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Women's Golf: A Fall Season Recap

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CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S GOLF team finished their 2018 fall season with numerous highlights and improvements from both the team and individual perspectives. The team finished top five in four of the five fall tournaments, marking Concordia as a serious contender for the upcoming spring season.

The Golden Bears had two of the top eleven golfers in the NSIC by scoring average in the fall, with senior Sophie Hill ranking seventh at 78.4 strokes per round and freshman Lexi Partington ranking eleventh at 79.4 strokes per round. The pair looks to lead the team again this spring.

Hill started off her fall season with back-to-back wins, finishing first at both the Tracy Lane Memorial Classic and the Golden Bear Classic. The great play didn't stop there for the senior as she added a third place finish at the NSIC Preview as well. Sophie Hill is currently the leader in program history in career strokes per round at 79.6.

Partington showed an impressive display by starting her collegiate golf career by leading the team with four top-ten finishes. Partington had between 75 and 83 strokes in each of her ten rounds played of the fall season, marking her as a consistent contributor to the team. The freshman also tied Hill with the best tournament score of the fall season, shooting a 151 at the Ramada Mustang Invite to finish 8th of 103 golfers.

Not far behind is Erika Olson, with a fall season average of 80.7 strokes per round. Olson had the lowest individual round last fall, shooting a 73 at the Central Region Preview. She also collected two top-ten finishes. Per Cole Schuessler, when asking Head Coach Taylor Ramirez about the sophomore, "Erika Olson is a great leader on and off the golf course. She has made a big impact on the program thus far, brings light to the team, and is very competitive."

Contributing this spring is also freshman Katelyn Baribeau, junior Heather Claussen, senior Sheridan McCoy, and sophomore Emma Robinson. McCoy, Claussen, and Baribeau had quality rounds last fall where they each improved in their play. Robinson was recovering from injury in the fall and looks to return this spring to contribute to lowering the team's score on the season. †

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CSP Softball Starts Off the Season Red Hot

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THE 2019 CONCORDIA SOFTBALL SEASON has been underway despite one of the snowiest winters in recent history. Despite the cold temperatures in St. Paul, the Golden Bears have been red hot on the field in the month of March. The Golden Bear softball team kicked off the month of March competing in the Spring Games in Clermont, Florida. The Golden Bears started the trip off hot with a flurry of runs outscoring Clarion (Pennsylvania) 13-1 in the second game of the tournament.

The Golden Bears continued their impressive play with wins over the University of the Sciences and Malone. The tournament was extremely fast paced as the Golden Bears played double headers on five consecutive days. During the spring trip, the Golden Bears outscored their opponents by a score of 62 to 22 during the ten games. The Golden Bears strung off an impressive five consecutive wins during the tournament to go 8-2 overall while in the Sunshine State. While the Bears record from the tournament was impressive, they dropped their final game in Florida in a nail biter to Seton Hill (PA) by a score of 6-4. Overall, the trip was extremely successful for the Golden Bears softball team.

Looking ahead, Concordia will travel to Emporia, Kansas for some regional action in the 2019 Emporia Classic. The Golden Bears will face off against some of the top teams in the MIAA starting off the trip playing Central Missouri, Washburn and host school Emporia State. The Golden Bears will then finish off the trip with a double header against Pittsburg State and Northeastern State before beginning conference play.

Currently the Golden Bears sit at 11-6 and will look to close out their non-conference schedule on a high note before jumping into Northern Sun play. The Golden Bears will then begin conference play with three consecutive road trips, playing a doubleheader against Minnesota State before traveling to central North Dakota to play Minot State and Mary. Concordia will then finally return home to play host to Upper Iowa in early April at Carlander Field in St. Paul.

The Golden Bears will look to continue their momentum from their early season success and make a push to the postseason. The team has an abundance of senior leadership as well as some talented underclassmen who will hopefully lead the Bears to make a run in the postseason. †

