



**Lawrence University
(1-7, 1-7 MWC)
at
Ripon College
(6-3, 6-2 MWC)**

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Ingalls Field, Ripon, Wis.**

Radio/Audio Webcast

The game will be broadcast live in the Ripon, Wis., area on WRPN-FM 90.1 and on tape delay on WISS-AM 1100.

Video Webcast

The video webcast is available at: <http://www.midwestconference.tv/>.

The Series

Lawrence vs. Ripon is the oldest college football rivalry in the state of Wisconsin, and Ripon holds a 55-46-7 lead.

Ripon won the first meeting 24-6 back in 1893, and the series had been even until the last decade. Ripon has won nine straight in the rivalry, which is the longest winning streak by either team in the series.

Lawrence dominated the early years of the series, winning 15 of 21 games between 1901 and 1925.

The Vikings then put together another strong stretch of play between 1942 and 1956. Lawrence won 10 of 14 in that period.

Lawrence also dominated the series from the mid-1970s through the late 1980s. The Vikings won 11 of 15 games from 1974 through 1988.

Last Meeting

Ripon continued to have the upper hand in the state's oldest college football rivalry, as the Red Hawks beat Lawrence 42-14 in a Midwest Conference game Saturday at the Banta Bowl on Nov. 8, 2008.

Ripon, which has now won nine consecutive games in the series that began in 1893, led 28-0 at the half and rolled up 435

yards of offense to keep possession of the Doehling-Heselton Memorial Trophy. With 108 meetings in the books, Ripon holds a 55-46-7 lead in the series.

Lawrence got second-half touchdowns from Derek Micke and Craig Ebert. Ebert finished with game highs of 23 carries and 116 yards.

The Red Hawks got a 61-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-11 play on the opening series of the game to grab a 7-0 lead. Ben Garland caught the screen pass from Matthew Miller and went down the right sideline for the score just two minutes into the game.

Ripon made it 14-0 on its next drive when Josh Pasek completed a six-play, 65-yard drive with a 20-yard touchdown run.

Jon Larsen, who had 20 carries for 85 yards, made it 21-0 with a 2-yard scoring run early in the second quar-



Craig Ebert

2009 Lawrence University Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Fast Fact
Sept. 12	Monmouth	L, 56-3	Mike Gostisha records first career interception
Sept. 19	at St. Norbert	L, 45-3	Matt Frelich wins Special Teams Player of the Week honors
Sept. 26	at Grinnell	L, 42-0	Grinnell gets three TDs in six-minute span to pull away
Oct. 3	Illinois College	L, 35-19	Matt Frelich wins Defensive Player of the Week honors
Oct. 10	at Lake Forest	L, 28-14	Defense holds LFC to 2 yards rushing
Oct. 17	Knox (Fall Festival)	W, 17-13	Nate Nelson kickoff return for TD lifts Vikings to win
Oct. 24	at Beloit	L, 44-14	Nate Nelson tops 100 receiving yards
Oct. 31	Carroll	L, 26-3	Pioneers hit on three big plays to pull away
Nov. 7	at Ripon	1:00 p.m.	Ripon has won nine straight in state's oldest rivalry
Nov. 14	at Minnesota-Morris	1:00 p.m.	Craig Ebert runs for 123 yards and a TD in 2008 LU win

ter.

Ripon then got 37-yard touch-down pass from Miller to Ted Bartels with just 34 seconds left in the first half to go up 28-0.

A Josh Kraemer interception set up Ripon's first score of the second half. Kraemer returned the interception 22 yards to the Lawrence 29 before fumbling the ball out of bounds. Ripon scored four plays later on Andrew Fink's 7-yard scoring run to go up 35-0.

Lawrence finally got on the board behind reserve quarterback Max Granaroli. Seeing his first action of the season, Granaroli completed a short pass to Derek Micke, who raced down the left sideline 45 yards for a touchdown to cut lead to 35-7. Micke finished with six catches for 126 yards.

In a bizarre turn after the touch-down, Lawrence received two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and an offsides penalty and ended up kicking off from the 4-yard line. Lawrence nearly recovered a pooch kick, but Ripon took over at the Lawrence 28. The Red Hawks scored three plays later on Miller's 1-yard run.

Zack Hintz set up Lawrence's final score of the game with a 64-yard punt return to the Ripon 22-yard line. Ebert ripped off a 13-yard run on fourth-and-2 and scored on a 1-yard plunge on the next play.

Last Week

Carroll hit on three big plays to pull away from Lawrence last Saturday and posted a 26-3 Midwest Conference victory in the Banta Bowl.

Quarterback Chris Casper paced the Carroll offense by completing 11 of 17 passes for 263 yards and three touchdowns. Tim Nass caught six passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns for the Pioneers.

Quarterback Nick Maxam hit on 23 of 41 passes for 193 yards for the



Nick Maxam



Midwest Conference Standings

	MWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Monmouth	8	0	9	0
St. Norbert	7	1	8	1
Ripon	6	2	6	3
Illinois College	5	3	5	4
Beloit	4	4	5	4
Carroll	4	4	4	5
Grinnell	2	6	2	7
Lake Forest	2	6	2	7
Lawrence	1	7	1	7
Knox	1	7	1	8

Last Saturday's Results

Carroll 26, Lawrence 3
St. Norbert 44, Beloit 0
Knox 12, Lake Forest 7
Monmouth 44, Illinois College 17
Ripon 38, Grinnell 17

Saturday's Games

Lawrence at Ripon, 1:00 p.m.
Grinnell at Beloit, Noon
Lake Forest at Carroll, Noon
Monmouth at Knox, 1:00 p.m.
St. Norbert at Illinois College, 1:00 p.m.

Vikings.

Carroll led only 3-0 late in the first half when Casper hit Nass for a 42-yard touchdown pass that two Lawrence defenders had a chance at intercepting. After a Lawrence punt, the Pioneers struck quickly again before the half.

A key holding penalty on the Vikings kept the drive alive, and Carroll cashed in. Casper connected with Marty Mccarthy three plays later on a

40-yard touchdown pass that another Lawrence defender had a shot at intercepting.

Carroll took a 17-0 lead into the half.

Just two plays into the second half, Casper hit Nass on a rocket screen and Nass raced 76 yards for a touchdown and a 24-0 Carroll lead.

Carroll made it 26-0 when Nate Nelson's punt was blocked by Kyle Bonin at the Lawrence 5-yard line. Law-

rence's Brian Janssen recovered in the end zone to give Carroll the safety.

The Vikings got on the board when they moved 65 yards in 14 plays but settled for Cody Robel's 29-yard field goal with 4:59 left in the game. Nelson caught four passes on the drive for 44 yards. He finished the game with nine catches for 75 yards.

Lawrence's defensive line had another big game as the Vikings limited Carroll to only 75 yards rushing on 37 carries. Defensive ends Matt Frelich and Mike Gostisha had a game-high eight tackles apiece. Gostisha had 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Frelich added 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks.

The Coaches

Chris Howard (UW-Stevens Point 1983) is in his fifth season at Lawrence and has a record of 15-32 (.319). Ron Ernst (Nebraska Wesleyan 1980) is in his 19th season at Ripon and has a record of 124-60 (.674).



Chris Howard

Vikings Update

►The Lawrence run defense ran its streak of holding the opponent to less than 100 yards rushing to five with its performance against Carroll. The Pioneers were limited to 75 yards on 37 carries, an average of 2.0 yards per carry. Lawrence has now logged six games this season where it has held the opponent to less than 100 yards rushing. Lawrence gets its stiffest test against the run this season when it travels to league rushing leader Ripon on Saturday.



►Lawrence defensive ends both turned in great performances against Carroll. Senior Mike Gostisha (Appleton, Wis./East) had eight tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Senior Matt Frelich (Maribel, Wis./Denmark) had eight tackles, in-

Lawrence University Football Facts	
Location	Appleton, Wis.
Founded	1847
Enrollment	1,429
President	Jill Beck
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Midwest Conference
Nickname	Vikings
School Colors	Blue and White
Home Field	Banta Bowl (capacity 5,255)
Acting Director of Athletics	Mike Szkodzinski
First season of football	1893
Seasons of football	116
All-time overall record	487-408-29 (.543)
Midwest Conference record	257-255-13 (.502)
Midwest Conference titles	16
	1922, 1924, 1929, 1938, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1966, 1967, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1986
NCAA playoff appearances	1 (1981)

cluding 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks. Frelich is second on the team with 56 tackles and leads the team with 14.5 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks. Gostisha is third with 54 tackles and is second with 12.5 tackles for loss and second with 4.5 sacks.



Mike Gostisha

►Lawrence defenders picked up a season-high 7.0 sacks against Carroll. The previous best this season had been 6.0 against Lake Forest. Lawrence ranks first in the Midwest Conference with 24 sacks. Saturday's game pits strength against strength because Ripon has allowed a league-low seven sacks this season. Defensive end Matt Frelich (Maribel, Wis./Denmark) is second in the league at 0.88 sacks per game and defensive end Mike Gostisha (Appleton, Wis./East) is fifth at 0.75 sacks per



Matt Frelich

Howard vs. the MWC	
Head Coach Chris Howard's record against MWC teams	
Team	Record
Beloit	2-3
Carroll	2-3
Grinnell	2-3
Knox	3-2
Illinois College	2-3
Lake Forest	2-3
Monmouth	0-5
Ripon	0-4
St. Norbert	0-5

game. Frelich also ranks third with 1.81 tackles for loss per game.

►Senior quarterback Nick Maxam (Appleton, Wis./East) turned in season highs for completions and attempts in the loss to Carroll. Maxam hit on 23 of 41 passes for 193 yards.

►Freshman wide receiver Nate Nel-

son (Waupaca, Wis./Waupaca) caught a team season high nine passes against Carroll. Nelson now has 26 catches for 493 yards and three touchdowns. Nelson ranks eighth in the conference at 70.4 receiving yards per game.



Nate Nelson

►Lawrence now ranks seventh in the conference in total defense at 368.0 yards per game. The Vikings are 10th in total offense at 215.6 yards per contest.

Red Hawks Update

►Grinnell scored the first three points of the game last Saturday, but Ripon then reeled off the next 38 points and rolled to a 38-17 victory at Rosenbloom Field. Matthew Miller ran for five touchdowns and finished the day with 18 carries for 146 yards. Ripon piled up 489 yards rushing against the Pioneers.



►Ripon has the top two rushers in the league in sophomore running back T.J. Pierce and junior quarterback Matthew Miller. Pierce has 169 carries for 897 yards and leads the league at 99.7 yards per game. Miller has 145 carries for 775 yards and an average of 86.1 yards per game. Both Pierce and Miller are averaging 5.3 yards per carry.

►Ripon's ground game leads the conference in rushing offense at 290.2 yards per game. The Red Hawks average 5.3 yards per carry.

►Being able to run the ball effectively means lots of manageable third downs for Ripon. Ripon is second in the league in third-down conversions at 43.6 percent (58-133).

►Ripon is even better on fourth down. The Red Hawks lead the league in fourth-down conversions at a remarkable 64.7 percent (11-17).

►Ripon's ground game means the Red Hawks also control the clock. Ripon ranks first in the conference in time of possession at 33:17 per game.

►Quarterback Matthew Miller doesn't have to throw very much. He has completed 60 of 126 passes for 676 yards and four touchdowns. He also has two interceptions.

►The top receiver for Ripon is Craig Bednarek, who has 21 catches for 316 yards and four touchdowns.

►The Ripon defense ranks fourth in the conference in total defense at 315.0 yards per game.

►Ripon is especially strong against the run. The Red Hawks are second in the league in rushing defense, allowing only 99.3 yards per game.

►Senior linebacker Ryan Andersen leads the team in tackles and tackles for loss. Andersen has piled up 87 tackles and has 10.0 tackles for loss.

►Junior defensive lineman Kyle Roy is tops on the team with 4.0 sacks, and Andersen is second at 3.5.

►Senior defensive back Joe Faulds leads the team with three interceptions and is second with nine pass

breakups. Kurt Roeder is tops on the squad and in the conference with 17 breakups.

Doehling-Heselton Trophy

►The trophy the teams play for commemorates the rivalry between Lawrence head coach Bernie Heselton and long-time Ripon mentor Carl Doehling. Heselton was the Vikings' head coach from 1938-64 and Doehling coached the Redmen (as they were then known) from 1924-55. Heselton had the edge on Doehling, compiling a 10-6-1 record against Ripon from 1938-55.

►The trophy was donated in 1988 by Barb Doehling Doran, a 1945 Ripon graduate and the daughter of Carl Doehling. Since its inception, Ripon holds an 16-5 edge in the rivalry.

►The rivalry was at its zenith in the 1950s, when raids on the other campus the night before the game were common. One favorite prank was to paint a blue "L" or red "R" on buildings on the opposing campus. That's when things got a little out of hand and the administration of both schools stepped in. The team began playing for a silver-plated trophy called "The Old Paint Bucket" at that time. No one seems to know how long that continued or what has become of the trophy. It remains missing to this day.

►Lawrence vs. Ripon is one of 50 trophy games played at the NCAA Division III level and one of two games in the Midwest Conference. Knox and Monmouth have been playing for the Bronze Turkey since 1929 and they square off on Saturday as well.

2009 Lawrence University Football
Lawrence University Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2009)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	LU	OPP
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SCORING.....	73	289
Points Per Game.....	9.1	36.1
FIRST DOWNS.....	92	142
Rushing.....	35	47
Passing.....	43	82
Penalty.....	14	13
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	667	817
Yards gained rushing.....	938	1099
Yards lost rushing.....	271	282
Rushing Attempts.....	302	302
Average Per Rush.....	2.2	2.7
Average Per Game.....	83.4	102.1
TDs Rushing.....	2	9
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1058	2127
Att-Comp-Int.....	208-87-13	249-143-11
Average Per Pass.....	5.1	8.5
Average Per Catch.....	12.2	14.9
Average Per Game.....	132.2	265.9
TDs Passing.....	4	28
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1725	2944
Total Plays.....	510	551
Average Per Play.....	3.4	5.3
Average Per Game.....	215.6	368.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	43-672	20-367
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	14-35	25-209
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	11-47	13-235
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	15.6	18.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	2.5	8.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	4.3	18.1
FUMBLES-LOST.....	32-17	13-7
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	55-456	51-541
Average Per Game.....	57.0	67.6
PUNTS-YARDS.....	59-1945	43-1447
Average Per Punt.....	33.0	33.7
Net punt average.....	29.4	32.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	30:34	29:26
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	25/123	37/115
3rd-Down Pct.....	20%	32%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	6/21	7/21
4th-Down Pct.....	29%	33%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	24-179	17-98
MISC YARDS.....	0	79
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	9	40
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	4-6	3-5
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	5-7	38-38
ATTENDANCE.....	3662	4854
Games/Avg Per Game.....	4/916	4/1214

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Lawrence University.	0	24	26	23	- 73
Opponents.....	73	125	56	35	- 289

2009 Lawrence University Football
Lawrence University Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2009)
All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ben Hartman	8	49	292	4	288	5.9	0	27	36.0
JeremiahJohnson	8	64	188	30	158	2.5	1	19	19.8
Lucas Below	8	50	128	10	118	2.4	1	11	14.8
Jesse Peterson	7	29	80	11	69	2.4	0	11	9.9
Sam Ausloos	8	29	85	30	55	1.9	0	9	6.9
Nate Nelson	7	2	23	0	23	11.5	0	15	3.3
Kyle Gauthier	8	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	6	1.0
Jon Hope	5	5	9	3	6	1.2	0	6	1.2
Nick Thackston	8	2	6	2	4	2.0	0	6	0.5
Matt Hintz	7	21	48	46	2	0.1	0	9	0.3
Jon Bruehl	8	4	6	9	-3	-0.8	0	6	-0.4
Dan Behnke	4	2	0	7	-7	-3.5	0	0	-1.8
TEAM	4	2	0	9	-9	-4.5	0	0	-2.2
Nick Maxam	8	41	65	110	-45	-1.1	0	16	-5.6
Total.....	8	302	938	271	667	2.2	2	27	83.4
Opponents.....	8	302	1099	282	817	2.7	9	75	102.1

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Nick Maxam	8	86.19	137-63-10	46.0	776	3	59	97.0
Sam Ausloos	8	55.37	46-15-2	32.6	133	1	33	16.6
Matt Hintz	7	67.72	23-8-1	34.8	114	0	31	16.3
Kyle Gauthier	8	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
JeremiahJohnson	8	394.00	1-1-0	100.0	35	0	35	4.4
Total.....	8	78.40	208-87-13	41.8	1058	4	59	132.2
Opponents.....	8	157.46	249-143-11	57.4	2127	28	81	265.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Nate Nelson	7	26	493	19.0	3	59	70.4
Jon Bruehl	8	16	163	10.2	0	25	20.4
JeremiahJohnson	8	12	91	7.6	0	14	11.4
Matt Hintz	7	8	61	7.6	0	20	8.7
Troy McGilligan	7	6	69	11.5	0	20	9.9
Lucas Below	8	5	37	7.4	0	12	4.6
Nick Thackston	8	4	54	13.5	1	19	6.8
Brandon Olson	8	4	45	11.2	0	16	5.6
Josh Scheck	8	3	26	8.7	0	10	3.2
Ben Hartman	8	3	19	6.3	0	13	2.4
Total.....	8	87	1058	12.2	4	59	132.2
Opponents.....	8	143	2127	14.9	28	81	265.9

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wes Otte	5	16	3.2	0	14
Dan Behnke	3	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon Olson	3	17	5.7	0	14
Nate Nelson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Mike Gostisha	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Brian Janssen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	14	35	2.5	0	14
Opponents.....	25	209	8.4	0	18

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jeff Nichols	4	0	0.0	0	0
Kyle Gauthier	3	4	1.3	0	4
Brian Janssen	1	11	11.0	1	11
Jordan Burke	1	2	2.0	0	2
Matt Frelich	1	13	13.0	1	13
Mike Gostisha	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total.....	11	47	4.3	2	17
Opponents.....	13	235	18.1	2	79

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nate Nelson	17	362	21.3	1	73
Nick Thackston	9	118	13.1	0	28
Dan Behnke	6	106	17.7	0	33
JeremiahJohnson	6	53	8.8	0	13
Wes Otte	2	25	12.5	0	13
Greg Pater	1	0	0.0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sam Ausloos	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total.....	43	672	15.6	1	73
Opponents.....	20	367	18.4	0	37

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	3	79	26.3	1	45

2009 Lawrence University Football
Lawrence University Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2009)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
6 Greg Pater	8	35	24	59	9.5-22	1.5-4	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	
42 Matt Frelich	8	29	27	56	14.5-67	6.0-52	1-13	2	.	2-0	1	2	.	
31 Mike Gostisha	8	22	32	54	12.5-45	4.5-28	1-17	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Brian Janssen	8	26	21	47	6.0-22	1.0-12	1-11	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	
12 Jeff Nichols	8	29	12	41	4.5-30	4.0-29	4-0	1	.	.	1	1	.	
21 Kevin Penza	7	18	16	34	4.0-10	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52 Eric Follett	8	17	15	32	5.0-27	3.0-24	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
23 Jordan Burke	8	12	17	29	1.0-2	.	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.
71 Jeremy Reider	8	5	16	21	1.0-3	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33 Marvin Simelton	4	14	5	19	3.0-14	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Robbie Ulloa	8	9	10	19	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
8 Andy Frelich	7	15	2	17	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3 Kyle Gauthier	8	12	2	14	.	.	3-4	4	.	.	.	.	.
16 Wes Otte	7	12	1	13	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	
30 Matt Larsen	7	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Mats Jonsson	8	4	6	10	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 Jesse Simonsen	8	6	3	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
20 Ben Hartman	8	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
24 Evan Farnum	4	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Brian Dabbs	7	4	2	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55 Alex Schmitt	4	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 Jon Hope	5	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Alex Brewer	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Justin Barbour	6	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 John Buntrock	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Cody Robel	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Zach Kulig	3	2	1	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
36 Lucas Below	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Nick Thackston	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	4	2	.	2	2.0-14	2.0-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Jesse Peterson	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Luke Fickbohm	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Josh Scheck	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Sam Ausloos	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Matt Hintz	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 JeremiahJohnson	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Correy Torres	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78 John Oestreich	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Chris White	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72 Chris Schmidt	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 97	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Larry Mikrut	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	8	317	238	555	67-262	24-179	11-47	18	.	7-0	5	3	.	
Opponents.....	8	-	-	-	-	17-98	13-235	31	.	17-79	13	3	1	

2009 Game Recaps

September 12 Monmouth 56, Lawrence 3

Monmouth scored 35 points in a span of less than 11 minutes to turn a scoreless game



into a runaway over Lawrence at the Banta Bowl. The Scots posted a 56-3 victory in the Midwest Conference opener for both teams and the season opener for the Vikings.

Monmouth quarterback Alex Tanney had a big day, completing 23 of 31 passes for 321 yards and five touchdowns. Kyle Wantland caught three touchdown passes of 39, seven, and 15 yards for the Scots.

The game was scoreless late in the first quarter when Monmouth capped 61-yard drive with a 39-yard scoring pass from Tanney to Wantland for a 7-0 lead with 5:27 left in the opening quarter.

A Lawrence fumble set up Monmouth's next score when Steve Zidow threw an option pass to Wantland for a 14-0 lead with 3:55 left in the first quarter. After a Lawrence punt, Monmouth went 82 yards in 12 plays, with Clay Bricker running the final 23 yards for the touchdown.

A fumble on Lawrence's next play from scrimmage set up another Monmouth score. Tanney hit Wantland on a 15-yard pass for a 28-0 lead with 11:40 left in the first half. The Vikings again fumbled on the next play from scrimmage and Monmouth recovered at the Lawrence 33. Tanney connected with Matt Shepherd six plays later on a 25-yard pass for a 35-0 lead with 10:06 left in the half.

The Scots added two more scores and led 49-0 at the half.

Senior defensive end Mike Gostisha set up Lawrence's only points when he intercepted Keegan Jones' pass at the Monmouth 28 and returned it to the 17-yard line. Nick Hitch connected on a 24-yard field goal four plays later for his first collegiate points.

Brian Janssen paced the Lawrence defense with nine tackles, and Jeff Nichols and Matt Frelich had eight tackles apiece. Shane Reschke intercepted a pair of passes for Monmouth, which forced eight turnovers.

September 19 St. Norbert 45, Lawrence 3

St. Norbert jumped out to a 24-0 lead at the half and went on to a Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence at Minahan Stadium.



St. Norbert quarterback Rob Berger completed 16 of 25 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns to pace the Green Knights. He also was picked off by Lawrence cornerback Kyle Gauthier. Jeremy Gezella hauled in six passes, including two for touchdowns, for 157 yards for St. Norbert.

St. Norbert took its opening possession of the game and went 62 yards in eight plays, with John Weninger running the final nine yards for the score, to take a 7-0 lead. The Green Knights then marched 86 yards in eight plays to make it 14-0 late in the first quarter. Gezella caught a 14-yard touchdown pass to finish the drive.

The Vikings then drove deep into St. Norbert territory on its next possession but turned the ball over on downs at the St. Norbert 17. Matt Frelich then blocked a punt for the Vikings, and Lawrence took over at its own 44 but couldn't move the ball.

Berger and Gezella then connected on an 80-yard touchdown pass to put the Green Knights up 21-0 late in the first half.

Lawrence got on the board late in the third quarter when Cody Robel connected on a 25-yard field goal for his first collegiate points. The 11-play, 63-yard drive was highlighted by a 16-yard catch by Brandon Olson and a 19-yard run by Ben Hartman.

St. Norbert came right back when Berger hit Logan Krueger on a 48-yard

scoring pass to go up 31-3. The Green Knights also got a 29-yard fumble recovery by Mike Lunde for a touchdown, and a four-yard scoring run by Joey Kobs.

September 26 Grinnell 42, Lawrence 0

Grinnell scored three touchdowns in a period of just over six minutes in the second quarter



to pull away and went on to a Midwest Conference win over Lawrence at Rosenbloom Field.

Grinnell quarterback Mike Bogard completed 25 of 35 passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Bogard also ran for eight times for 55 yards and a pair of scores.

Grinnell opened the scoring on Bogard's six-yard pass to Robert Seer with two seconds left in the first quarter. The Pioneers then took advantage of a short field for their next two scores.

A failed fake punt gave Grinnell the ball at the Lawrence 35, and the Pioneers scored four plays later on Bogard's 26 yard run with 7:51 left in the half. A shanked punt on Lawrence's next possession gave the Pioneers the ball at the Lawrence 24.

Bogard scored on a one-yard run eight plays later for a 21-0 Grinnell lead. The Pioneers then drove 66 yards in five plays on their next possession, with Bogard hitting Seer on a 22-yard scoring pass with 1:31 left in the half to finish the scoring outburst.

Grinnell added a touchdown late in the third quarter and got another score early in the fourth to complete the scoring.

Ben Hartman led Lawrence's offensive attack with 11 carries for 55 yards. Nate Nelson grabbed four passes for 66 yards to pace the receivers. Three Lawrence quarterbacks completed a combined 8 of 24 passes for 114 yards.

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October 3

Illinois College 35, Lawrence 19

Illinois College jumped out to a three-touchdown lead and then needed a goal-line stand to regain the momentum and hold on for a Midwest Conference win at Lawrence in the Banta Bowl.

Quarterback Mitch Niekamp paced the pass-happy Illinois College offense by completing 23 of 50 passes for 357 yards and five touchdowns, but he also threw three interceptions.

An aggressive Lawrence defense was paced by the trio of defensive ends Matt Frelich and Mike Gostisha and linebacker Greg Pater. Frelich had his first career interception, which he returned 13 yards for a touchdown. Frelich had eight tackles, including three tackles for loss and two sacks. He forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and had two pass breakups. Pater recorded a career-high 14 tackles, and Gostisha had four tackles, including 2.5 for loss and 2.0 sacks.

The Blueboys jumped out to a 21-0 lead with Niekamp throwing scoring passes of 23, 19 and 13 yards. Lawrence (0-4, 0-4) battled back with a long scoring drive to post its first touchdown of the season. The Vikings started at their own 4-yard line but got out of the hole when quarterback Nick Maxam connected with Nate Nelson on a 44-yard pass. A roughing-the-passer penalty was tacked on and Lawrence had a first down at the IC 32.

Lawrence got a first down at the IC 1 when Troy McGilligan hauled in a 20-yard pass from Maxam. Lucas Below scored his first career touchdown on the next play and Lawrence cut the lead to 21-7 with 6:19 left in the first half.

The Blueboys led 28-7 at the half, but Lawrence's Jordan Burke intercepted Niekamp at the Lawrence 34-yard line on the first possession of the second half. Maxam hit Nelson, who



caught five passes for 141 yards, for 34 yards to the IC 32. Ben Hartman then ripped off a 27-yard run to give Lawrence first-and-goal at the 5. The Vikings faced a fourth down at the 1, but Maxam was stopped short and IC took over on downs.

The Blueboys drove all the way to the Lawrence 24 before the defense stiffened and turned the ball over on downs. The Vikings again drove deep into IC territory, but the Blueboys stopped Jeremiah Johnson short on a fourth-down play and took over at their their own 13.

Two plays later, Frelich intercepted Niekamp and raced 13 yards for his first career touchdown to cut the lead to 28-13 with 3:41 left in the third quarter.

Niekamp finished the scoring for IC with a 37-yard scoring pass to Brock Thompson with 10:54 left in the game for a 35-13 lead. Nelson countered for Lawrence when he caught a pass from Maxam, shook a couple of tacklers and raced 59 yards for a score to trim the margin to 35-19.

Maxam finished 11 of 28 for 197 yards.

October 10

Lake Forest 28, Lawrence 14

Lawrence won the statistical battle at Farwell Field, but six turnovers doomed the Vikings in a Midwest Conference loss to Lake Forest.

The Vikings had only 218 yards of offense, but Lawrence limited Lake Forest to only 175 yards on the day. Lawrence's defense, which forced four turnovers itself, also gave up only two rushing yards on 32 carries for the Foresters.

Both teams got on the board courtesy of their defenses in the first half.

Lawrence quarterback Nick Maxam's first pass of the day was intercepted by Tanner Compton and re-



turned 27 yards for a touchdown to give Lake Forest a 7-0 lead. Brian Jansen countered for Lawrence when he intercepted Geoff Sobey at the Lake Forest 11-yard line and returned it for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 early in the second quarter.

Sam Ausloos was then intercepted by Will Christensen and he returned it to the Lawrence 35. Sobey hit Brock Stenberg with a 9-yard scoring pass four plays later give Lake Forest a 14-7 lead late in the first half.

A fumbled punt return midway through the third quarter set up Lake Forest's third touchdown. Kevin Davis recovered the fumble at the Lawrence 12-yard line, and Sobey found Dan Carter on a 12-yard scoring pass three plays later to put the Foresters up 21-7.

Another Lawrence fumble late in the third quarter was recovered by Hamid Khan at the Lawrence 33-yard line. Sobey, who was 12 of 31 passing for 173 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions, hit Pat Jarvis with a 31-yard scoring pass two plays later and Lake Forest led 28-7.

The Vikings put together a solid drive early in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 28-14. Lawrence moved 46 yards in six plays, with Maxam connecting with Nick Thackston on a 19-yard scoring pass with 7:48 left in the game.

That was as close as the Vikings would get. Lawrence drove to the Lake Forest 4-yard line but ran out of time before it could post another score.

Maxam finished the game 9 of 21 for 123 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Ben Hartman had a solid game on the ground with 11 carries for 46 yards.

Jeff Nichols led the Lawrence defense with six tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, an interception and a forced fumble. Mike Gostisha had a team-high 9 tackles for Lawrence, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack. Eric Follett, Greg Pater, Bri-

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an Janssen, Matt Frelich and Jeremy Reider all had a sack for the Vikings. Kyle Gauthier also got his second interception of the season for Lawrence.

October 17

Lawrence 17, Knox 13

Freshman Nate Nelson's 73-yard kickoff return for a touchdown late in the third quarter proved to be the difference as Lawrence posted a Midwest Conference win over Knox in the Banta Bowl.



Playing in front of a homecoming crowd, Nelson caught Sam Frank's kickoff at the Lawrence 27, went up the middle, cut left and raced untouched to the end zone to give Lawrence a 15-13 lead with 3:23 left in the third quarter. Nelson also caught the 2-point conversion pass to put the Vikings up 17-13.

It was Lawrence's first kickoff return for a touchdown since Derek Micke went 85 yards for a score against Beloit College on Oct. 20, 2007.

The Lawrence defense did the rest, stopping Knox on its final three possessions of the game. The Lawrence defense held Knox to 196 total yards, marking the second consecutive week the Vikings held the opposition to less than 200 yards.

Defensive end Matt Frelich and linebacker Greg Pater paced the Lawrence defense with 10 tackles apiece. Frelich also had a game-high 3.5 tackles for loss.

Knox got on the board first with help of a Lawrence turnover. A bad pitch was recovered by Aaron Juarez at the Lawrence 40 midway through the first quarter. Knox moved to the Lawrence 2, but Tighe Burke was stuffed on a third-down play. Burke got the ball on fourth down and pushed over the goal line for a 7-0 Knox lead.

Lawrence cut into that lead early in the second quarter after starting a drive at its own 15-yard line. Ben

Hartman ripped off runs of 22 and 10 yards and Nelson caught passes of 19 and 13 yards to set up a first down at the Knox 13. The drive stalled there and Cody Robel connected on a 25-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3.

Lawrence then took the lead midway through the third quarter. A key holding penalty gave Lawrence a first down at its own 45 and Jeremiah Johnson then ripped off a 19-yard run. Quarterback Nick Maxam then hit Matt Hintz on consecutive pass plays to give Lawrence a first down at the Knox 5. Johnson rumbled in for the touchdown on the next play, and Lawrence led 9-7 after Robel's extra point hit the upright.

Knox took the ensuing kickoff and moved 63 yards in eight plays for a touchdown and a 13-9 lead. Quarterback Mike Pinter hit Brent Newman on an 18-yard scoring pass to cap the drive. Pinter's was stopped short of the goal line on a 2-point conversion run.

That's when Nelson stepped in with the big kickoff return to give Lawrence the lead for good.

Knox moved to the Lawrence 36 on its next possession before the defense stiffened and forced a short punt. On the next possession, the Prairie Fire went three-and-out, and Jeff Nichols intercepted his league-leading fourth pass of the season to stop the final Knox drive. Lawrence then held the ball for the final 5:43, driving all the way to the Knox 1 before time ran out.

The Vikings got a great first half running the ball from sophomore Ben Hartman. He carried the ball nine times for 86 yards before being sidelined by an injury. Maxam also had a solid game, completing 10 of 17 passes for 141 yards.

The win snapped a 15-game conference losing streak for the Vikings. Lawrence, which won its homecoming game for the fourth time in head coach Chris Howard's five seasons, hadn't won a conference game since

beating Carroll University 27-14 on Oct. 27, 2007.

October 17

Beloit 44, Lawrence 14

Beloit pulled away early with some big plays and went on to a Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence at Strong Stadium.



The Bucs got an 81-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and a 75-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to build a 17-0 lead. Beloit would lead 31-7 at the half and got a 55-yard scoring pass and a 79-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second half.

Brian Maughn completed 18 of 31 passes for 305 yards and four touchdowns to pace the Beloit attack. Cody Large ran 10 times for 93 yards to lead Beloit's ground game.

Beloit led 3-0 when Julian Ross hauled in the 81-yard scoring pass from Maughn to give the Bucs a 10-0 lead. Large then went 75 yards just 27 seconds into the second quarter to put the Bucs up 17-0.

Freshman wide receiver Nate Nelson had another big game for the Vikings. He capped an eight-play, 51-yard drive by catching a 22-yard scoring pass from Sam Ausloos with 11:13 left in the first half to cut the lead to 17-7. Nelson finished with three catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bucs countered with a pair of short scoring drives of 45 and 46 yards in the second quarter. Ross caught an 8-yard scoring pass, and Derek Carrier grabbed a 20-yard scoring pass to give Beloit a 31-7 lead at the break.

Ross also caught a 55-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter, and Vince Salucci had a 79-yard interception return for a touchdown with 29 seconds left in the third quarter.

Nelson finished the scoring when he caught a 54-yard touchdown pass

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from Nick Maxam just 16 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Senior defensive end Matt Frelich had another big game for the Vikings. He finished with a game-high 10 tackles. He had three tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks and recovered a fumble.

October 31

Carroll 26, Lawrence 3

Carroll hit on three big plays to pull away from Lawrence and posted a Midwest Conference victory in the Banta Bowl.



Quarterback Chris Casper paced the Carroll offense by completing 11 of 17 passes for 263 yards and three touchdowns. Tim Nass caught six passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns for the Pioneers.

Quarterback Nick Maxam hit on 23 of 41 passes for 193 yards for the Vikings.

Carroll led only 3-0 late in the first half when Casper hit Nass for a 42-yard touchdown pass that two Lawrence defenders had a chance at intercepting. After a Lawrence punt, the Pioneers struck quickly again before the half.

A key holding penalty on the Vikings kept the drive alive, and Carroll cashed in. Casper connected with Marty Mccarthy three plays later on a 40-yard touchdown pass that another Lawrence defender had a shot at intercepting.

Carroll took a 17-0 lead into the half.

Just two plays into the second half, Casper hit Nass on a rocket screen and Nass raced 76 yards for a touchdown and a 24-0 Carroll lead.

Carroll made it 26-0 when Nate Nelson's punt was blocked by Kyle Bonin at the Lawrence 5-yard line. Lawrence's Brian Janssen recovered in the end zone to give Carroll the safety.

The Vikings got on the board when they moved 65 yards in 14 plays but settled for Cody Robel's 29-yard

field goal with 4:59 left in the game. Nelson caught four passes on the drive for 44 yards. He finished the game with nine catches for 75 yards.

Lawrence's defensive line had another big game as the Vikings limited Carroll to only 75 yards rushing on 37 carries. Defensive ends Matt Frelich and Mike Gostisha had a game-high eight tackles apiece. Gostisha had 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Frelich added 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks.