GAME DAY OPENING PITCH

(What you need to know about today’s Concordia-St. Kate’s match-up)

> Concordia enters today’s series with St. Kate’s having split its first two conference doubleheaders of the season. The Cobbers rallied in the last of the seventh and then in extra innings to earn a split on the road at Augsburg and then followed that up with a split at home against St. Ben’s on Thursday. Against the Blazers, senior pitcher Lindy Sparby threw her first collegiate no-hitter as the Cobbers won 1-0 in the opener.

> Concordia sophomore second baseman Amanda Johnson has a 13-game hitting streak entering today’s double dip with the Wildcats. Johnson has at least one hit in the last 13 games and has also hit safely in 14 of the team’s 16 games on the season. Her 13-game streak dates all the way back to the fourth game of the season.

> Even though Amanda Johnson is riding the wave of a 13-game hit streak, she does not lead the team in hitting. That distinction belongs to Kelli Niess, who is hitting a torrid .423 and has hit safely in 12 of the team’s 16 games. She has had six multiple-hit games this year and has had three games where she collected at least three hits. Her best outing came in the opening game against Augsburg when she went 4-for-5.

> Niess also has 10 stolen bases on the year, which places her first on the team and tied for third in the MIAC. Her total is almost halfway to the Cobber season record of 21 held by the great Mindy Schirm in 1997. Last year Niess fell one stolen base away from the mark as she stole 20 on the season. For her career she is currently 35-for-41.

> St. Kate’s enters today’s series on a four-game winning streak. All four games have come on the road. Yesterday they swept Hamline 11-9 and 16-7 and on Tuesday they beat Carleton 2-0 and 4-0. The Wildcats are looking to make the playoffs for the first time in school history and are off to a great start. They are 6-2 in conference play and all alone in fourth place.

**Concordia 2006 Results/Schedule**

**Date** | **Opponent** | **Time** | **Result**
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Mar. 3 | California Baptist | Noon | L 0-17 (5)
Mar. 3 | Trinity International U. | 2:00pm | L 3-11 (5)
Mar. 3 | California Baptist | 4:00pm | L 0-19 (5)
Mar. 4 | St. Mary of the Woods | Noon | W 3-2
Mar. 4 | Trinity International | 2:00pm | W 12-4 (5)
Mar. 5 | Dominican University | Noon | W 15-1
Mar. 5 | Haverford College | 2:00pm | W 2-1
Mar. 5 | Jamestown College | 4:00pm | W 6-14 (5)
Mar. 6 | Judson College | Noon | L 10-14
Mar. 6 | Wisconsin Lutheran | 2:00pm | W 5-2
Mar. 25 | at University of Mary | 1:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 4 | at Augsburg | 4:00pm | W 8-7 (8), L 6-7
Apr. 6 | ST. BEN’S | 4:00pm | W 1-0, L 2-5
Apr. 8 | ST. KATE’S | 1:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 12 | at Gustavus | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 13 | at St. Olaf | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 17 | BETHEL | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 18 | ST. THOMAS | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 20 | at Macalester | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 22 | ST. MARY’S | 1:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 26 | CARLETON | 4:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5
Apr. 29 | at Hamline | 1:00pm | L 0-3, L 4-5

**GAMES 17-18 – CONCORDIA vs. ST. KATE’S – APRIL 8, 2006 – JAKE CHRISTIANSEN AC**

**GAMES 17-18**

St. Kate’s (11-10/6-2 MIAC)

at Concordia College (7-9/2-2 MIAC)

April 8, 2006

Jake Christiansen Athletic Complex

Moorhead, MN

GAME TIME: 1:00 PM

LAST YEAR: Last year the two teams split the series, with each winning a lopsided game. In the opener, St. Kate’s scored eight runs in the first four innings and cruised to an 8-1 decision. The tables were turned in the second game as Concordia exploded for five runs in the third inning and went on to win 9-0 in a game that was called after five innings due to the eight-run rule. In the first game, three different Wildcat players had multiple-hit games. They were led by Randi Wuenisch who went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI’s. Jessica Lewandowski went the distance for St. Kate’s, striking out 11 and allowing seven hits to earn the game.

SERIES: Concordia leads 25-3

SERIES HISTORY: Concordia has won five of the last six games in the series. Before last year’s opening-game win for the Wildcats, Concordia had won four straight. The Cobbers won the first 18 games in the series before St. Kate’s came away with a 1-0 win on May 9, 2001 in St. Paul. The Wildcats swept the Cobbers that season — winning the second game 5-0 to earn two of their three wins in the series. Concordia has never lost to the Wildcats at home. The Cobbers are 14-0 against St. Kate’s in games played at Jake Christiansen Athletic Complex. In those 14 games, Concordia has outscored the Wildcats 130-45...one of the wildest games in the history of the MIAC occurred between these two teams back in 1994. Playing in St. Paul, the Cobbers and Wildcats combined for 41 runs as Concordia claimed an offensive showcase 23-18. That was the second game of the doubleheader in which the Cobbers took the first game 19-1. Playing that day for the Cobbers was current head coach Stacey Holm!
An Inside Look at: Concordia Fastpitch Softball Coach
Stacey Holm

What is your favorite aspect about Concordia?  "The family orientated atmosphere."

What do you like most about the profession of coaching?  "Helping student/athletes reach their potential and preparing them for the real world."

What makes Concordia so special?  "The entire community of Concordia is what makes the college so unique. Everyone is very involved and takes the time to help one another. Also, the interaction between student/athletes and coaches and students and professors."

What are your outside interests?  "Right know I devote most of my time outside of fastpitch to my husband and kids. I also enjoy being outdoors. I like fishing and spending time at the lake."

Stacey Holm as a Cobber Player:
Hitting - Freshman Season
AVG AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR BB
.O34 102 29 31 19 5 2 3 11
Sophomore Season
AVG AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR BB
.O48 98 30 40 31 8 3 2 9
Junior Season (broken leg)
AVG AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR BB
.O357 14 4 5 8 0 2 1 1
Senior Season
AVG AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR BB
.O471 102 22 48 27 13 4 1 5
Pitching - Freshman Season
W L ERA G CG IP K
10 4 3.27 14 11 92.0 28
Sophomore Season
W L ERA G CG IP K
9 8 4.17 17 14 99.0 33
Junior Season
W L ERA G CG IP K
1 2 3.85 3 3 20.0 8
Senior Season
W L ERA G CG IP K
11 6 2.03 17 16 115.0 24
**St. Kate’s Fastpitch Softball Roster**

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**Coaching Staff:**
- **Head Coach:** Madge Makowske (11th Season; 81-252-1)
- **Assistant Coaches:** Kris Miller, Gabe Ferley

**Wildcats 2006 Season Outlook**

The Wildcats enjoyed their best season in 2005, finishing sixth in the MIAC at 9-13 and 20-19 overall. The Cats will return to the Finlandia Tournament in Michigan where they went 4-0 and scored 48 runs against their opponents. With eight returning starters from last year’s team, the Wildcats will work to break their own conference leading season record of 34 home runs. Coach Makowske is also excited about this group’s collective talent and experience.

The Wildcats will return two All-Conference Honorable Mention players: senior Jessica Lewandowski (P) and junior Angie Johnson (3rd). Also returning will be juniors Morgan Kane (OF), Kelly Walentiny (SS), Ashley Decker (P) and sophomores Kayla Schmidt (P), Sheila Dowling (OF), and Callie Bobseen (OF). In addition to the veteran talent, six young first year players join the squad and will round out this roster that hopes to challenge for a play-off spot in the MIAC.

**Wildcats Last Series Recap**

April 7, 2006 - The two teams combined for 43 runs and 53 hits, but Hamline came out on the short end, losing 11-9 and 16-7 to St. Catherine Friday afternoon at Helen Meredith Field. The Pipers (8-8, 2-6 in the MIAC) got three-run homers from Sara Mickelson in both games, but could not find an answer for the St. Catherine attack.

In game one, the Wildcats (10-10, 6-2) scored seven times in the bottom of the first inning to put the Pipers in chase mode. St. Catherine was playing as the home team despite playing at Helen Meredith Field because of poor field conditions. St. Catherine brought 13 batters to the plate in the inning.

The Pipers would score three runs in both the second and sixth inning to cut the lead to 10-9, but Hamline could not tie the game. Senior Rachael Young was 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs and two runs scored. Jourdan Ulrich, Grace Weinreich, Kristina Hedberg, and Holly Wiborg all had two hits of the Pipers’ 14 hits in the contest.

Kelly Walentiny had three base hits for the Wildcats, who had 15 in the contest. Hamline pitcher Theresa Boleen struck out four and walked three in the loss. Jessica Lewandowski fanned eight and walked four in the win.

In game two, the Wildcats scored nine times in the first two innings to take a commanding lead. Mickelson would add her second three-run homer in the third inning to help cut the lead to 9-6, but St. Catherine would score three in the fourth and four in the fourth. Nicole Donofri was 3-for-4 in the game with three runs scored and four RBIs. She allowed added a home run. Sheila Dowling and Shannon Bagwill aach added three hits.

Young and Katie Prasek each had two hits for Hamline. Boleen took the loss, allowing six earned runs in two innings of work. Kayla Schmidt earned the win for St. Kate’s.
**Season Statistics/MIAC Standings**

**2006 Season Stats**
- Pitcher
  - Opponents: 3.34 10-9 57 162 61 136 47 111 3 126
  - Totals: 2.66 10-9 56 71 61 136 41 111 3 126
- Player names with various statistics and percentages

**2005-06 MIAC Results**
- 4/7/2006 (Friday)
  - Carleton 0 @ St. Thomas 8 (5 inn.)
  - Carleton 0 @ St. Thomas 8 (5 inn.)
  - Hamline 9 @ St. Catherine 11
  - Hamline 7 @ St. Catherine 16 (5 inn.)
- 4/6/2006 (Thursday)
  - Saint Benedict 0 @ Concordia 1
  - Saint Benedict 0 @ Concordia 1
  - Macalester 0 @ Gustavus 8 (5 inn.)
  - Macalester 0 @ Gustavus 8

**Upcoming MIAC Schedule**
- 4/8/2006 (Saturday)
  - St. Catherine @ Concordia, 1:00pm
  - Gustavus @ Bethel, 1:00pm
  - St. Olaf @ Carleton, 1:00pm
- 4/10/2006 (Monday)
  - Hamline @ St. Scholastica, 3:00pm
  - Macalester @ Northwestern, 4:00pm
- 4/11/2006 (Tuesday)
  - Hamline @ UW-River Falls, 4:00pm
  - Martin Luther @ St. Catherine, 4:00pm
  - Saint Mary's @ Saint Benedict, 4:00pm
- 4/12/2006 (Wednesday)
  - Concordia @ Gustavus, 4:00pm
  - Carleton @ Hamline, 4:00pm
  - St. Thomas @ St. Olaf, 4:00pm

**ST. KATE’S 2006 Season Stats**
- (not counting Friday’s games)
- Player: ERA  W  L  SV  IP  H  R  ER  BB  SO  HR  B/Avg
  - Player names with various statistics and percentages

**2006 MIAC Fastpitch Softball Standings**
- School: MIAC Pct. O’All Pct. Str
  - St. Thomas 8-0 1.00 23-1 958 W16
  - St. Mary’s 6-0 1.00 10-8 555 W7
  - Gustavus 5-1 .833 11-5 687 W5
  - St. Catherine 6-2 .750 11-10 .524 W4
  - Concordia 2-2 .500 7-9 .437 L1

**CONCORDIA 2006 Season Stats**
- Player: AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLG% OB% SB-AT
  - Player names with various statistics and percentages

**MIAC Schedule**
- 4/2006
  - Game dates and locations

**Opponent**
- Opponents: 3.34 10-9 57 162 61 136 47 111 3 126
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