



Lawrence University (5-8, 3-5 MWC)

vs.

Cornell College (3-11, 2-7 MWC)

Saturday, Jan. 17, 5:00 p.m.

Alexander Gymnasium, Appleton, Wis.



2014-15 LAWRENCE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/15	Dominican (Ill.)	W, 66-49
11/18	at Wisconsin Luth.	W, 68-65
11/22	Ripon	L, 89-79 OT
12/3	Beloit	W, 64-53 OT
12/6	at Illinois College	W, 87-59
12/9	at Lake Forest	L, 79-70
12/13	UW-Stevens Point	L, 60-49
12/17-18 Wisconsin Dells Classic		
12/17	vs. Grand View	L, 71-63
12/18	vs. Viterbo	L, 74-55
1/3	at Grinnell	L, 126-116
1/7	St. Norbert	L, 81-72
1/10	at Monmouth	L, 74-57
1/13	Carroll	W, 69-62
1/17	Cornell	5:00 pm
1/21	at Ripon	7:30 pm
1/24	at Knox	3:00 pm
1/27	Lake Forest	7:30 pm
1/31	Knox	3:00 pm
2/4	at St. Norbert	7:30 pm
2/7	Illinois College	3:00 pm
2/10	at Beloit	7:30 pm
2/18	at Carroll	7:30 pm
2/21	Monmouth	3:00 pm
2/27-28	MWC Tournament	TBA

Home games in bold

PROBABLE STARTERS



Lawrence

Forward	Trace Sonnleitner	Jr.	6-5
Forward	Andrew Borresen	Sr.	6-3
Guard	Ryan DePouw	Sr.	6-3
Guard	Jamie Nikitas	Jr.	6-0
Guard	Troy Miller	Jr.	6-0



Cornell

Forward	Brad Hund	Fr.	6-6
Forward	Nick Bobb	Sr.	6-7
Guard	Jessie Spearman	Fr.	6-0
Guard	Tabari Carter	Jr.	6-0
Guard	Corey Davis	Fr.	6-1

SCHEDULE

▶Lawrence hosts Cornell in a 5 p.m. Midwest Conference game on Saturday at Alexander Gymnasium.

▶The men's alumni basketball game also will be contested on Saturday. That game is set for 11 a.m. at Alexander Gymnasium.

VIDEO WEBCAST

▶The game has a free video webcast at: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/lawrence/> with Dick Knapinski and Anthony Totoraitis on the call. A link for Lawrence webcasts is on the Lawrence basketball page.

THE COACHES

▶Joel DePagter (Lawrence 1998), the 1997 Midwest Conference Player of the Year and 2009 Midwest Conference Coach of the Year, is in his eighth season at Lawrence and has a record of 102-75 (.576).

▶Chad Murray (Chapman 1998) is in his sixth season at Cornell and has a record of 46-90 (.338).

THE SERIES

▶In a series that stretches back to 1924, Cornell holds a 59-29 advantage. The teams didn't meet for 13 seasons, most of those during the years the Rams were in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, before restarting the rivalry in 2008. Since then, Lawrence has won four of six games.

LAST GAME

Lawrence turned back a Carroll rally on Tuesday and posted a 69-62 Midwest Conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.

Jamie Nikitas scored 18 points, including two on a clutch jumper in the final minute, and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Vikings. Jeremy Stephani came off the bench to add 15 points for Lawrence.

Bryan Nagy had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Carroll. Kyle Keranen scored a team-best 18 points for the Pioneers.

Lawrence led 30-26 at the half but stretched that lead early in the second half. The Vikings scored eight con-

secutive points, including 3-pointers from Stephani and Trace Sonnleitner, to push the lead to 46-32 with 13:49 left.

Carroll responded with a 12-2 run, capped by a pair of Marcus Johnson free throws, to cut the lead to 48-44 with 9:37 left. The Pioneers kept reeling the Vikings in, and finally grabbed the lead at 61-59 on a pair of Keranen free throws with 2:15 remaining.

The Vikings broke Carroll's press on the next possession and got a dunk from Mitch Willer, who picked up six points, five rebounds and three blocks, to tie the game at 61-61.

After a Keranen miss, Willer was fouled and knocked down a pair of free throws to give Lawrence a 63-61 lead. Johnson then missed a contested layup, and Nikitas hit a 17-foot fadeaway jumper with the shot clock running out to put the Vikings up 65-61 with 38 seconds left.

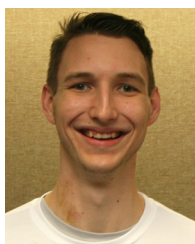
Keranen was fouled on the next possession and hit one free throw to cut the lead to 65-62, but the Vikings hit four consecutive free throws in the final 20 seconds to seal the victory.

Sonnleitner added 11 points and five rebounds for the Vikings before fouling out, and Ryan DePouw chipped in with 10 points.

VIKINGS UPDATE

►Lawrence snapped a tough seven-game losing streak with a stirring win over Carroll on Tuesday. The Vikings made a number of big plays down the stretch to stop Carroll, and the encouraging thing for Lawrence is the plays made by younger players.

►Sophomore forward Mitch Willer (Sussex, Wis./Sussex Hamilton) played 19 minutes in the win over Carroll, including all the time down the stretch when Trace Sonnleit-



Mitch Willer



MWC Standings

	MWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
St. Norbert	8	0	12	1
Monmouth	7	1	10	3
Ripon	7	2	10	4
Grinnell	5	3	7	6
Carroll	4	4	7	6
Lake Forest	5	5	6	8
Lawrence	3	5	5	8
Beloit	3	5	4	9
Knox	2	6	4	9
Cornell	2	7	3	11
Illinois College	0	8	1	12

Game Thursday

Beloit at Monmouth

Games Saturday

Cornell at Lawrence

Grinnell at Carroll

Knox at St. Norbert

Ripon at Monmouth

Illinois College at Beloit

Games Wednesday

Lawrence at Ripon

Lake Forest at Beloit

Grinnell at Cornell

St. Norbert at Carroll

Knox at Illinois College

er (Appleton, Wis./North) fouled out. Willer had six points, five rebounds and three blocks. He had a big dunk and added a pair of key free throws in the final minutes.

►Sophomore guard Connor Weas (Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay) hit a huge 3-pointer late in the second half against Carroll for his only points of the game and is coming off a career-high 10 points against Monmouth on Jan. 10.

DEPAGTER'S RECORD

Lawrence head coach Joel DePagter is in his eighth season as the Vikings' coach. He is the only person in Midwest Conference history to be named both Player of the Year (1997) and Coach of the Year (2009).



Overall Record	102-75
Home	53-28
Away	46-39
Neutral	3-8

Midwest Conference Record	78-49
Home	43-23
Away	36-28

Nonconference Record	24-26
Home	11-5
Away	10-13
Neutral	3-8

DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	10-3
Carroll	9-8
Cornell	4-2
Grinnell	5-9
Illinois College	12-2
Knox	12-1
Lake Forest	8-4
Monmouth	12-1
Ripon	6-9
St. Norbert	5-11

DePagter vs. Nonconference Opponents

Ashford	0-1
Cal Lutheran	0-1
Caltech	1-0
Coe	1-1
Concordia (Ill.)	1-0
Dominican (Ill.)	2-0
Elmhurst	0-2
Florida College	1-0
Grand View	0-1
Johnson and Wales (Fla.)	1-0
Lakeland	1-0
Manchester	0-1
Marian	2-2
Mount St. Vincent	1-0
Nova Southeastern	1-0
St. Mary's (Md.)	0-1
Southeastern (Fla.)	0-1
Trinity (Fla.)	1-0
Viterbo	0-1
Washington (Mo.)	0-1
Wheaton (Ill.)	0-1
Wisconsin Lutheran	4-0
UW-Oshkosh	1-3
UW-Stevens Point	1-7
UW-Whitewater	0-1

►Freshman guard Jeremy Stephani (Arlington Heights, Ill./Wheeling) picked up 15 points against Carroll four his fourth double-figure scoring game in the Vikings' last six



Jeremy Stephani

games. Stephani improved his scoring average to 9.2 points per game. He is Lawrence's top scorer off the bench.

►Junior guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) is tops in the Midwest Conference in rebounding at 9.7 per contest. He also leads the Vikings in scoring and is sixth in the league at 16.8 points per game.

►Sonnleitner (Appleton, Wis./North) and senior guard Ryan DePouw (Oconto, Wis./Oconto) also are both averaging double figures in points. Sonnleitner is at 14.3 points per game, and DePouw is at 13.0. DePouw also leads the team and ranks ninth in the league at 3.1 assists per game.

►The Vikings have a host of players that are bunched together as their top 3-point shooters. Junior guard Troy Miller (Lake In The Hills, Ill./Huntley) is at 2.1 3-pointers per game and Sonnleitner and Stephani are both at 2.0 3-pointers per contest. Senior forward Andrew Borresen (West Bend, Wis./Living Word Lutheran) ranks second in the league in 3-point shooting at 51.7 percent (15-for-29).

►Lawrence ranks first in the Midwest Conference among schools not called Grinnell at 9.9 3-pointers made per game.

►Borresen injured his shoulder late in the game against Carroll, but he is expected to play against Cornell on Saturday.

►Lawrence ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 70.5 points per game, and the Vikings are fifth in scoring defense at 72.3

Lawrence University Basketball Facts	
Location	Appleton, Wis.
Founded	1847
Enrollment	1,450
President	Mark Burstein
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Midwest Conference
Nickname	Vikings
School Colors	Blue and White
Home Arena	Alexander Gymnasium (1929, capacity 1,100)
Director of Athletics	Mike Szkodzinski
First season of basketball	1896
Seasons of basketball	111
All-time record	957-1055-1 (.476)
Midwest Conference titles	8 1924-25, 1942-43, 1996-97, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09
MWC Tournament titles	6 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009
NCAA Tournament appearances	6 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009

points per contest.

►Lawrence ranks second in the league in field goal percentage defense at 44.3 percent, and the Vikings are shooting 43.3 percent, which is ninth.

►Lawrence ranks fourth in 3-point shooting at 37.0 percent, and the Vikings are sixth in defending the 3-pointer at 34.9 percent.

SCOUTING CORNELL

►Cornell snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 57-52 Midwest Conference victory at Carroll on Jan. 10, but the Rams dropped a 70-59 decision to Monmouth on Tuesday. The Rams won two of their first three games this season but have dropped 10-of-11 since then.



►Freshman guard Corey Davis and senior forward Nick Bobb form a 1-2 punch for the Rams. Davis is the

1,000 POINT CLUB

Player	Points	Years
Chris Braier	1,565	2002-06
Joel Dillingham	1,554	1989-93
Ryan Kroeger	1,537	2005-09
Chris Siebert	1,360	2010-14
Doug Fyfe	1,342	1972-76
Adam LaVoy	1,273	1997-2001
Joel Ungrodt	1,247	1961-64
Matt Miota	1,246	1987-91
Joel DePagter	1,243	1995-98
Ben Zagorski	1,175	1994-98
Mike Fogel	1,175	1975-79
Reggie Geans	1,160	1985-89
John Dekker	1,117	2006-10
Shawn Koerner	1,115	1985-89
Richard Schultz	1,088	1964-67
Tom Steinmetz	1,073	1963-66
Jason Holinbeck	1,051	2001-05
Strat Warden	1,042	1969-72
Bob Townsend	1,031	1966-69
Jim Rasmussen	1,030	1958-61
Rob Cohen	1,005	1976-80

team's leading scorer and ranks 12th in the Midwest Conference at 14.5 points per contest. Bobb is 16th in the league in scoring at 13.6 points per game. Bobb also is the team's top rebounder and is eighth in the conference at 6.6 boards per game.

►Davis is tops on the team and is sixth in the conference at 3.7 assists per contest.

►The two big men for the Rams, Bobb and Brad Hund are among the top players in the league in field goal percentage. Bobb ranks sixth in the league at 59.4 percent, and Hund is eighth at 58.1 percent.

►Cornell is shooting 45.9 percent from

the floor, which ranks sixth in the Midwest Conference. The Rams are fifth in the conference in field goal percentage defense at 45.6 percent.

►Cornell is last in the league in scoring at 59.5 points per game. The Rams are third in scoring defense at 68.9 points per contest.

►Grant Anderson is the team's most prolific 3-pointer shooter and has made nearly twice as many 3-pointers (19-for-59, 32.2 percent) as the next player on the squad.

►Cornell is last in the league in 3-point shooting at 26.7 percent. The Rams are also last in the conference in defending the 3-pointer at 42.1 percent.



D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Augustana (24)	13-1	624	2
2.	UW-Whitewater	12-2	578	3
3.	St. Thomas (1)	11-1	541	5
4.	Dickinson	12-1	540	4
5.	Emory	11-1	520	6
6.	Washington U.	11-1	520	1
7.	Marietta	13-0	426	9
8.	Virginia Wesleyan	11-2	403	8
9.	North Central (Ill.)	13-1	388	10
10.	Franklin and Marshall	13-0	381	11
11.	Richard Stockton	12-1	373	12
12.	Albertus Magnus	11-1	341	13
13.	WPI	11-2	304	7
14.	Wooster	11-2	294	14
15.	Babson	12-1	283	15
16.	Randolph-Macon	11-2	264	16
17.	Ohio Wesleyan	11-2	223	17
18.	UW-Stevens Point	11-3	166	19
19.	St. Norbert	11-1	150	20
20.	Chapman	12-0	131	--
21.	St. Olaf	11-1	99	--
22.	Elmhurst	12-2	92	--
23.	Chicago	9-3	77	--
24.	Scranton	12-2	72	24
25.	Amherst	9-3	59	18

Dropped out: No. 21 Eastern Connecticut; No. 22 Illinois Wesleyan; No. 23 Husson; No. 25 Centre.

Others receiving votes: Illinois Wesleyan 42; Eastern Connecticut 34; Hardin-Simmons 32; Husson 25; Bates 25; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 18; Hampden-Sydney 16; Williams 16; Rhode Island College 12; Centre 9; Rowan 8; Whitworth 8; Trinity (Conn.) 8; MIT 7; William Paterson 6; Lynchburg 5; Dubuque 3; DePauw 2; Johns Hopkins 2; Cal Lutheran 1; Case Western Reserve 1.

2014-15 Lawrence Basketball
Lawrence University Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 15, 2015)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-8	3-4	2-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-5	2-2	1-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
03	Jamie Nikitas	12-12	418	34.8	78-170	.459	14-51	.275	31-49	.633	21	95	116	9.7	30	0	34	34	0	29	201	16.8	
25	Trace Sonleitner	13-13	377	29.0	70-147	.476	26-64	.406	20-24	.833	9	46	55	4.2	27	1	23	20	15	5	186	14.3	
11	Ryan DePouw	11-11	380	34.5	40-100	.400	15-52	.288	48-62	.774	9	46	55	5.0	22	1	34	35	2	7	143	13.0	
12	Jeremy Stephani	13-1	298	22.9	39-95	.411	26-63	.413	16-28	.571	8	28	36	2.8	19	1	24	14	1	10	120	9.2	
30	Troy Miller	13-13	382	29.4	36-89	.404	27-68	.397	8-10	.800	11	25	36	2.8	26	1	24	12	0	14	107	8.2	
33	Andrew Borresen	13-13	287	22.1	22-48	.458	15-29	.517	0-3	.000	7	29	36	2.8	21	0	20	8	3	4	59	4.5	
24	Connor Weas	13-0	129	9.9	11-25	.440	6-14	.429	5-7	.714	5	9	14	1.1	12	0	3	5	0	2	33	2.5	
04	Mitch Willer	13-0	143	11.0	14-34	.412	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	4	18	22	1.7	25	0	3	8	10	1	32	2.5	
23	Peter Winslow	13-2	188	14.5	8-26	.308	0-7	.000	12-17	.706	10	19	29	2.2	30	1	19	9	8	4	28	2.2	
21	Shane Cullian	4-0	16	4.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	1	3	0.8	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.0	
32	Ben Peterson	3-0	8	2.7	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.7	
05	Evan McLaughlin	3-0	8	2.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.7	
00	Kalind Nash	3-0	8	2.7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0.0	
10	Eric Weiss	3-0	8	2.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0.0	
Team												13	14	27								4	
Total.....		13	2650		321-741	.433	129-349	.370	146-214	.682	100	333	433	33.3	219	5	187	154	41	76	917	70.5	
Opponents.....		13	2650		337-760	.443	95-272	.349	171-247	.692	117	353	470	36.2	212	-	150	138	29	89	940	72.3	

TEAM STATISTICS	LU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	917	940	11/15/14	DOMINICAN (ILL.)	w 66-49	568
Points per game	70.5	72.3	11/18/14	at Wisconsin Lutheran	w 68-65	229
Scoring margin	-1.8	-	* 11/22/14	RIPON COLLEGE	Lot 79-89	867
FIELD GOALS-ATT	321-741	337-760	* 12/03/14	BELOIT COLLEGE	Wot 64-53	679
Field goal pct	.433	.443	* 12/06/14	at Illinois College	w 89-57	310
3 POINT FG-ATT	129-349	95-272	* 12/09/14	at Lake Forest College	L 70-79	463
3-point FG pct	.370	.349	12/13/14	UW-STEVENS POINT	L 49-60	912
3-pt FG made per game	9.9	7.3	12/17/14	at Grand View University	L 63-71	212
FREE THROWS-ATT	146-214	171-247	12/18/14	VITERBO UNIVERSITY	L 55-74	231
Free throw pct	.682	.692	* 1/3/15	at Grinnell College	L 116-126	1002
F-Throws made per game	11.2	13.2	* 01/07/15	ST. NORBERT COLLEGE	L 72-81	784
REBOUNDS	433	470	* 1/10/15	at Monmouth College	L 57-74	150
Rebounds per game	33.3	36.2	* 1/13/15	CARROLL UNIVERSITY	w 69-62	567
Rebounding margin	-2.8	-				
ASSISTS	187	150				
Assists per game	14.4	11.5	* - Conference game			
TURNOVERS	154	138				
Turnovers per game	11.8	10.6				
Turnover margin	-1.2	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.1				
STEALS	76	89				
Steals per game	5.8	6.8				
BLOCKS	41	29				
Blocks per game	3.2	2.2				
ATTENDANCE	4608	2366				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-658	6-394				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Lawrence University	422	476	19	917
Opponents	448	474	18	940

2014-15 Lawrence Basketball
Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Jan 15, 2015)
All games

Opponent	Date	Score		00	03	04	05	10	11	12
				NASH,KALIN	NIKITAS,JA	WILLER,MIT	MCLAUGHLIN	WEISS,ERIC	DEPOUW,RYA	STEPHANI,J
DOMINICAN (ILL.)	11/15/14	66-49	w	0-0-0	16-13-3	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	9-6-1
at Wisconsin Lutheran	11/18/14	68-65	w	DNP	23-11-4	2-2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-2-0
RIPON COLLEGE	11/22/14	79-89	L	DNP	28-11-3	2-3-0	DNP	DNP	17-5-1	0-2-4
BELOIT COLLEGE	12/03/14	64-53	w	DNP	16-14-4	0-1-0	DNP	DNP	19-4-1	6-3-1
at Illinois College	12/06/14	89-57	w	0-0-1	14-15-3	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	19-8-7	8-2-1
at Lake Forest College	12/09/14	70-79	L	DNP	21-7-1	2-1-0	DNP	DNP	18-6-5	9-5-0
UW-STEVENS POINT	12/13/14	49-60	L	DNP	14-7-2	7-4-1	DNP	DNP	8-2-3	9-0-2
at Grand View Universit	12/17/14	63-71	L	DNP	8-13-4	4-2-0	DNP	DNP	6-5-2	18-2-2
VITERBO UNIVERSITY	12/18/14	55-74	L	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-1	7-6-1	12-4-4
at Grinnell College	1/3/15	116-126	L	DNP	19-8-4	3-1-0	DNP	DNP	18-8-7	22-4-4
ST. NORBERT COLLEGE	01/07/15	72-81	L	DNP	19-4-2	2-0-1	DNP	DNP	10-3-5	3-0-0
at Monmouth College	1/10/15	57-74	L	DNP	5-6-1	2-1-1	DNP	DNP	11-4-0	4-2-2
CARROLL UNIVERSITY	1/13/15	69-62	w	DNP	18-7-3	6-5-0	DNP	DNP	10-4-2	15-4-3

Opponent	Date	Score		21	23	24	25	30	32	33
				CULLIAN,SH	WINSLOW,PE	WEAS,CONNO	SONNLEITNE	MILLER,TRO	PETERSON,B	BORRESEN,A
DOMINICAN (ILL.)	11/15/14	66-49	w	0-1-0	11-4-4	0-1-0	7-4-4	21-3-2	0-1-0	2-3-3
at Wisconsin Lutheran	11/18/14	68-65	w	0-1-0	0-5-2	0-0-0	22-4-3	13-3-2	DNP	3-6-1
RIPON COLLEGE	11/22/14	79-89	L	DNP	0-4-0	0-0-0	23-6-1	9-2-3	DNP	0-3-3
BELOIT COLLEGE	12/03/14	64-53	w	DNP	1-2-1	2-3-0	10-7-2	10-1-2	DNP	0-2-1
at Illinois College	12/06/14	89-57	w	4-1-0	2-1-2	0-5-1	18-6-1	13-2-1	2-2-0	9-3-2
at Lake Forest College	12/09/14	70-79	L	DNP	0-2-2	1-0-0	8-5-1	8-2-0	DNP	3-3-0
UW-STEVENS POINT	12/13/14	49-60	L	DNP	3-3-1	3-0-0	5-2-1	0-4-0	DNP	0-1-0
at Grand View Universit	12/17/14	63-71	L	DNP	1-0-2	6-1-0	12-4-3	5-1-0	DNP	3-3-2
VITERBO UNIVERSITY	12/18/14	55-74	L	0-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-1	14-1-2	7-4-2	0-0-0	7-8-1
at Grinnell College	1/3/15	116-126	L	DNP	6-3-3	5-0-0	23-3-2	9-6-3	DNP	11-1-2
ST. NORBERT COLLEGE	01/07/15	72-81	L	DNP	2-1-0	0-1-0	21-3-1	6-2-3	DNP	9-1-2
at Monmouth College	1/10/15	57-74	L	DNP	1-3-0	10-2-0	12-5-2	6-4-1	DNP	6-0-2
CARROLL UNIVERSITY	1/13/15	69-62	w	DNP	0-0-2	3-1-1	11-5-0	0-2-5	DNP	6-2-1

2014-15 GAME RECAPS

November 15

Lawrence 66, Dominican (Ill.) 49

APPLETON, Wis. -- Troy Miller enjoyed a stellar shooting night to lead the Lawrence University men's basketball team to a 66-



49 nonconference victory over Dominican (Ill.) University in the season opener on at Alexander Gymnasium.

Miller went 7-for-11 from 3-point range on his way to a career-high 21 points for the Vikings (1-0). Miller, who had never scored in double digits in a game, scored 15 points in the second half as the Vikings pulled away.

Jamie Nikitas had a double-double for the Vikings with 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Peter Winslow, making his first career start for Lawrence, scored 11 points and tied for game-high honors with four assists. Trace Sonnleitner added seven points, four assists, four rebounds and three blocks for the Vikings.

Freshman Jeremy Stephani played 28 minutes and scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds in his Lawrence debut. The Vikings played without star swingman Ryan DePouw, who missed the game due to injury.

Tim Robertson paced Dominican (0-1) with 14 points, and Josh Mayberry added nine.

Lawrence built an early 13-point lead, but the Stars finished the first half on a 14-5 run to trim the margin to 25-21 at the break.

Miller then hit four 3-pointers as part of a 22-8 run over the first nine minutes of the second half that pushed Lawrence's lead to 18 points. The Vikings pulled out to a 47-29 advantage and would build that lead to as many as 23 points.

Dominican never got closer than 13 points over the final 10 minutes of the game.

November 18

Lawrence 68, Wisconsin Lutheran 65

MILWAUKEE, Wis. -- Jeremy Stephani hit a key 3-pointer and Trace Sonnleitner



made two clutch free throws to lift the Lawrence University men's basketball team to a 68-65 nonconference victory over Wisconsin Lutheran College at the Recreation Complex.

Jamie Nikitas recorded his second consecutive double-double to begin the season with 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Vikings (2-0). Sonnleitner poured in a career-high 22 points and Troy Miller added 13 points for Lawrence.

Jake Jarnigo led Wisconsin Lutheran (0-1) and all scorers with 29 points. Jim Marose added 14 points, and Brett Lubbe had a game-high 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

The teams swapped the lead throughout, and Andrew Borresen's 3-pointer with 4:08 left tied it at 59-59 for the Vikings. Lawrence followed that with a free throw from Nikitas and a Sonnleitner 3-pointer for a 63-59 edge.

Jarnigo countered with a 3-pointer for the Warriors to trim the margin to 63-62, but Stephani buried a 3-pointer from the left corner with 1:19 left.

The Vikings still led 66-62 when Marose went to the foul line with 47 seconds left. He missed both free throws, but the Warriors got the rebound, and Jarnigo buried a 3-pointer with 41 seconds left to cut the lead to 66-65.

Sonnleitner was fouled with just 7.4 seconds left and drained both free throws to put the Vikings back up by three. Jarnigo missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied it.

November 22

Ripon 89, Lawrence 79 (OT)

APPLETON, Wis. -- Ty Sabin scored 34 points and the Ripon College men's



basketball team enjoyed a huge advantage at the foul line as the Red Hawks downed Lawrence University 89-79 in overtime in a Midwest Conference game at Alexander Gymnasium.

Sabin hit 9-of-18 shots from the floor and went 13-for-14 from the foul line to pace Ripon (3-1, 2-0 MWC). Kyle Loughrin had a double-double for Ripon with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Jamie Nikitas recorded his third consecutive double-double to start the season with 28 points and 11 rebounds for the Vikings (2-1, 0-1). Trace Sonnleitner scored a career-high 23 points for the Vikings and added six rebounds.

Ripon won the game at the foul line where the Red Hawks connected on 29-of-39. Lawrence was just 9-of-15 from the line, and the Vikings were whistled for 30 fouls, compared to 15 for Ripon.

Ripon took charge in the overtime by scoring the first nine points of the extra period, highlighted by Loughrin's three-point play, to lead 83-74 with 2:09 left. Lawrence cut the margin to as close as five points at 84-79 on a pair of Nikitas free throws with 50 ticks left.

Ripon then connected on 5-of-6 shots from the foul line to seal the win.

Lawrence had built a 12-point edge at 50-38 with 13:56 left in the second half before Ripon rallied. The Red Hawks scored nine consecutive points before Nikitas' 3-pointer with 9:57 left gave Lawrence a 53-47 lead.

Ripon kept the pressure on and went on a 17-4 run to take a 64-57 lead with 4:29 left. Ryan DePouw quickly scored the next four points, Sonnleitner hit a 3-pointer and Nikitas got a driving layup to tie the game at

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66-66 with 2:51 left.

Ripon built the lead back to 72-67 with 48 seconds remaining in regulation before Sonnleiter drilled another 3-pointer. After a pair of free throws from Sabin, Nikitas answered with a layup to cut the lead to 74-72. The Red Hawks turned it over, and Nikitas drove uncontested to the basket for another layup and tied it at 74-74 with eight seconds left.

Sabin missed a jumper with two seconds left that would have won it in regulation.

December 3

Lawrence 64, Beloit 53 (OT)

APPLETON, Wis.

-- Lawrence University men's basketball coach Joel DePagter picked up win No. 100 at Alexander Gymnasium, but it took some drama in regulation and a superlative overtime to get to the century mark.

Jamie Nikitas got a layup with 0.7 seconds left in regulation to tie the game, and he then scored the first four points of the overtime to lead the Vikings to a 64-53 Midwest Conference victory over Beloit College.

Nikitas finished with his fourth consecutive double-double to start the season by scoring 16 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Ryan DePouw paced Lawrence (3-1, 1-1 MWC) with 19 points, and Trace Sonnleitner and Troy Miller added 10 points apiece for the Vikings.

DePagter, in his eighth season as Lawrence's head coach, became just the fourth coach in Lawrence history to earn 100 victories. He joins John Tharp (204), Arthur Denney (151) and Mike Gallus (147).

Steve McAfee led Beloit (2-4, 1-2) with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Rudy Bentley and Sean Fancsali added 13 points apiece for the Bucs.

Beloit led by as many as seven points in the second half, but Lawrence battled back to tie it at 48-48 on Sonnleitner's 3-pointer with 5:49

left. Beloit finally took the lead back at 50-48 on a pair of Bentley free throws with 2:30 left.

Bentley could have sealed the win when he was fouled with eight seconds left, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one and Nikitas grabbed the rebound. He drove the floor and scored on a layup with less than a second left to tie it at 50-50 and force the overtime.

Lawrence then took control early in the overtime as Nikitas scored on another driving layup for a 52-50 lead, and he then knocked down a pair of free throws to put the Vikings up by four. After a Beloit miss, Sonnleitner's athletic, high-flying tip-in gave Lawrence a 56-50 lead with 2:39 left. DePouw followed with a layup and Lawrence led 58-50.

Beloit finally got on the board in the overtime with a pair of Bentley free throws, but Lawrence went 6-for-8 from the foul line in the final 1:24 to seal the victory.

December 6

Lawrence 87, Illinois College 59

JACKSONVILLE,

Ill. -- The Lawrence University men's basketball team hit 14 3-pointers en route to an 87-59 Midwest Conference rout of Illinois College at Sherman Gymnasium.

The Vikings (4-1, 2-1 MWC) hit 14-of-33 shots from beyond the arc and constructed a 24-point halftime lead. Illinois College (1-4, 0-2) never got closer than the halftime margin and trailed by as many as 42 points in the second half.

Guard Jamie Nikitas posted his fifth consecutive double-double to start the season with 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Vikings. Senior swingman Ryan DePouw led Lawrence and all scorers with 19 points and he handed out a game-high seven assists to go with eight rebounds.

Trace Sonnleitner added 18

points, hitting 4-of-7 shots from 3-point range, to go with six rebounds for the Vikings. Troy Miller also was in double figures for the Vikings with 13 points.

Mitchell Patterson led Illinois College with 13 points.

Lawrence led by double digits just 4:14 into the game on Sonnleitner's layup that provided a 13-2 advantage. Illinois College managed to trim the lead to 20-14 with 11:50 left before halftime, but the Vikings answered back.

The Vikings hit six 3-pointers over the next 6:21 to break the game wide open. A 20-4 run was capped by Miller's 3-pointer and put the Vikings up 40-18 with 5:29 left in the opening half.

Lawrence led by as many as 26 points in the first half before settling for a 53-29 at the break.

December 9

Lake Forest 79, Lawrence 70

LAKE FOREST, Ill. -- The

Lake Forest College men's basketball team led the entire game and posted a 79-70 Midwest Conference win over Lawrence University.

Torrey Davis led four Lake Forest players in double figures with 20 points. Jim Schick posted a double-double for Lake Forest (3-4, 3-3 MWC) with 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Jamie Nikitas paced Lawrence (4-2, 2-2) with 21 points and seven rebounds. Ryan DePouw added 18 points, six rebounds and a game-high five assists for the Vikings.

Lawrence trailed from the opening minute and was down by as many as 11 points in the first half before the Vikings rallied. Lawrence scored nine consecutive points, including six on a pair of 3-pointers from Troy Miller and capped by a DePouw layup, to cut the lead to 26-24.

Lake Forest responded by finish-



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ing the half on a 9-2 run and led 35-26 at the half.

Lawrence trimmed the margin to four points twice early in the second half, but the Foresters pushed the lead to 48-36 with 15:12 left.

The Vikings trailed by as many as 15 points after that and got no closer than 77-70 with 36 seconds left. Lawrence had the ball at that point but missed its next three shots from the floor to seal its fate.

December 13

No. 21 UW-Stevens Point 60

Lawrence 49

APPLETON, Wis.

-- The No. 21 UW-

Stevens Point men's basketball team

held off Lawrence

University 60-49 in a nonconference battle at Alexander Gymnasium.

Lawrence battled back from double-digit deficits in each half, but the Pointers rallied each time to post their fourth consecutive victory.

Jordan Lutz led four UW-Stevens Point players in double figures with 15 points. Stephen Pelkofer and Alex Richard added 14 points apiece for Stevens Point (7-2).

Jamie Nikitas paced the Vikings (4-3) with 14 points and seven rebounds, and Jeremy Stephani came off the bench to add nine points.

The Vikings were ice cold to start the game, and Stevens Point led by double figures at 11-1 with 12:54 left in the first half. Lawrence, which shot just 32.5 percent for the game, trailed by as many as 13 points in the first half, but the Vikings rallied late. Nikitas buried a 3-pointer and Mitch Willer added a layup to trim the margin to 26-19 at the half.

Stevens Point built the lead back to 38-28 on Lutz's 3-pointer with 11:38 left in the game, but Lawrence responded again. Nikitas and Connor Weas hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Stephani converted a free throw to cut the margin to 38-35 with 9:53 remaining.

The Vikings began attacking the basket and got their next seven points from the foul line. Stevens Point absorbed every punch and started to pull away. Three consecutive layups, two from Richard and another from Pelkofer, built the advantage to 51-39 with 3:12 left.

Sonnleitner countered with a pair of free throws for the Vikings, but Austin Ryf followed with a 3-pointer on the next possession for the Pointers to help seal the victory.

Stevens Point then made 4-of-5 free throws in the final 40 seconds to put the game away.

December 17

Grand View 71, Lawrence 63

WISCONSIN DELLS,

Wis. — The Lawrence

University men's basketball team nearly came

all the way back from a 20-point deficit before

falling 71-63 to Grand View University in a nonconference game on at Just A Game Field House.

Lawrence (4-4), which trailed 44-24 late in the first half, cut the lead to two points on two occasions in the second half before Grand View (5-5) pulled away.

Jeremy Stephani came off the bench to lead Lawrence with 18 points. A freshman guard, Stephani hit 6-of-9 shots from the floor, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range. Trace Sonnleitner added 12 points for the Vikings, and Jamie Nikitas had a game-high 13 rebounds to go with eight points and four assists.

Jjuan Hadnot led Grand View with 16 points, including 14 in the first half. Grand View big men Alex Welsch and Nick Lyon had 12 points apiece on a combined 12-for-15 shooting from the floor.

Grand View was red-hot in the first half, connecting on 61.8 percent of its shots from the floor.

Grand View led by double digits at 14-3 just 5:07 into the contest. Grand View built the lead to 44-24 with 3:04

left in the opening half.

Lawrence scored eight of the half's final 10 points, getting 3-pointers from Stephani and Sonnleitner and a layup from Connor Weas, to cut the lead to 46-34 at the half.

Lawrence trailed 58-45 in the second half, but the Vikings went on a 13-2 run, capped by Nikitas' layup, to cut the lead to 60-58 with 6:20 left.

Nathan Washington answered with a 3-pointer for Grand View, but the Vikings got the margin back to 65-63 on Weas' 3-pointer with 3:09 remaining.

Grand View answered with a layup from Welsch and a 3-pointer from Rodney Williams, his only points of the second half, to stretch the lead to 70-63 and seal the win.

December 18

Viterbo 74, Lawrence 55

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — The

Viterbo University men's basketball

team jumped out to

a 15-point lead in the first 10 minutes and never looked back en route to a 74-55 nonconference win over Lawrence University at the Just A Game Field House.

Viterbo (8-7) led by as many as 22 points in the first half, and the Vikings (4-5) weren't able to get any closer than 16 points in the second half.

David Shepard scored 19 of his game-high 21 points in the first half to pace Viterbo. Pete Drummond added 15 points and went 4-for-5 from 3-point range for the V-Hawks.

Trace Sonnleitner scored 14 points to pace the Vikings, who played without star guard Jamie Nikitas due to injury. Freshman Jeremy Stephani started in Nikitas' place and added 12 points, four assists and four rebounds.

Andrew Borresen, Ryan DePouw and Troy Miller added seven points apiece for the Vikings, and Borresen had a team-best eight rebounds.

Viterbo shot 56.3 percent in the first half with Shepard scoring in the



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post, and Drummond knocking down a trio of 3-pointers.

Lawrence struggled to knock down open shots as the Vikings connected on only 5-of-25 shots from beyond the 3-point line.

January 3

Grinnell 126, Lawrence 116

GRINNELL, Iowa — The Grinnell College men's basketball team pulled away in the final minutes and posted a 126-116 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence University at Darby Gymnasium.



Jack Taylor led Grinnell (5-6, 3-3 MWC) with 21 points but hit just 5-of-15 shots from the floor.

Trace Sonnleitner led Lawrence and all scorers with 23 points as he hit 9-of-12 shots from the floor. Freshman guard Jeremy Stephani added 22 points for the Vikings (4-6, 2-3). Stephani went 6-for-7 from the floor, including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc, and was 7-for-8 from the foul line.

Jamie Nikitas added 19 points and Ryan DePouw had 18 for the Vikings, and both players had eight rebounds.

Lawrence shot 69.4 percent from the floor and shot 68.4 percent from beyond the arc as the Vikings hit 13-of-19 shots from long distance.

Grinnell led by as many as 16 points in the first half before Lawrence cut the lead to 63-54 at the half. Lawrence opened the second half on a 12-2 run and took a 66-65 lead with 16:38 left on Andrew Borresen's 3-pointer.

The teams traded the lead before Lawrence built a 94-86 advantage with 10:10 remaining. Grinnell rallied and took the lead back for good at 101-99 on Julian Marx's 3-pointer with 7:06 left.

Lawrence trailed 104-101 after Nikitas' layup with 6:32 left, but Grinnell hit its final seven shots from the floor to pull away for the win.

January 7

No. 20 St. Norbert 81, Lawrence 72

APPLETON, Wis. — The 20th-ranked St. Norbert College men's basketball team battled to an 81-72 Midwest Conference victory over a scrappy Lawrence University squad at Alexander Gymnasium.



St. Norbert big man Steven Hofacker paced the Green Knights (11-1, 7-0 MWC) with 19 points and seven rebounds. Austin Elliott added 18 points and six assists for the Green Knights, who shot 65.1 percent (28-for-43) for the game.

Trace Sonnleitner led Lawrence (4-7, 2-4) and all scorers with 21 points. Jamie Nikitas added 19 points, and Ryan DePouw had 10 points and a team-high five assists.

Like a pair of heavyweight fighters, the teams traded haymakers in the first half. St. Norbert shot 17-for-24 from the floor in the first half, but Lawrence was 15-for-29 from the floor and hit eight 3-pointers in the opening 20 minutes.

Sonnleitner scored 17 points and went 3-for-4 from beyond the arc to keep the Vikings close in the first half. St. Norbert built a seven-point lead late in the first half, but Sonnleitner hit a jumper and Jamie Nikitas had a three-point play to trim the advantage to 43-39 at the break.

St. Norbert went on a 12-5 run to open the second half as Hofacker scored six points during that burst. Lawrence chipped away at the lead and cut it to 68-62 on a pair of Sonnleitner free throws with 5:34 left.

Mitch Winter answered with a 3-pointer for St. Norbert and Andrew Schwoerer hit a pair of free throws to push the lead back to 72-62 with 4:17 remaining. Lawrence cut the lead to seven on a pair of occasions after that, but St. Norbert hit six consecutive free throws in the final 58 seconds to seal the victory.

January 10

Monmouth 74, Lawrence 57

MONMOUTH, Ill. — The Monmouth College men's basketball team rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to post a 74-57 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence University at Glennie Gymnasium.



Andrew Mathison scored 25 points on 11-for-12 shooting from the floor to pace the Scots (9-3, 6-1 MWC). Will Jones added 12 rebounds to go with eight points for Monmouth.

Trace Sonnleitner led Lawrence (4-8, 2-5) with 12 points, and Ryan DePouw added 11. Connor Weas came off the bench to score 10 points for the Vikings and hit all four of his shots from the floor.

Lawrence trailed by as many as eight points in the first half, but the Vikings went on a 17-7 run over the final 7:51 to take a 32-28 lead at the break.

The Vikings then opened the second half on a 12-6 run, capped by a Jamie Nikitas free throw, to take a 44-34 lead with 14:37 remaining.

Monmouth then scored the game's next 13 points to take a 47-44 lead with 9:19 left. The Scots edged away from there, and Lawrence never got closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

January 13

Lawrence 69, Carroll 62

APPLETON, Wis. — The Lawrence University men's basketball team turned back a Carroll University rally and posted a 69-62 Midwest Conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.



Jamie Nikitas scored 18 points, including two on a clutch jumper in the final minute, and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Vikings (5-8, 3-5 MWC). Jeremy Stephani came off the bench to add 15 points for Lawrence.

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Bryan Nagy had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Carroll (7-6, 4-4). Kyle Keranen scored a team-best 18 points for the Pioneers.

Lawrence led 30-26 at the half but stretched that lead early in the second half. The Vikings scored eight consecutive points, including 3-pointers from Stephani and Trace Sonnleitner, to push the lead to 46-32 with 13:49 left.

Carroll responded with a 12-2 run, capped by a pair of Marcus Johnson free throws, to cut the lead to 48-44 with 9:37 left. The Pioneers kept reeling the Vikings in, and finally grabbed the lead at 61-59 on a pair of Keranen free throws with 2:15 remaining.

The Vikings broke Carroll's press on the next possession and got a dunk from Mitch Willer, who picked up six points, five rebounds and three blocks, to tie the game at 61-61.

After a Keranen miss, Willer was fouled and knocked down a pair of free throws to give Lawrence a 63-61 lead. Johnson then missed a contested layup, and Nikitas hit a 17-foot fadeaway jumper with the shot clock running out to put the Vikings up 65-61 with 38 seconds left.

Keranen was fouled on the next possession and hit one free throw to cut the lead to 65-62, but the Vikings hit four consecutive free throws in the final 20 seconds to seal the victory.

Sonnleitner added 11 points and five rebounds for the Vikings before fouling out, and Ryan DePouw chipped in with 10 points.