



## ***Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup***

CLASS OF 2002

Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup earned All-Conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball. She led the volleyball team to back-to-back conference championships in 2000 and 2001. She was a 4-year All-State pitcher and led her team to the state tournament all four years finishing second in 2002. That same year she was named the St. Paul Pioneer Press spring female athlete of the year and the Star Tribune's Metro Player of the Year.

At Concordia University in St. Paul, she was the 2003 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Rookie of the Year and 2-time Pitcher of the Year. She led Concordia on deep runs in the NCAA tournament 3 years as starting pitcher and became only the seventh player in NCAA history with 1000 career (1007) strikeouts. She had a school record 22 strikeouts against Southwest Minnesota State which is tied for second most strikeouts in a game in NCAA history. She was the co-female Athlete of the Year and Academic All American in 2005-2006. Kristen is married to Oliver Soukup and currently resides in Portales, New Mexico.

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