GAME TIME: 4 p.m.

LAST YEAR: The two teams split their doubleheader last season in St. Joseph. The Cobbers blanked the Blazers 8-0 in the opener and then St. Ben's was able to come back and post a 2-1 victory in the second game. The story of the first game was pitcher Kesley Jones. Jones threw a complete-game shutout and struck out eight while only allowing two hits. She also did damage at the plate. She hit a first-inning grand slam to give CC a 5-0 lead after the first frame. CC would go on to score three more runs in the first five innings in a game that was called after the fifth due to the eight-run rule. Two of the final three runs came via the long ball. Laura Johnson and Sara Gruber also connected on home run shots. Gruber's leadoff shot in the fourth was her third of the season and Johnson went deep in the fifth to push the lead to eight. It was her second HR of the year.

Unfortunately for Concordia the run total would dry up in the second game. The Cobbers were blanked for the first six innings but thanks to Jones' stellar pitching day, CC had a chance to tie the game, and even win it in, the top of the seventh. Trailing 2-0 in their game 2. She allowed six hits and did not allow a runner past second base in the first six innings. Jillian Rigg was the offensive hero of the game as she went 2-for-3 with a home run and a double. Elle Borba pitched both games for the Blazers. She was especially tough in the nightcap. Borba did not allow an earned run in game 2. She allowed six hits and did not allow a runner past second base in the first six innings. Jillian Rigg was the offensive hero of the game as she went 2-for-3 with a home run and drove in both of the team’s runs.

SERIES: St. Ben’s leads 29-13-0

SERIES SYNOPSIS: Concordia has won three of the last four games in the series including a sweep in 2008. Before that stretch the Blazers had won three straight...the Cobbers are 7-12 against St. Ben’s at home since the 1990 season...the most runs scored by one team in a single game is 15. CSB scored 15 times in 1998 and won 15-2.

LAST DOUBLEHEADER RECAP
Concordia 11 at Bethel 5
Concordia 3 at Bethel 7
Concordia opened the MIAC season by splitting a pair of games at Bethel on Wednesday. The Cobbers cracked out 13 hits in the opener and claimed an 11-5 win but then in the second game they stranded eight runners and lost 7-3.

Concordia freshman first baseman Kaia Sele was the only CC player with more than one hit in each game. Sele was 3-for-5 in the opener and then a perfect 3-for-3 in the nightcap to finish at 6-for-8 for the day. She also scored four runs and drove in four runs. The first game was decided in the first two innings as the Cobbers scored four times in the first and added three more in the second. CC gave up five runs in the third but then shut the door on the Royal offense for the rest of the game. Concordia would tack on a single run in the sixth and three more in the seventh to finish the game with a six-run victory.

Kesley Jones went the distance in the circle for Concordia. She allowed only two earned runs and struck out four. After the five-run third frame, Jones did not give up a hit and did not have a base runner advance past first base.

The Cobbers had three players with three hits in the opener. Besides Sele, Maddie Haroldson went 3-for-4 and Joelle Link was 3-for-5. Haroldson had four RBI and had a pair of doubles while Link had 3 RBI. Becki Zimmerman had a pair of hits and drove in two runs.

In the second game, Concordia scored two runs in the top of the first but then watched as Bethel seized control of the game by scoring four in the bottom of the frame. CC got to within one at 4-3 when they scored a single run in the third but that would be as close as they would get. The Cobbers had two chances to tie the game in the fifth and sixth when they had runners in scoring position but were unable to come up with the clutch hit. The Royals then came up with three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth to finish the scoring and come up with the split.

Sele and Nikki Clouse were the only two Concordia players with more than one hit in the finale. Clouse was 2-for-3 and finished the day 3-for-5.

COBBER NOTES
Welcome to the home opener! The Cobbers finally get the chance to play at Jake Christiansen Athletic Complex after playing their first 19 games on the road. The first part of the season was especially tough for CC as they played several top NAIA programs in Florida and then returned home to play a pair of 2009 NCAA Tournament teams at the Augsburg Dome Invite. Since then the Cobbers have split their last two doubleheaders against UM-Morris and Bethel...after struggling to score runs in the first part of the year, Concordia has unleashed their offensive prowess in the last four games. The Cobbers scored 38 runs in the first four games against UM-M and have scored at least 10 runs twice...Maddie Haroldson leads the team in hitting in 2010. She is hitting .421 and has hit safely in four of the six games she has played in since joining the team after the hockey season...the Cobbers have four other players hitting above .300 and two of those are freshmen. Second baseman Nikki Clouse has a .323 average and has a three-game hitting streak entering today’s doubleheader. First baseman KaiaSele is hitting .309 and has five multiple-hit games...all told the Cobbers have nine first-year players on the roster and eight of those have started at least one game this year. CC starts four freshmen in their regular starting lineup...Kesley Jones, last year’s record-setting strikeout queen, has a 4.45 ERA and has struck out 32 batters in 55.0 IP.

BLAZER NOTES
St. Ben’s have not played since March 19. CSB won four of their first six games on their spring break trip to Orlando, Fla. Unfortunately they finished off their southern trek by losing four of their final five. St. Ben’s then dropped two games to St. Cloud St. in their only action since Florida...like CC, the CSB offense has struggled at times. In their five wins, they have scored an average of 7.2 runs. In their nine losses they are averaging just 2.8 runs. Junior Elle Borbo leads the team with a 2.44 ERA. However, Emma Alwin leads the team in wins (3). Alwin was a superstar for the Wayzata U-12 team that finished second in the state championship finals in 2003 for coach Corinn. Her team that year was hotter than Josh Hartnett.
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**2009 Results**

**FEBRUARY**
- 24 vs. Hanover (Ind.) W 7-5
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- 25 vs. Webber Int. (Mich.) L 1-5
- 25 vs. Hanover (Ind.) W 4-3
- 26 vs. Alma (Mich.) L 1-13
- 26 vs. Davenport (Mich.) L 5-6
- 27 vs. Lake Superior St. L 10-11
- 27 vs. Grove City L 2-6
- 28 vs. Davenport (Mich.) W 6-5
- 28 vs. Grand Valley St. L 0-2

**MARCH**
- 6 vs. Luther L 0-8/L 2-6
- 7 vs. UW-Stevens Point W 1-0/W 1-0

**APRIL**
- 8 at Augsburg L 3-4/L 1-4
- 10 at Hamline L 2-6/L 3-5
- 11 at St. Mary’s W 7-2/L 7-9
- 14 at Carleton L 2-10/W 11-0
- 16 ST. THOMAS L 0-12/L 6-12
- 18 at Macalester W 2-1/W 6-4
- 19 ST. OLAF W 2-0/L 1-4
- 22 GUSTAVUS L 3-4/L 0-9
- 25 at St. Benedict W 8-0/L 1-2
- 27 BETHEL L 3-5/W 3-2
- 28 ST. CATHERINE W 5-1/W 5-1

### 2010 Concordia Schedule

**FEBRUARY**
- 22 vs. Davenport L 0-8/L 0-14
- 23 vs. Goshen W 9-0/L 1-3
- 23 vs. Webber Int. L 3-5
- 24 vs. Webber Int. L 0-1/L 5-12
- 24 vs. Goshen L 0-6
- 25 vs. Goshen L 0-7
- 26 vs. UM-Dearborn L 2-21/W 12-4

**MARCH**
- 5 vs. Luther L 0-12/L 0-8
- 6 vs. UW-La Crosse L 0-11/L 3-15
- 27 at UM-Morris W 21-12/L 3-6

**APRIL**
- 7 at Bethel W 11-5/L 3-7
- 10 ST. BEN’S 4 p.m.
- 14 at Augsburg 1 p.m.
- 20 MACALESTER 4 p.m.
- 22 at St. Kate’s 4 p.m.
- 24 ST. MARY’S 1 p.m.
- 25 HAMILINE 1 p.m.
- 28 CARLETSON 4 p.m.

### Head Coach: Megan Johnson (Concordia ’02; 2nd Season)
Assistant Coach: Shantelle Nogowski (Concordia ’07; 2nd Season)

### Gameday Player Profile

**Name:** Becki Zimmerman #28  
**Sport:** Fastpitch Softball  
**Position:** Outfield  
**Year:** Senior  
**Hometown:** Chokio, MN  
**High School:** Chokio-Alberta H.S. ’06  
**Major:** Biology  

**Nickname:** Zim-Zim  
**Place I would most like to visit:** New Zealand  
**Favorite Food:** Homemade Bread  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Texas Roadhouse  
**Favorite TV show:** Anything on the Food Network  
**Favorite movies:** Mr. Brooks  
**Favorite music groups:** Tom Petty, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bob Marley  
**Favorite book:** Any psychological thriller by Patricia Cornwell  
**Favorite holiday:** 4th of July  
**One thing I can’t live without:** Chapstick  
**The three people I would most like to meet:** My great-grandma Boen, John Belushi and Laura Ingalls Wilder  
**Best class ever taken at Concordia:** Biology 411 and 412  
**The biggest influence on my softball career:** My dad  
**If I were to play another sport, it would be:** Gymnastics  
**The most unusual thing about me that the average person would not know:** I love leftovers  
**Before each game I:** Power nap on the bus  
**The summer I:** Will be working and hanging out with my friends for the last time in Moorhead  
**Favorite part of practice or game day:** Getting geared up during warm ups.  
**My favorite thing about Concordia fastpitch is:** Traveling with the team  
**If I was the president, the first thing I would do is:** Forgive all student loans.  
**Favorite coach Johnson quote:** “Don’t J-walk Zim.”
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## 2010 St. Benedict Schedule

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## 2010 St. Benedict Season Preview

The 2010 College of Saint Benedict softball team returns plenty of experience as they look to improve on their eighth place finish in the MIAC last season. CSB finished the 2009 season with a 9-13 record in the MIAC and a 13-21 record overall. The Blazers lost two key players to graduation, but they return seven starters and welcome back seniors Beth Hanson and Shannon Eveland, who both missed the 2009 season. Hanson has successfully recovered from offseason surgery, and Eveland studied abroad last spring. Both players will add depth to the CSB infield. Entering his 24th season as the head coach of the Blazers, Denny Johnson will rely on his ten upperclassmen to lead the team.

Sophomore pitcher Emma Alwin returns to lead the Blazers on the mound. As a first-year player, Alwin recorded seven wins and a 3.05 ERA while striking out 37 batters in 103.1 innings. Juniors Elle Borba and Laura Althoff give the staff 3 solid pitchers. Junior Carissa Hancock returns at the catcher position after starting 32 games last season.

In the infield, CSB will be led by junior middle infielders Devin Bowlin and Kristen Herges. Last season, Bowlin received All-MIAC honorable mention after batting .333 with 25 hits and 14 RBIs, while Herges batted .293 with 24 hits and 13 RBIs. The Blazers also return sophomore Lis Wieneke, who started 34 games at first base as a first-year player. Seniors Hanson and Eveland, both starters as sophomores, and sophomores Amy Mueller and Sierra Dooley will add depth to the Blazer infield.

Juniors Abby Richardson and Alyssa Kubesh will look to lead Blazers in the outfield after the loss of 2009 All-MIAC selection Jillian Rigg to graduation. Richardson is a strong defensive player in the outfield, and she added 19 hits and 16 runs on offense for CSB last season. Kubesh adds power to the Blazer lineup as she hit three homeruns last season and batted .286 with 28 hits and 11 RBIs. Juniors Kirsten Fasching, sophomore Kristi Schammel, and Hanson will compete for the final spot in the Blazer outfield.
UPCOMING GAMES

April 8 (Thursday)
St. Benedict @ Concordia 4 p.m.
Augsburg @ St. Thomas 4 p.m.
St. Catherine @ Gustavus 4 p.m.
Carleton @ Macalester 4 p.m.
St. Olaf @ St. Mary’s 4 p.m.
Bethel @ Hamline 4 p.m.

April 10 (Saturday)
St. Thomas @ Concordia 1 p.m.
Augsburg @ St. Benedict 1 p.m.
St. Mary’s @ Macalester 1 p.m.
St. Catherine @ Bethel 1 p.m.
Gustavus @ Hamline 1 p.m.
St. Olaf @ Carleton 1 p.m.

April 11 (Sunday)
St. Olaf @ St. Benedict 1 p.m.
UW-La Crosse @ St. Mary’s 1 p.m.

April 12 (Monday)
St. Catherine @ Carleton 4 p.m.

April 13 (Tuesday)
UW-River Falls @ Hamline 4 p.m.
St. Mary’s @ St. Thomas 4 p.m.

RECENT RESULTS

April 7 (Wednesday)
Concordia 11-3 @ Bethel 5-7
St. Mary’s 3-1 @ UW-Eau Claire 5-9
Macalester 2-1 @ Hamline 4-9
Augsburg 5-11 @ St. Catherine 0-4
Gustavus 3-12 @ St. Olaf 8-3
St. Thomas 6-7 @ Carleton 3-1

April 5 (Monday)
Bethany Lutheran 6-8 @ St. Olaf 9-9

April 3 (Saturday)
Macalester 3 vs. Washington Univ. 5
Macalester 5 vs. UW-Oshkosh 15

April 2 (Friday)
Macalester 4 vs. Graceland 8
Macalester 1 @ Grinnell 3

April 1 (Thursday)
Williams 2 vs. St. Thomas 11
Univ. of Redlands 6 vs. St. Thomas 3
Bethel 0-2 @ UW-River Falls 5-9
Gustavus 2-5 @ UW-La Crosse 0-2
Hamline 9-7 @ La Sierra 3-0
St. Catherine 7-0 @ Menlo 3-5