

Male Athlete of the Month

Jordan Halverson

By Adam Svien



Jordan Halverson is about to be the all-time tackle leader for The Concordia Golden Bears football team. A goal he set out to complete when he was just a freshman, “I remember looking up the records and telling myself that one day I will own the all-time tackle record.” As he gets closer to the goal, he admits “Being so close to the tackle record is surreal.” Jordan being an absolute force on the defense is only a part of who he is. Jordan

Halverson is definitely beating the odds and winning at life. His biggest inspirations are his mother, who had the difficult task of raising a boy into a man, all on her own and she got it done. “My mom is the strongest person I know.” Along with that Jordan’s brother whom was diagnosed with SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) serves as another great inspiration for Jordan “He is my hero. He doesn’t see his disease as a crutch. Even though he wakes up knowing he won’t be able to walk ever, he keeps on pursuing his dreams and never gives up.” Though faced with

adversity, Jordan continues to succeed in all facets of life with his mother and brother in his corner, and they have every right to be proud.

Graduating college is not an easy task even for those who have lived more fortunate lives, but Jordan has already graduated. He graduated last spring and got a degree in Physical/Heath education, and now attends graduates school in the Education Leadership Program. After this year, Jordan plans to follow names like Zach Moore and Tom Obarski and tackle the NFL.

Goals that like all others is achievable, as he continues to draw added interest from NFL scouts.

Jordan knows what he’s up against, he knows what he must do, and he has already achieved so much, however he also knows that there is work to be done, as he helps to lead the Concordia defense and shut down opposing offenses. If you get the opportunity to go watch a game, keep your eye out number 6; he will be the guy that’s always around the ball. Whether its applying pressure to the opposing QB, shutting down running lanes or dropping back into coverage, Jordan seems to always be in the right place at the right time, and there is nobody more deserving at a shot on an NFL roster.

On a more personal level, Jordan loves Marvel comics and enjoys watching the movies. Jordan said that if there was a movie to be made about him it would be called, “Anything is Possible” and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson would play him. Jordan is an excellent example to follow in life and Concordia is just waiting for the day he breaks the record. It will be an exciting time for all who share in the experience.

Female Athlete of the Month

Emma Gartner

By Tony Kohanek

Another month has gone by and that means it’s time for the next Female Athlete of the Month. October’s Female Athlete of the Month is a Emma Gartner, a senior majoring in exercise science. Emma was born on April 5th 1995, she was the middle child of her family. She had one older sister, Maggie, and one younger brother, Noah. Emma started play soccer around the age of six. In addition to soccer, she later picked-up basketball as another sport. It wasn’t until the age of nine when Emma started playing sports competitively by joining a traveling team. Emma continued with basketball, and soccer all the way through middle school.

In high school, Emma played soccer, ran for cross country, and joined her high school basketball team. In soccer, she received All-Conference honors for three years, All-State for two, team MVP her senior season, and helped her team make it to state every year. She was also involved in Spanish Honor’s Club, the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, student council, and Student Pride Club.

When it came to choosing a college, she wanted to move away from her home state. When coming to Concordia she liked the size of campus, and she loved her recruiting visit. Emma loved her first year here. As her freshman class was big, they were also close like family. In comparison to her high school soccer, Emma said that Concordia’s play is faster and more competitive. Besides the soccer aspect of Concordia, Emma loves the small class sizes, Concordia’s campus location, and

the fact that more connections can be made in the small school environment. Emma and the rest of Concordia’s soccer the team will be improving their goals and make a run into the playoffs.

