olsen (Concordia ’07/1st Year)
**Assistant Coach** – Joe Larson (Liberty ’97/3rd Year)

### Matchday Player Profile

**Name:** Stacy Hansen  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Year:** Senior  
**Hometown:** Brooklyn Park, Minn.  
**High School:** Champlin Park HS ’04  
**Parents:** Jeff and Nancy  
**Major:** Psychology

**Career Highlights:**  
2006 - Appeared in six games for Concordia...notched one assist and attempted one SOG.  
2005 - DNP.  
2004 - Played in 2 games and started one for the Cobbers.

**Place I would most like to visit:** Venice, Italy  
**One word that best describes me:** Smiggles  
**Favorite food:** Ice cream, tacos, Gnocchi, gelato  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Johnny Carino's  
**Favorite movies:** Benchwarmers, Notebook  
**Favorite TV show:** 24, Grey’s Anatomy, House, Will and Grace, Friends, Project Runway  
**Favorite Music Groups:** Eric Church, Dierks Bently, Halfway to Hazard, Sugarland  
**Favorite book:** Da Vinci Code, Harry Potter Angels and Demons  
**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas  
**One thing I can’t live without:** Family  
**The three people I would most like to meet:** Eric Church, Jesus, Einstein
October 30: St. Mary’s Schedule

September

1. Mariana Sanchez (GK)
2. Lisa Weniger (M)
3. Keirra Metcalfe (F)
4. Amy Sibik (F)
5. Erin O’Keefe (M)
6. Kendra Maloney (M)
7. Dana Winkler (M)
8. Lauren Mazza (M)
9. Melissa Pau (F/M)
10. Bethany Kaufman (F)
11. Stephanie Marconia (M)
12. Lisa Tlougan (M)
13. Emily Berg (M)
14. Marie Allen (M)
15. Michele McQuillan (D)
16. Molly Spray (D)
17. Madeline Pieper (M)
18. Nadia Effendi (D)
19. Arica Ellingson (M)
20. Bridgette Bagggio (F)
21. Lauren Mess (GK)
22. Tania Trowbridge (GK)
23. Emily Duffey (M)
24. Angelita Gonzalez (M)
25. Erin Morgan (F/M)
26. Caitlyn Schoenfeld (M)
27. Corry Hancock (F)

November

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2007 St. Mary’s Preview

A year ago, Chris Dembiec had less than a month to prepare for his first-ever collegiate coaching position, when he replaced Eric Luzzi in late July as the Saint Mary’s University men’s soccer coach. This year was supposed to be a far less hectic preseason for the Cardinal men’s coach — until coach Tony Guinn stepped down as the Cardinals’ head women’s soccer coach in early August. Dembiec was named as Guinn’s successor, making him the head coach of both the men’s and women’s programs — and transforming his “fall frolic” into a second straight “fall frenzy.”

“I’m excited about the opportunity,” Dembiec said. “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. There is no replacing Coach Guinn,” added Dembiec. “My goal for this first year is to realize (Guinn’s) goals for this team to the best of my ability. I am so excited to coach such fine players. I know together we can make this a great experience.” Fortunately for Dembiec, Guinn didn’t leave the cupboard bare when he left.

“This team is loaded with talent,” said Dembiec, who inherits a team that has won 30 games over the past three seasons, including a 10-5-3 mark a year ago. “Everything is in place for this team to do great things this season. My biggest challenge early on is just going to be learning who all the players are.” That, and figuring out how to replace two-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference goalkeeper Jennifer Johnson. “We’ve got two huge holes that we need to fill,” said Dembiec, noting that, along with Johnson, MIAC honorable-mention selection Kellie Krmpotich — the Cardinals’ starting stopper the last four years — also graduated. “It’s going to be tough to replace those two, but with the depth and athleticism we have, I have a feeling we’re going to be able to find someone to step up and fill their shoes.” It’s just a matter of finding the right combination — and keeping them on the field.

“Last year was a tough year for this team in terms of staying healthy,” said Dembiec, noting that the Cardinals played their final game of the season — a 6-0 victory over Martin Luther — with five starters on the sidelines with various injuries. “Injuries are always the intangible, and it certainly devastated this team a year ago. “Hopefully, the injury bug won’t beat us down again this year.” After all, a healthy Cardinal team could make several MIAC opponents sick. “We still have a few questions that need to be answered, but I’m excited about what the future holds for this team,” said Dembiec. “We have all the pieces (to make a run at a conference-tournament berth) — now it’s just a matter of fitting them all together.”
UPCOMING MATCHES

**Sept. 29 (Saturday)**
- St. Mary’s @ Concordia 3 p.m.
- Carleton @ Gustavus 1 p.m.
- St. Ben’s @ St. Olaf 1 p.m.
- St. Thomas @ Hamline 1 p.m.
- St. Kate’s @ Augsburg 7 p.m.

**Sept. 30 (Sunday)**
- Buena Vista @ Gustavus 2 p.m.
- Wartburg @ Macalester 3 p.m.
- Beloit @ St. Mary’s 3 p.m.

**Oct. 1 (Monday)**
- UW-River Falls @ Augsburg 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 2 (Tuesday)**
- Jamestown @ Concordia 4 p.m.
- St. Thomas @ Carleton 4 p.m.
- Northwestern @ Bethel 4 p.m.
- Bethany Lutheran @ Hamline 4 p.m.

**Oct. 3 (Wednesday)**
- St. Ben’s @ St. Kate’s 4 p.m.
- Macalester @ Augsburg 7:30 p.m.

RECENT RESULTS

**Sept. 26 (Wednesday)**
- Concordia 2 @ St. Kate’s 1
- Carleton 0 @ UW-Eau Claire 1
- St. Ben’s 1 @ Bethel 0
- St. Mary’s 1 @ Gustavus 2
- UW-River Falls 0 @ St. Thomas 3
- St. Olaf 0 @ Augsburg 2

**Sept. 23 (Sunday)**
- Concordia 2 @ Carleton 0
- Nebraska Wesleyan 1 @ St. Olaf 1 OT
- UW-River Falls 0 @ St. Ben’s 2
- UW-Whitewater 0 @ St. Thomas 3
- St. Mary’s 4 @ Ripon 1
- Luther 2 @ Macalester 5

**Sept. 22 (Saturday)**
- Augsburg 0 @ St. Thomas 1
- St. Kate’s 1 @ Bethel 1 OT
- St. Ben’s 1 @ Gustavus 0

**Sept. 21 (Friday)**
- Hamline 0 @ St. Mary’s 4
- Macalester 3 @ St. Olaf 1