

# Comets 'slip' by Crusaders

by Mike Schumacher

In yet another episode of the Concordia College football team's quest for a conference title, the Comets slipped past the Maranatha Crusaders by a score of 23-15, before a drenched Homecoming crowd at Dunning Field in St. Paul. Paced by the excellent performances of halfbacks Jim Brown and Doug Jezwinski, and a defense which forced 6 turnovers, CSP ran its unbeaten conference record up to 3-0, and its overall season log to 3-1.

The contest was one of contrasts, not only weather-wise, but also performance-wise, as the Comets took advantage of the dry first half weather to spring to a 17-0 lead before halftime. Sid Phillips put the Comets on the board first, as he grabbed a deflected Bill Brooks pass on the second play of scrimmage and ran it in for a 65 yard touchdown.

In the second quarter, Bill Brooks scrambled 11 yards on a quarterback keeper, and Russ Schwichtenberg hit Joe LaBuda for the two point conversion, putting CSP ahead 14-0. Moments later, Tom Hardin kicked a 37 yard field goal and his team had a 17 point halftime lead.

CSP got off to a much slower start in the second half, as they seemed unable to move the ball on the now slippery turf. A fourth quarter touchdown by Mike Shellman off a blocked punt brought the Crusaders within striking distance, but Jezwinski's 53 yard TD put the game on ice, although a Crusader TD by Mark Goetsch did make the final score seem closer than the game actually was.

The explosive Comet offense again had a fine day as it ran up 368 yards in total offense. "Duke" Jezwinski led the CSP rushers with 135 yards on 20 carries while Jim Brown was close behind with 103 yards on 24 carries. Wide receiver Sid Phillips also had a good day as he accumulated 121 yards on 6 pass receptions.

But once more, the Comet defense was the deciding factor in the game. As they played a solid first half, the Comets were able to hold the Crusaders scoreless for three quarters of the game, until a late rally by the Crusaders made the score close. An impressive goal live stand late in the game should also be highlighted, as it was a key factor in helping the Comets preserve their victory. Freshman Kevin Wall was the defensive hero of the game, as 8 solo tackles, 2 assists, 2 fumble recoveries, and 1 interception led the Comets toward victory.



R. Schwichtenberg directs Comets during Maranatha Homecoming game.

## Soccer kicks off new season

by Kirk Lee

The Concordia Soccer Team is off to a strong start defending its National Championship. The Comets won the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) National Tournament last year.

The team, however, lost many players from its championship team and so had a lot of rebuilding to do during its soccer camp which was held during the two weeks prior to the beginning of school. Over half of the 25 players are new this year. The new team members have done a good job filling the holes left by last year's seniors and combined with the experienced leadership from the returning players, have enabled Coach Hendrickson to field a well balanced team.

The Comets opened their season against St. Olaf. Although they played well, they came away with a 0-3 loss. They bounced back quickly with a four game winning streak. They downed Golden Valley 3-1, St. Paul Bible 5-3, and North Central twice 6-1 and 3-0. They lost their conference opener to Pillsbury 4-2. The Concordia team then battled Mt. Senario in its Homecoming game. After a hard played game including an overtime period, the game ended in a 2-2 tie. This brings the Comet's record to 4-2-1.

The scoring attack has been spread among several people. Ali Abushagor, Mike Ebertz, Joel Schuessler, Dan Erdman, Gus Kiss, Ahmad Al-Dakan, Augustin Gueye and Dan Schmiel have all contributed goals. This is one of the best starts the Comets have had and they are looking forward to continuing their strong start and defending their National Title.

## VB fortunes at CSP.

by Tim Matzke

Though some of you may not be aware of it yet, we have an exciting volleyball team here at Concordia. They are a good group of girls who are putting in a lot of time and hard work into making the Comets a team to be reckoned with. At the same time they are also having a lot of fun.

The team has been having its ups and downs this season, particularly the junior varsity squad, but Coach Hollrah feels that continued work and determination will pay off when the wins and losses are tallied up at the end of the season. They have some tough competitors coming up yet this season, but I'm sure that they will be up and ready to challenge any of them.

There are also rumors afloat that the band will be playing for one of the three home games left in October. So all you sports fans come on over to the LMC on the 12th, the 24th, or the 30th and let's show the volleyball team that we are behind them all the way.

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