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## **REDHAWKS SIGN CONCORDIA PITCHER AUSTIN VER STEEG TO 2021 ROSTER**

**FARGO, N.D.** – Former Concordia College baseball standout, Austin Ver Steeg, has signed a free agent contract with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks. He becomes the third Cobber to join the RedHawks since the start of the 2019 season.

Ver Steeg, a 2020 graduate of Concordia College, majored in hospital management and was a four-year varsity letterman for the Cobbers.

A native of, Glenwood, Minn., Ver Steeg became the ace of pitching staff the moment he stepped on campus. “Austin had an amazing college career and is the kind of rookie pitcher we look for to fill out a pitching staff.” said RedHawks manager Chris Coste, who also coached Ver Steeg at Concordia.

Ver Steeg made 23 starts in 27 appearances over his four-year career in the maroon and gold, compiling a career 2.14 ERA in 142.2 innings while recording 117 strikeouts over that time. He was named Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) All-Conference in 2018 and 2019.

The righty led the MIAC in ERA as a junior, recording a 1.41 earned runs average that season. His junior campaign was arguably his best season as a Cobber, making eight starts, striking out 43 in 44.2 innings of work while holding opponents to a .194 batting average against. Ver Steeg was also named ABCA Midwest All-region as a sophomore.

Ver Steeg joins 2019 Concordia graduates Cole Christensen and Alec Sames, as recent signees of the RedHawks.

Coste added “It’s not easy for a Division III player to succeed at this level, but this is what independent baseball is all about and we are excited to give Austin this chance to prove he belongs.”

2021 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RedHawks. Season Tickets and Flex Packs are on sale now. The 2021 schedule will be released as soon as it is available.

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