



**Lawrence University (4-7, 2-4 MWC)
at Monmouth College (8-3, 5-1 MWC)**

Saturday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.

vs. Carroll University (7-4, 4-2 MWC)

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.



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	3:00 pm
1/13	Carroll	7:30 pm
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

Monmouth

Forward	Andrew Mathison	Jr.	6-5
Forward	Matt Juhola	Jr.	6-6
Guard	Paul Engo	Fr.	6-1
Guard	Will Jones	Fr.	6-2
Guard	Jon Calhoun	Jr.	6-1



Carroll

Forward	Marcus Johnson	Fr.	6-6
Forward	Bryan Nagy	Jr.	6-6
Guard	Kyle Keranen	So.	6-1
Guard	Landon Fenner	Fr.	5-10
Guard	Tanner Zaeske	Fr.	6-3



SCHEDULE

▶Lawrence travels to Monmouth on Saturday for a 3 p.m. Midwest Conference game at Glennie Gymnasium.
▶The Vikings host Carroll at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in a Midwest Conference game at Alexander Gymnasium.

VIDEO WEBCAST

▶Both games feature a free video webcast at: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/lawrence/>. 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 101-74 (.577).

▶Todd Skrivseth (Coe 1996) is in his fourth season at Monmouth and has a record of 28-52 (.350).

▶Paul Combs (Ripon 1993) is in his second season at Carroll and has a record of 22-13 (.629). He is in his 16th season overall and has a record of 238-173 (.579).

THE SERIES

▶Monmouth has a 67-39 edge in a series that dates back to 1926. Lawrence has dominated the series in recent seasons and has won 12 in a row and 18 of the last 20 against the Scots.

▶Lawrence holds a 71-63 advantage against Carroll in a series that dates back to 1907. The teams split the games a season ago and have split the last 16 games dating back to 2007-08.

LAST GAME

20th-ranked St. Norbert battled to an 81-72 Midwest Conference victory over a scrappy Lawrence squad on Wednesday at Alexander Gymnasium.

St. Norbert big man Steven Hofacker paced the Green Knights 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 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.

VIKINGS UPDATE

►Lawrence's losing skid extended to six games with the loss to St. Norbert on Wednesday. This is the longest losing streak since the Vikings dropped five



MWC Standings

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

Games Saturday

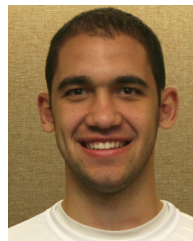
Lawrence at Monmouth
 Illinois College at Lake Forest
 Ripon at Grinnell
 Knox at Beloit
 Cornell at Carroll

Games Tuesday

Carroll at Lawrence
 Monmouth at Cornell
 Grinnell at Knox
 Beloit at St. Norbert
 Lake Forest at Ripon

straight to end the 2000-01 season. Lawrence had not lost six games in a row since the 1994-95 season. Lawrence hasn't dropped seven straight since an 11-game skid during the 1984-85 season.

►Junior guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) is the only player in the Midwest Conference averaging a double-double. Nikitas ranks fifth in the league in scoring at



Jamie Nikitas

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	101-74
Home	52-28
Away	46-38
Neutral	3-8

Midwest Conference Record	77-48
Home	42-23
Away	36-27

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

DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	10-3
Carroll	8-8
Cornell	4-2
Grinnell	5-9
Illinois College	12-2
Knox	12-1
Lake Forest	8-4
Monmouth	12-0
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

17.8 points per game, and he is first in the league in rebounding at 10.3 per contest.

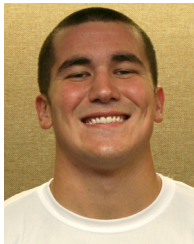
►Junior forward Trace Sonnleitner (Appleton, Wis./North) has been very good over his last four games. He has scored in double figures in each game and matched



Trace Sonnleitner

his career high with 23 points at Grinnell on Jan. 3. Sonnleitner has pushed his scoring average to 14.8 points per game while shooting 46.6 percent from the floor, including 40.4 percent from beyond the arc.

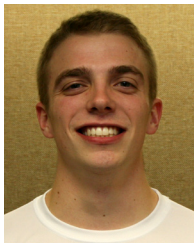
►Senior guard Ryan DePouw (Oconto, Wis./Oconto) matched his career high with seven assists at Grinnell on Jan. 3 and then picked up five more



Ryan DePouw

vs. St. Norbert on Wednesday. DePouw leads the team at 3.6 assists per game, which is tied for seventh in the Midwest Conference. DePouw also is averaging 13.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest.

►Senior forward Andrew Borresen (West Bend, Wis./Living Word Lutheran) scored a career-high 11 points at Grinnell on Jan. 3 and was perfect from the floor. He went 4-for-4



Andrew Borresen

from the floor, including 3-for-3 from 3-point range.

►Lawrence ranks sixth in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 71.9 points per game, and the Vikings are fifth in scoring defense at 73.1 points per contest.

►Lawrence ranks second in the league in field goal percentage defense at

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	956-1054-1 (.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

44.1 percent, and the Vikings are shooting 43.4 percent, which is ninth.

►Lawrence ranks fourth in 3-point shooting at 37.1 percent, and the Vikings are seventh in defending the 3-pointer at 35.8 percent.

SCOUTING MONMOUTH

►Monmouth is riding a four-game win streak heading into Saturday's game against Lawrence. The Scots are coming off a 92-86 victory at Illinois College on Wednesday. Monmouth hasn't lost since a 74-54 setback at UW-Whitewater on Dec. 19.



►In Todd Skrivseth's fourth season as head coach, the Scots have really started to turn things around. Monmouth is off to its best start in some time and are looking for their first winning season long-time coach Terry Glasgow led the Scots to a 12-10 mark back in 2004-05. Monmouth hasn't

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

won more than eight games in a season since Glasgow retired following the 2006-07 season.

►The Scots are paced by freshman guard Will Jones, who is scoring 17.0 points per game. That ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference. Jones also paces the team in rebounding at 6.7 per game. Junior Andrew Mathison also is in double figures at 15.2 points per game.

►Monmouth ranks fifth in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 75.2 points per game. The Scots are sixth in scoring defense at 73.8 points per contest.

►Monmouth is shooting 46.5 percent from the floor, which ranks third in the conference. Monmouth is fifth in field goal percentage defense at 45.4 percent.

►Monmouth is eighth in the conference in 3-point shooting at 32.2 percent. The Scots are ninth in defending the 3-pointer at 39.2 percent.

SCOUTING CARROLL

►Carroll will take on Cornell in Waukesha, Wis., on Saturday before making the drive up Highway 41 to face the Vikings on Tuesday. Carroll saw its modest two-game win streak snapped with a 72-62 loss



at Ripon this past Wednesday.

►Sophomore Kyle Keranen leads the Pioneers in scoring and ranks eighth in the Midwest Conference at 15.8 points per game.

►Big man Austin Fritz leads the Midwest Conference in field goal percentage at 66.7 percent. He is averaging 9.1 points per game.

►The top rebounder for the Pioneers is Brian Nagy, who is at 6.7 per contest. He also is averaging double figures in points at 11.0 per game.

►The Pioneers have a very balanced attack with five players averaging at least 7.8 points per game.

►Carroll ranks 10th in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 62.0 points per game. The Pioneers are first in the league in scoring defense, allowing only 63.3 points per game.

►Carroll is shooting 44.8 percent from the floor, which ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference. Carroll is fourth in the league in field goal percentage defense at 45.3 percent.

►Carroll is shooting 31.8 percent from beyond the arc, which ranks ninth in the conference. The Pioneers are eighth in the league in defending the 3-pointer at 38.4 percent.



D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Washington U. (22)	11-0	622	1
2.	Augustana (3)	11-1	598	2
3.	UW-Whitewater	10-2	560	3
4.	Dickinson	10-1	526	5
5.	St. Thomas	9-1	511	6
6.	Emory	10-1	504	7
7.	WPI	10-1	430	11
8.	Virginia Wesleyan	9-2	426	8
9.	Marietta	12-0	367	24
10.	North Central (Ill.)	11-1	354	21
11.	Franklin and Marshall	11-0	322	25
12.	Richard Stockton	11-1	321	4
13.	Albertus Magnus	8-1	301	12
14.	Wooster	9-2	289	14
15.	Babson	10-1	275	17
16.	Randolph-Macon	9-2	208	22
17.	Ohio Wesleyan	9-2	202	10
18.	Amherst	7-2	190	15
19.	UW-Stevens Point	9-3	121	20
20.	St. Norbert	10-1	107	18
21.	Eastern Connecticut	10-2	105	19
22.	Illinois Wesleyan	8-4	102	9
23.	Husson	8-1	98	--
24.	Scranton	9-2	88	16
25.	Centre	9-2	79	13

Dropped out: No. 23 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Others receiving votes: Chapman 76; St. Olaf 60; Elmhurst 41; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 40; Cortland State 39; Middlebury 35; Hampden-Sydney 24; Dubuque 17; Chicago 13; Hardin-Simmons 12; Bates 11; Lynchburg 8; Williams 6; Hope 5; Rowan 3; Western Connecticut 3; Johns Hopkins 2; William Paterson 2; Cal Lutheran 1; Christopher Newport 1; Trinity (Conn.) 1.

2014-15 Lawrence Basketball
Lawrence University Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 09, 2015)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-7	2-4	2-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-4	1-2	1-2	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	10-10	356	35.6	70-153	.458	12-45	.267	26-41	.634	19	84	103	10.3	28	0	30	29	0	27	178	17.8
25	Trace Sonnleitner	11-11	327	29.7	61-131	.466	23-57	.404	18-20	.900	8	37	45	4.1	21	0	21	15	12	5	163	14.8
11	Ryan DePouw	9-9	310	34.4	35-83	.422	15-44	.341	37-46	.804	9	38	47	5.2	16	1	32	28	2	6	122	13.6
12	Jeremy Stephani	11-1	249	22.6	33-78	.423	21-52	.404	14-23	.609	6	24	30	2.7	14	1	19	11	1	7	101	9.2
30	Troy Miller	11-11	338	30.7	34-81	.420	25-61	.410	8-8	1.000	10	20	30	2.7	24	1	18	8	0	11	101	9.2
33	Andrew Borresen	11-11	250	22.7	18-39	.462	11-23	.478	0-3	.000	7	27	34	3.1	15	0	17	7	2	3	47	4.3
23	Peter Winslow	11-2	162	14.7	8-23	.348	0-5	.000	11-15	.733	9	17	26	2.4	23	1	17	9	8	3	27	2.5
04	Mitch Willer	11-0	113	10.3	11-29	.379	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	4	12	16	1.5	21	0	2	8	6	1	24	2.2
24	Connor Weas	11-0	97	8.8	6-19	.316	4-11	.364	4-6	.667	3	8	11	1.0	12	0	2	3	0	1	20	1.8
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
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
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
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												12	14	26				4				
Total.....		11	2250		279-643	.434	111-299	.371	122-174	.701	90	285	375	34.1	181	4	161	127	33	64	791	71.9
Opponents.....		11	2250		290-657	.441	88-246	.358	136-196	.694	101	298	399	36.3	179	-	128	117	28	77	804	73.1

TEAM STATISTICS	LU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	791	804	11/15/14	DOMINICAN (ILL.)	W 66-49	568
Points per game	71.9	73.1	11/18/14	at Wisconsin Lutheran	W 68-65	229
Scoring margin	-1.2	-	* 11/22/14	RIPON COLLEGE	Lot 79-89	867
FIELD GOALS-ATT	279-643	290-657	* 12/03/14	BELOIT COLLEGE	Wot 64-53	679
Field goal pct	.434	.441	* 12/06/14	at Illinois College	W 89-57	310
3 POINT FG-ATT	111-299	88-246	* 12/09/14	at Lake Forest College	L 70-79	463
3-point FG pct	.371	.358	12/13/14	UW-STEVENS POINT	L 49-60	912
3-pt FG made per game	10.1	8.0	12/17/14	at Grand View University	L 63-71	212
FREE THROWS-ATT	122-174	136-196	12/18/14	VITERBO UNIVERSITY	L 55-74	231
Free throw pct	.701	.694	* 1/3/15	at Grinnell College	L 116-126	1002
F-Throws made per game	11.1	12.4	* 01/07/15	ST. NORBERT COLLEGE	L 72-81	784
REBOUNDS	375	399				
Rebounds per game	34.1	36.3				
Rebounding margin	-2.2	-				
ASSISTS	161	128				
Assists per game	14.6	11.6				
TURNOVERS	127	117				
Turnovers per game	11.5	10.6				
Turnover margin	-0.9	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	1.1				
STEALS	64	77				
Steals per game	5.8	7.0				
BLOCKS	33	28				
Blocks per game	3.0	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	4041	2216				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-674	5-443				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Lawrence University	360	412	19	791
Opponents	394	392	18	804

2014-15 Lawrence Basketball
Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Jan 09, 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

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

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.

Juan 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.