

# Concordia-Moorhead Women's Soccer 2006

## A Quick Look at Concordia-Moorhead

Name of School.....	Concordia College-Moorhead
Location.....	Moorhead, Minn.
Address.....	901 South 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Moorhead, MN 56562
Founded.....	1891
Enrollment.....	2814
President.....	Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur
Athletics Director.....	Dr. Larry Papenfuss
Senior Women's Administrator.....	Rachel Bergeson
Senior Men's Administrator.....	Bob Nick
Nickname.....	Cobbers
Colors.....	Maroon and Gold
Logo.....	The Chicago "C"
Song.....	"Stand Up and Cheer"
Stadium/Surface.....	Jake Christiansen Athletic Complex/Grass
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division III
Conference.....	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC)
Official Athletics Website.....	www.gocobbers.com

## History

First Year of Women's Soccer.....	1986
All-Time Record.....	170-214-13 (24 seasons)
All-Time MIAC Record.....	91-139-8
Years in Postseason Play.....	3
Last Postseason Appearance/Result.....	2005/1-0 OT Loss to Macalester in MIAC Tournament Final
All-Time Postseason Record.....	2-3
All-Time MIAC Playoff Tournament Record.....	2-3
Years in MIAC Tournament/Streak.....	3/3

## Women's Soccer Information

<b>2005 Record</b> .....	15-4-0
Home.....	9-2-0
Away.....	6-2-0
Neutral.....	0-0-0
<b>2005 MIAC Record</b> .....	9-2-0
Home.....	5-1-0
Away.....	4-1-0
<b>Lettermen Returning/Lost</b> .....	19/4
<b>Starters Returning/Lost</b> .....	10/1

### Top Returning Players:

<b>Morgan Bain</b> .....	2004 MIAC MVP; '04, '05 All-Region; 114 Career Pts.
<b>Amy Ravenhorst</b> .....	'04, '05 All-MIAC; 2 <sup>nd</sup> in assists (11) on team in '05
<b>Miriam Lombardozzi</b> .....	2005 All-MIAC; 3-year starter; central midfielder
<b>Betsy Olesen</b> .....	2004 All-MIAC; 3-year starter; central defender
<b>Jill Fancher</b> .....	2004 All-MIAC HM; 3-year starter; tough wing defender
<b>Suzy Grabko</b> .....	2003 All-MIAC; 21 assists in first three years

### Top Players Lost:

<b>Kelly Ping</b> .....	2005 All-MIAC; led the team in scoring in '05 (39 pts.)
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## 2006 Schedule

### SEPTEMBER

2	vs. UC-Santa Cruz at Claremont	Noon (CST)
3	vs. Carthage at U. of Redlands	10 a.m. (CST)
9	vs. Neb. Wesleyan at Gustavus	1 p.m.
10	vs. Grinnell (Iowa) at Gustavus	1 p.m.
12	ST. THOMAS	4 p.m.
18	at Gustavus	3 p.m.
19	at UW-Eau Claire	Noon
23	at St. Olaf	4 p.m.
27	HAMLIN	4 p.m.
30	at St. Mary's	Noon

### OCTOBER

4	at Carleton	4 p.m.
7	at Bethel	2 p.m.
10	AUGSBURG	4 p.m.
14	at Macalester	2 p.m.
21	at Univ. of Chicago	4 p.m.
23	at UW-LaCrosse	3 p.m.
25	ST. CATHERINE	4 p.m.
28	at St. Ben's	1 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

1	MIAC PLAYOFFS - Semifinal	TBA
4	MIAC PLAYOFFS - Final	TBA

## Women's Soccer Staff

Head Coach.....	Dan Weiler (WY-ler)
Alma Mater/Year.....	Moorhead State Univ./1996
Overall Career Record.....	44-29-3 (First 4 seasons)
Career Record.....	44-29-3
Overall MIAC Record.....	30-13-1
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### Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater/Years at Concordia)

<b>Matt Stucke</b> (University of Mary '04/1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Kelly Ping</b> (Concordia '06/1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Joe Larson</b> (Liberty '97/2 <sup>nd</sup> Season)



## 2006 Concordia-Moorhead Women's Soccer Preview

**The 2006 Preview:** Concordia women's soccer head coach Dan Weiler has carefully tended to his garden of top players for the past three years and is about to reap the rewards of a bountiful harvest. Weiler has carefully nurtured this year's senior class as they have earned three straight MIAC tournament appearances and participated in two consecutive conference championship games. Over the past two seasons, the Cobbers have recorded a 19-3 record in conference play and have compiled 28 overall victories during that stretch.

Weiler has meticulously planned for the 2006 season by fertilizing this year's seniors with three consecutive "Miracle Gro" classes. All the pruning and constant watering have the Cobbers bursting at the seams in 2006. The team returns 10 of the 11 starting players from last year when Concordia won a school-record 15 games and set the program record for fewest losses in a year (4). Add the fact that this year's seniors are 20-3-1 at home during their careers and you have a team that has learned how to win, have the right attitude and knows what it takes to succeed in the conference.

The only place left for the Cobbers to take their produce is to the national market. Weiler and his band of seniors have set their sights on the NCAA playoffs for 2006. They will try to become the first Concordia women's soccer team in the history of the school to advance to the national tournament.

The roots run deep for the '06 squad. The team's anchor, 2004 MIAC MVP Morgan Bain (Sr., Hugo, Minn./White Bear Lake, Minn.), returns to terrorize opposing teams' backlines. Bain has already busted the school record for goals in a career (50) and she now has the program mark for career points squarely in her cross hairs. Bain has 114 points entering her final season and needs 24 points to surpass Angie Tohm '97 as the school's all-time leading scorer.

Bain is only one component of the Cobber crop. Weiler returns All-MIAC players Amy Ravenhorst (Hollandale, Minn./Albert Lea HS), Miriam Lombardozzi (Billings, Mont./Billings Senior HS), Betsy Olesen (Bismarck, N.D.), Suzy Grabko (Fargo, N.D./Fargo North HS) and Jill Fancher (Burnsville, Minn.). All five players have earned conference postseason honors at some point during their careers and not coincidentally, all five – plus Bain – comprise the entire senior class. With leadership from the seniors who have backed up their talk with the walk on the field, the Cobber underclassmen have been able to learn the keys to success up close.

Joining the senior six as returning starters are juniors Andrea Purcell (Northfield, Minn.) and Darcy Swagger (Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley HS) and sophomores Chelsee McLaughlan (Blackfoot, Idaho) and goalkeeper Britt Reiersgord (Edina, Minn.). Purcell is a fast and talented wing defender who joins with Fancher as a pair of high-caliber defensive bookends. Swagger has steadily improved every season and now is a college experienced central midfielder. McLaughlan started 14 games last year as a freshman as the team's central defender and looks even better in early-season training sessions. Reiersgord started every game in goal last year and set the school record for most games and minutes played in a season. Her eight shutouts last year tied the school record for blankings in a year.

Despite her stellar freshman season, Reiersgord will be locked in the most hotly contested spot in the starting 11. That stems from the return of junior Ashley Liegakos (Maple Grove, Minn.) from a knee injury before the 2005 season. Like Reiersgord, Liegakos also shown in her freshman season. In 2004, she set the bar for shutouts with eight and the 0.81goals against average she posted in conference play is the second-best mark in program history. The competition should help each player achieve a new level of play and will help the Cobber defense during the long conference season.

The only vacated starting spot to fill is on the front-line. Last year Kelly Ping turned all the attention paid to Bain into a career season, leading the team in scoring with 39 points and earning MIAC All-Conference honors. Ping's control game was a perfect compliment to the breakaway prowess of Bain. Ping finished the year with an MIAC best 15 assists and the two combined to score 28 of the team's 50 goals.

The leading candidate to earn the role as Bain's sidekick in 2006 is junior Rachel Lewis (Lakeville, Minn.). Lewis was fourth on the team in scoring in 2005 and has scored 10 goals in her first two seasons in maroon and gold. Like Ping, Lewis possesses a game that compliments Bain's ability very well. She should be able to step into the line-up and not have the deadly Cobber offensive attack slow down.

Like a master gardener, Weiler brought in another high-quality freshman class to ensure that this year's crop will not be the last top harvest. Ten freshmen made this year's final roster. They join a sophomore class of 12 to form 22 of the team's 35 players on the squad. The 35 players on this year's team represent the most in program history.

All the numbers and quality point to the fact that the 2006 harvest could be the best in school history.

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## **Women's Soccer News and Notes**

### **Enough of Number 2**

Concordia was picked to finish second in the annual MIAC Coach's Preseason Poll. The Cobbers were right on the heels of top pick Macalester, garnering five of the 11 first-place votes. The Scots earned the other six top picks after winning the MIAC regular season and tournament titles in 2005.

### **2006 MIAC Preseason Women's Soccer Coach's Poll**

(First Place Votes in Parentheses)

1. Macalester (6)
2. Concordia (5)
3. St. Thomas
4. Saint Benedict
5. Augsburg
6. St. Olaf (1)
7. Saint Mary's
8. Gustavus
9. Carleton
10. Hamline
11. St. Catherine
12. Bethel

### **Leave No Doubt**

Last year the Cobbers came out on the short end of the national playoff stick. One of the deciding factors in the decision was the lack of in-region opponents for Concordia. Weiler solved that problem in 2006. The Cobbers will play one of the toughest regional schedules in the conference. Of their seven non-conference games, six are against Central Region opponents and the other is against a team that is ranked in the top 25 in the NSCAA preseason poll. Concordia will play WIAC schools UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse and also tangle with national power U of Chicago. Eau Claire is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the national preseason poll and Chicago slides in at No. 24. The other three in-region foes are Carthage (Wis.), Grinnell (Iowa) and Nebraska Wesleyan. Grinnell is the defending Midwest Conference champions and is picked to repeat in the preseason coach's poll. The lone non-Central Region opponent will be the Cobbers' opening day foe. Concordia will square off against No. 25 UC-Santa Cruz on Saturday, Sept. 2 in the University of Redlands (Calif.) tournament.

### **Home Grown**

Despite losing two games at home last year, Concordia has posted a healthy 20-3-1 record at "The Jake" in the past three seasons. That includes a 15-2 mark at home in conference regular-season play and a perfect 2-0 record in MIAC tournament action.

Unlike last season when the Cobbers played a whopping 11 games at home, Concordia faithful will only have four home games to root for the maroon and gold. The Cobbers will host St. Thomas in the home opener on Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. They also have games against Hamline, Augsburg and St. Kate's on the home slate. This year all Cobber home games will have live statistics broadcast on the web. Fans can go to the Cobber athletics website at: [www.gocobbers.com](http://www.gocobbers.com) and follow along with all the home action.

### **Roster Report**

The Cobbers have 35 players on their 2006 roster, the most in program history. The squad includes 10 freshmen and one other newcomer, making the 2006 recruiting class the second largest in women's soccer history. Of the 35 players, 24 are from Minnesota. Concordia headed west to make the biggest geographical change in their roster. The Cobbers have five players who hail from Montana. Of the remaining members, three are from North Dakota, while the other three are from Idaho, Colorado and Wisconsin.

Not only is this the largest team by sheer numbers, it is also one of the physically biggest. Concordia has 15 players listed at 5-7 or taller. The tallest players on the team are Betsy Olesen and Rachel Lewis (5-10). On the other side of the ledger, six players check in at 5-2, making them the shortest on the squad.

## 2006 CONCORDIA-MOORHEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
00	Ashley Liegakos	Jr.	GK	5-8	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove
0	Becky Shepherd	So.	GK	5-6	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville
01	Britt Reiersgard	So.	GK	5-8	Edina, Minn./Edina
02	Stacy Hansen	Jr.	F	5-2	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park
03	Andrea Flynn	So.	M	5-2	Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine
04	Chelsee McLaughlan	So.	D	5-5	Blackfoot, Idaho/Blackfoot
05	Maia Johnson	So.	M	5-4	Northfield, Minn./Northfield
06	Andrea Purcell	Jr.	D	5-5	Northfield, Minn./Northfield
07	Darcy Swagger	Jr.	M	5-6	Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley
08	Karen Wamsley	So.	M	5-4	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn
09	Kristen Pedraza	So.	D	5-2	Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson
10	Miriam Lombardozi	Sr.	M	5-2	Billings, Mont./Billings Senior
11	Mikenna Maroney	Fr.	D/M	5-2	Kalispell, Mont./Flathead
12	Rachel Johnson	So.	D	5-7	Moorhead, Minn./Moorhead
13	Amy Ravenhorst	Sr.	M	5-5	Hollandale, Minn./Albert Lea
14	Nicole Johnson	So.	D	5-8	Highlands Ranch, Colo./Highlands Ranch
15	Suzy Grabko	Sr.	M	5-9	Fargo, N.D./Fargo North
16	Betsy Olesen	Sr.	D	5-10	Bismarck, N.D./Bismarck
17	Liz Carey-Linsky	Jr.	D	5-9	Little Canada, Minn./Roseville
18	Megan Rice	Fr.	F	5-6	Kalispell, Mont./Flathead
19	Morgan Bain	Sr.	F	5-7	Hugo, Minn./White Bear Lake
20	Jenny McGuiggan	So.	F	5-3	Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley
21	Emily Willaert	Fr.	M	5-8	North Mankato, Minn./Mankato Loyola
22	Rachel Lewis	Jr.	M	5-10	Lakeville, Minn./Lakeville
23	Ellyn Roach	Jr.	M	5-7	Lakeville, Minn./Lakeville
24	Kayte McGuire	Fr.	M	5-4	Bozeman, Mont./Bozeman
25	Vanessa Kowalski	Fr.	F/M	5-7	Marshfield, Wis./Marshfield
26	Michelle Synhorst	So.	M	5-7	Fargo, N.D./Fargo South
27	Jill Fancher	Sr.	D	5-2	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville
28	Heather Weniger	So.	M	5-5	Eagan, Minn./Eagan
29	Danielle Anderst	Fr.	D	5-7	Sauk Rapids, Minn./Sauk Rapids-Rice
30	Stephanie Church	Fr.	F	5-7	Blaine, Minn./Blaine
31	Theresa Gill	Fr.	M	5-5	Kalispell, Mont./Flathead
32	Beth Sexton	Fr.	D	5-2	Baxter, Minn./Brainerd
35	Amelia Wright	Fr.	GK	5-6	Crookston, Minn./Crookston

### Coaching Staff:

**Head Coach – Dan Weiler** (Moorhead State Univ. '96; 5<sup>th</sup> Season – 44-29-3 first 4 seasons)

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

**Matt Stucke** (University of Mary '04/1<sup>st</sup> Year)

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