

# SPORTS

## Rocket League and Newcomer showcase

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**C**ONCORDIA SAINT PAUL'S Rocket League team is returning from last year with almost everyone returning for round two. Colin Warren, CoolSoldier078, Phung Khang, TigerDahlia, and David Voelker, PrelawDiamond, have all returned to the team. While the team lost Nordell Brooks, they gained newcomer Brett Mickelson, Nizzmo, who said, "I played with the guys all summer, and they had all the fundamentals down. They started working on mechanics and they've been solid all around. The first time I met them was a twos tournament hosted by CSP. After I got accepted, we all started playing, and I could see the progression in their gameplay and was impressed. As for what's ahead, I think it's pretty simple; we all just have to take that next step, both mechanically and fundamentally. But that just comes with play time and practice." That was in response to his first impression of the team as well as what he hopes happens in the future.



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Rocket league is a three-on-three car soccer game where the player is in a vehicle, and they pass around a ball attempting to score goals. There are boosts on the map as well as jump pads that a player can use to maneuver across the map to set up passes, shots, or

simply quick defenses for an enemy strike. The most interesting part about this game is how it was one of the first Indie titles to use cross gameplay. This means that people can play on any computer or gaming consoles together regardless of which console is being used.

It is an exciting time to be a CSP Bears Esport fan due to all the new talent coming in on the teams. From Overwatch, we have Angelina Srey, Tsukuran, Tyler Wade, Ty Champine, and Quiben Yang, Vibezz. These three have put in the work, with Srey and Yang becoming members of the starting line-up on the damage roll, and Wade being the new tank player on the team. They have certainly pulled their weight on such short notice. For Rocket League, Brett Mickelson has joined, and he is certainly putting in work throughout the season. For Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, Joseph Gonzalez, Benjamin Gillespie, Andrew Stroming, and Tyler Wade all joined the fray together. Interestingly, the majority of the members are

newcomers into the school and program. If you are someone who is interested in joining collegiate Esports, please reach out to Matthew Walker, Logan Hermes, or John Bode. These individuals will be able to give you more information on the program or send you to someone who can answer any and all of your questions.



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