



**Lawrence University (9-12, 7-9 MWC)  
at Carroll University (8-13, 5-11 MWC)**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

**vs. Monmouth College (14-7, 11-5 MWC)**

Saturday, Feb. 21, 3:00 p.m.



**2014-15 LAWRENCE SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
<b>11/15</b>	<b>Dominican (Ill.)</b>	<b>W, 66-49</b>
11/18	at Wisconsin Luth.	W, 68-65
<b>11/22</b>	<b>Ripon</b>	<b>L, 89-79 OT</b>
<b>12/3</b>	<b>Beloit</b>	<b>W, 64-53 OT</b>
12/6	at Illinois College	W, 87-59
12/9	at Lake Forest	L, 79-70
<b>12/13</b>	<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	<b>L, 60-49</b>
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
<b>1/7</b>	<b>St. Norbert</b>	<b>L, 81-72</b>
1/10	at Monmouth	L, 74-57
<b>1/13</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>W, 69-62</b>
<b>1/17</b>	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>L, 72-61</b>
1/21	at Ripon	L, 72-63
1/24	at Knox	W, 76-54
<b>1/27</b>	<b>Lake Forest</b>	<b>L, 78-60</b>
<b>1/31</b>	<b>Knox</b>	<b>W, 76-60</b>
2/4	at St. Norbert	L, 81-63
<b>2/7</b>	<b>Illinois College</b>	<b>W, 100-67</b>
2/10	at Beloit	W, 69-65
2/18	at Carroll	7:30 pm
<b>2/21</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
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

**Carroll**



Forward	Brian Nagy	Jr.	6-6
Forward	Marcus Johnson	Fr.	6-6
Forward	Austin Fritz	So.	6-7
Guard	Kyle Keranen	So.	6-1
Guard	Tanner Zaeske	Fr.	6-3

**Monmouth**



Forward	Andrew Mathison	Jr.	6-5
Forward	Reed Goodbred	Jr.	6-5
Forward	Nick Marema	Jr.	6-3
Guard	Will Jones	Fr.	6-2
Guard	Jon Calhoun	Jr.	6-1

**SCHEDULE**

►Lawrence travels south to Carroll on Wednesday for a 7:30 p.m. game with the Pioneers at Van Male Field House.  
►The Vikings return home for the final game of the season on Saturday when Monmouth visits Alexander Gymnasium. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m.

**VIDEO WEBCAST**

►The game features a free video webcast at: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/lawrence/>. Dick Knapinski and Anthony Totoraitis are on the call for Lawrence home games. 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 106-80 (.570).

►Paul Combs (Ripon 1993) is in his second season at Carroll and has a record of 23-22 (.511) with the Pioneers. Combs is in his 16th season overall and has a record of 239-182 (.568).

►Todd Skrivseth (Coe 1996) is in his fourth season at Monmouth and has a record of 34-56 (.378).

**THE SERIES**

►In a series that goes all the way back to 1907, Lawrence holds a 72-63 edge over Carroll. Lawrence is 9-8 against the Pioneers during head coach Joel DePagter's tenure.

►Monmouth has a 68-39 advantage over Lawrence in a series that dates

back to 1926. Lawrence had won 12 consecutive games against the Scots before a loss at Monmouth earlier this season. Joel DePagter has a 12-1 record against the Scots.

### LAST GAME

Lawrence made a pair of key plays down the stretch to hold on for a 69-65 Midwest Conference victory over Beloit College on Feb. 10 at Flood Arena.

Jamie Nikitas led Lawrence with 18 points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals, with the last theft setting up a key late hoop for the Vikings. Trace Sonleitner picked up 17 points, four rebounds and a key late block for Lawrence that preserved the lead.

Ryan DePouw added 13 points, a game-high nine rebounds and three assists for the Vikings. He also made a pair of late free throws to seal the victory.

Andrew Bremner paced Beloit with 18 points and six rebounds, and Steve McAfee added 16 points.

Lawrence led 65-63 after McAfee's layup with 4:30 remaining, and the teams then traded several missed shots. DePouw missed a 3-pointer from the corner, and Bremner grabbed the rebound for Beloit. But his outlet pass was picked off by Nikitas.

The Vikings missed a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, but DePouw grabbed the offensive rebound. Nikitas then scored on a layup to give the Vikings a 67-63 advantage with 1:13 left.

BJ Kiser went to the hoop for Beloit, but Sonleitner was there for the block and Nikitas grabbed the rebound. The teams then traded turnovers, and Beloit was forced to foul.

Nikitas went to the line but missed the front end of a bonus with 35 seconds left. Rudy Bentley then scored for Beloit to cut the margin to 67-65 with 25 ticks remaining.

DePouw was triple-teamed on the ensuing possession and turned the ball over, but Kiser threw it away to give the ball back to Lawrence.



### MWC Standings

	MWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
St. Norbert*	17	0	21	1
Monmouth*	11	5	14	7
Ripon*	11	5	14	7
Grinnell*	10	6	12	9
Lake Forest	9	8	10	11
Lawrence	7	9	9	12
Cornell	7	10	8	14
Beloit	6	11	7	15
Carroll	5	11	8	13
Knox	4	12	6	15
Illinois College	3	13	4	17

\*Clinched MWC Tournament berth

### Games Wednesday

- Lawrence at Carroll
- Knox at Grinnell
- Illinois College at Monmouth
- Beloit at Ripon

### Games Saturday

- Monmouth at Lawrence
- Ripon at Knox
- Lake Forest at Carroll
- Grinnell at Illinois College
- Cornell at St. Norbert

DePouw was fouled with 11 seconds left and made both free throws to put Lawrence up 69-65. Beloit couldn't get off a final shot as Mitch Willer and Sonleitner knocked the ball away and time expired during the scramble for the ball.

Lawrence led by as many as 12 points in the first half as the Vikings shot 64.3 percent from the floor before the break. The Vikings led 43-33 at the half, but Beloit chipped away at the lead to set up the tense final few minutes.

## 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	106-80
Home	55-30
Away	48-41
Neutral	3-8

Midwest Conference Record	82-53
Home	45-25
Away	38-30

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

### DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	11-3
Carroll	9-8
Cornell	4-3
Grinnell	5-9
Illinois College	13-2
Knox	14-1
Lake Forest	8-6
Monmouth	12-1
Ripon	6-10
St. Norbert	5-12

### DePagter vs. Nonconference Opponents

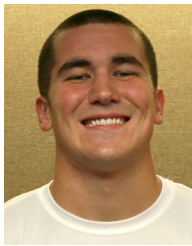
Ashford	0-1
Cal Lutheran	0-1
Caltech	1-0
Coe	1-1
Concordia (Ill.)	1-0
Dominican (Ill.)	2-0
Elmhurst	0-2
Florida College	1-0
Grand View	0-1
Johnson and Wales (Fla.)	1-0
Lakeland	1-0
Manchester	0-1
Marian	2-2
Mount St. Vincent	1-0
Nova Southeastern	1-0
St. Mary's (Md.)	0-1
Southeastern (Fla.)	0-1
Trinity (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

## VIKINGS UPDATE

►The Vikings now have a modest two-game win streak following the victory at Beloit on Feb. 10. The Vikings have now won three of the last four and are a plus-8.8 in scoring margin over that stretch. Lawrence is shooting 50.7 percent from the floor, including 39.1 percent from 3-point range, in the last four games. Two things the Vikings have struggled with, free-throw shooting and rebounding, have been excellent over that stretch. Lawrence is at 84.0 percent (42-50) from the line and a plus-5.5 in rebounding margin.



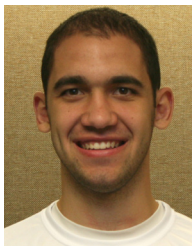
►Senior swingman Ryan DePouw (Oconto, Wis./Oconto) is averaging a team-best 17.3 points and 7.3 rebounds during the last four games. He has pushed his scoring average to 13.7 points per game on the season.



Ryan DePouw

►During Lawrence's win at Beloit, DePouw moved past Rob Cohen (1,005) into 21st place on Lawrence's career scoring list. DePouw is just 18 points away from passing Jim Rasmussen (1,030) and Bob Townsend (1,031).

►Junior guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) has been outstanding over his last three games. Nikitas is averaging 15.3 points while shooting 55.9 percent from the floor. He also is averaging 4.3 assists and 2.7 rebounds during that time. On the season, Nikitas leads the team in scoring at 14.5 points per game and is tops in rebounding at 7.8 per contest. Nikitas is second in the league in rebounding to Lake Forest's Jim Schick (9.6).



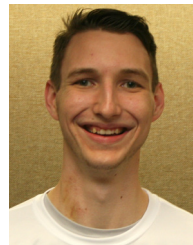
Jamie Nikitas

## 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	961-1059-1 (.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

►Junior forward Trace Sonleitner (Appleton, Wis./North) had a spectacular shooting game against Beloit. He hit 7-of-9 shots from the floor, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, on his way to 17 points. Sonleitner is the third player on the squad averaging double figures in points at 12.9 per game.

►We continue to see the progression of sophomore forward Mitch Willer (Sussex, Wis./Sussex Hamilton) in the second half of the season. Over the last nine games, Willer is averaging 9.7 points per game while shooting a remarkable 73.5 percent from the floor. Perhaps just as impressive, the 6-foot-7 Willer has been great at the foul line. He has hit 15 of his last 17 from the stripe for an 88.2 percent clip. On the season, Willer is averaging 5.4 points and 2.2 rebounds per game



Mitch Willer

## 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
<b>Ryan DePouw</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>2011-now</b>
Rob Cohen	1,005	1976-80

while shooting 60.8 percent from the floor and 73.9 percent from the line.

▶The Vikings bid farewell to three seniors on Saturday. DePouw, Andrew Borresen (West Bend, Wis./Living Word Lutheran) and Shane Cullian (Crystal Lake, Ill./Prairie Ridge) have combined to play in 169 games for the Vikings.

▶Lawrence ranks sixth in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 70.7 points per game, and the Vikings are fourth in scoring defense at 70.9 points per contest.

▶Lawrence ranks fourth in the league in field goal percentage defense at 44.9 percent, and the Vikings are shooting 45.3 percent, which is eighth.

▶Lawrence ranks fifth in the Midwest Conference in free-throw shooting at 71.0 percent.

▶Lawrence ranks fifth in 3-point shooting at 37.1 percent, and the Vikings are seventh in defending the 3-pointer at 36.4 percent.

## SCOUTING CARROLL

▶Carroll has seen its season slip away over the last three weeks with a seven-game losing streak. The Pioneers haven't won since a 139-131 victory over Grinnell on Jan. 17. Carroll is coming off a 75-60 loss at Cornell this past Saturday.



▶The Pioneers are paced by the 1-2 punch of guard Kyle Keranen and swingman Bryan Nagy. Keranen is averaging 13.5 points per game and Nagy is at 12.9. Nagy also is the top rebounder on the squad at 6.3 per game. Nagy also leads the team and the league in assists at 4.9 per game.

▶Austin Fritz is the top shooter in the league at 63.0 percent. He is averaging 8.3 points per game. The top 3-point

## LAWRENCE'S POSTSEASON HISTORY

### ▶1997

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lawrence  
Lawrence 83, Grinnell 82 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 90, Knox 79 (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Wabash 69, Lawrence 63 (first round at Wabash)

### ▶1998

Midwest Conference Tournament at Monmouth  
Lawrence 79, Monmouth 68 (semifinals)  
Ripon 73, Lawrence 60 (championship)

### ▶2000

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lake Forest  
Lawrence 67, Lake Forest 61 (semifinals)  
Ripon 85, Lawrence 54 (championship)

### ▶2003

Midwest Conference Tournament at Grinnell  
Illinois College 86, Lawrence 77 OT (semifinals)

### ▶2004

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lawrence  
Lawrence 68, Lake Forest 63 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 82, Carroll 71 (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Lawrence 86, Lakeland 51 (first round at Lawrence)  
Lawrence 72, Buena Vista 66 (second round at Buena Vista)  
Lawrence 86, Sul Ross State 79 OT (Sweet 16 at Puget Sound)  
UW-Stevens Point 82, Lawrence 81 OT (Elite Eight at Puget Sound)  
\*UW-Stevens Point won NCAA title

### ▶2005

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lawrence  
Lawrence 87, Carroll 76 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 82, Ripon 77 OT (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Lawrence 70, Gustavus Adolphus 56 (first round at Gustavus)  
UW-Stevens Point 79, Lawrence 45 (second round at UW-Stevens Point)  
\*UW-Stevens Point won NCAA title

### ▶2006

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lawrence  
Lawrence 88, Knox 62 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 68, Carroll 62 (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Lawrence 63, St. Thomas 59 (second round at Lawrence)  
Illinois Wesleyan 71, Lawrence 68 (Sweet 16 at Lawrence)

### ▶2008

Midwest Conference Tournament at Lawrence  
Lawrence 59, St. Norbert 58 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 98, Carroll 95 OT (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Wheaton 93, Lawrence 83 OT (first round at UW-Whitewater)

### ▶2009

Midwest Conference Tournament at Grinnell  
Lawrence 90, Carroll 66 (semifinals)  
Lawrence 88, Grinnell 69 (championship)  
NCAA Division III Tournament  
Washington University 67, Lawrence 65 (first round at Elmhurst)  
\*Washington University won NCAA title

shooter for the Pioneers is Keranen, who has hit 42-of-116 (36.2 percent) on the season.

►Carroll is 10th in the league in scoring offense at 64.7 points per game. Carroll is third in scoring defense at 70.7 points per contest.

►Carroll is shooting 47.2 percent from the floor, which ranks third in the league. The Pioneers are 10th in field goal percentage defense at 48.9 percent.

►Carroll ranks second in the league in free-throw shooting at 73.6 percent.

►Carroll ranks 10th in the league in 3-point shooting at 30.2 percent, and the Pioneers are 10th in defending the 3-pointer at 40.1 percent.

#### SCOUTING MONMOUTH

►The Scots earned a berth in the Midwest Conference Tournament back on Feb. 10 despite a loss to Cornell at home. This is the first time Monmouth will play in the four-team league tourney since 1999. Monmouth's 14 wins this season is the most for the Scots since they went 16-7 in 1994-95 under the guidance of long-time coach Terry Glasgow.

►Monmouth, which is coming off a 62-59 win at Beloit, will host Illinois College on Wednesday before traveling to Lawrence for the regular-season finale on Saturday.



►Monmouth put together a nine-game win streak from mid-December through mid-January. Since then, the Scots are just 2-4.

►The Scots are led by junior forward Andrew Mathison and freshman guard Will Jones. Mathison is averaging a team-best 14.5 points per game and Jones is right on his heels at 14.3 points per contest. Mathison is shooting an impressive 60.7 percent from the floor.

►Mathison leads the team and is fourth in the league at 7.2 rebounds per contest.

►Junior Nick Marema is the top 3-point shooter for the Scots at 47.1 percent (24-51).

►Monmouth is averaging 73.1 points per game, and that ranks fifth in the league. The Scots are fifth in scoring defense at 71.5 points per game.

►Monmouth is shooting 46.5 percent from the floor, and that ranks fourth in the conference. The Scots are fifth in field goal percentage defense at 45.5 percent.

►Monmouth is shooting 32.9 percent from beyond the arc, good for seventh in the league. The Scots are ninth in defending the 3-pointer at 38.5 percent.

►Monmouth is shooting 67.8 percent from the foul line, and that ranks eighth in the conference.



#### D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Randolph-Macon (12)	21-2	603	4
2.	UW-Whitewater (9)	20-3	594	1
3.	St. Thomas (1)	20-2	547	2
4.	St. Norbert	21-1	522	7
5.	UW-Stevens Point (1)	20-4	494	12
6.	Babson	21-2	492	8
7.	Albertus Magnus (2)	21-1	484	6
8.	Augustana	20-4	442	11
9.	Marietta	21-2	414	3
10.	Virginia Wesleyan	19-4	404	5
11.	Dickinson	19-4	355	9
12.	WPI	19-4	352	13
13.	Johns Hopkins	20-3	309	10
14.	Catholic	20-3	263	16
15.	St. Olaf	20-3	254	15
16.	St. John Fisher	20-2	221	17
17.	Ohio Wesleyan	19-4	206	23
18.	Emory	17-5	201	20
19.	Whitworth	20-3	192	21
20.	Washington U.	17-5	157	14
21.	Elmhurst	19-5	111	24
22.	Chapman	18-3	74	18
23.	Richard Stockton	19-5	71	19
24.	Wooster	18-5	68	--
25.	Eastern Connecticut	19-4	51	--

**Dropped out:** No. 22 William Paterson; No. 24 Illinois Wesleyan.

**Others receiving votes:** Penn State-Behrend 50; Franklin and Marshall 40; NYU 29; William Paterson 20; Trinity (Conn.) 16; Centre 16; Bates 11; Mount Union 11; Cal Lutheran 11; Illinois Wesleyan 10; Chicago 9; John Carroll 6; Amherst 5; Bowdoin 4; Calvin 2; East Texas Baptist 2; Dubuque 1; Sage 1.

**2014-15 Lawrence Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 17, 2015)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	9-12	5-6	4-6	0-0
CONFERENCE	7-9	4-4	3-5	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	20-20	659	33.0	114-252	.452	19-73	.260	42-68	.618	29	126	155	7.8	46	0	62	44	0	43	289	14.5
11	Ryan DePouw	19-19	630	33.2	77-174	.443	29-83	.349	78-100	.780	25	73	98	5.2	37	1	56	55	3	13	261	13.7
25	Trace Sonnleitner	21-21	579	27.6	99-211	.469	38-95	.400	35-41	.854	12	63	75	3.6	42	1	30	37	21	9	271	12.9
12	Jeremy Stephani	21-1	481	22.9	64-150	.427	40-95	.421	16-31	.516	14	42	56	2.7	28	1	40	25	1	21	184	8.8
30	Troy Miller	21-21	568	27.0	48-119	.403	32-88	.364	13-15	.867	18	43	61	2.9	35	1	29	18	0	18	141	6.7
04	Mitch Willer	21-0	272	13.0	48-79	.608	0-0	.000	17-23	.739	9	37	46	2.2	50	2	9	14	16	3	113	5.4
33	Andrew Borresen	21-21	478	22.8	35-84	.417	22-49	.449	1-5	.200	9	46	55	2.6	37	1	35	14	6	11	93	4.4
24	Connor Weas	21-0	193	9.2	18-38	.474	10-22	.455	7-9	.778	7	15	22	1.0	17	0	11	7	0	4	53	2.5
23	Peter Winslow	20-2	254	12.7	15-38	.395	5-15	.333	13-19	.684	15	23	38	1.9	35	1	24	15	8	5	48	2.4
21	Shane Cullian	11-0	48	4.4	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	4	5	9	0.8	7	0	2	0	0	1	16	1.5
10	Eric Weiss	6-0	22	3.7	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.2	1	0	5	4	1	0	6	1.0
05	Evan McLaughlin	8-0	27	3.4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1	2	3	0.4	5	0	1	3	0	0	6	0.8
32	Ben Peterson	8-0	21	2.6	2-7	.286	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	3	6	9	1.1	2	0	0	1	3	0	4	0.5
00	Kalind Nash	6-0	18	3.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0.0
Team											19	23	42				5					
Total.....		21	4250		531-1171	.453	195-526	.371	228-321	.710	166	505	671	32.0	344	8	306	246	59	128	1485	70.7
Opponents.....		21	4250		538-1197	.449	154-423	.364	259-377	.687	194	518	712	33.9	334	-	241	226	50	136	1489	70.9

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>	
SCORING	1485	1489	11/15/14	DOMINICAN (ILL.)	w	66-49	568
Points per game	70.7	70.9	11/18/14	at Wisconsin Lutheran	w	68-65	229
Scoring margin	-0.2	-	* 11/22/14	RIPON COLLEGE	Lot	79-89	867
FIELD GOALS-ATT	531-1171	538-1197	* 12/03/14	BELOIT COLLEGE	Wot	64-53	679
Field goal pct	.453	.449	* 12/06/14	at Illinois College	w	89-57	310
3 POINT FG-ATT	195-526	154-423	* 12/09/14	at Lake Forest College	L	70-79	463
3-point FG pct	.371	.364	12/13/14	UW-STEVENS POINT	L	49-60	912
3-pt FG made per game	9.3	7.3	12/17/14	at Grand View University	L	63-71	212
FREE THROWS-ATT	228-321	259-377	12/18/14	VITERBO UNIVERSITY	L	55-74	231
Free throw pct	.710	.687	* 01/03/15	at Grinnell College	L	116-126	1002
F-Throws made per game	10.9	12.3	* 01/07/15	ST. NORBERT COLLEGE	L	72-81	784
REBOUNDS	671	712	* 01/10/15	at Monmouth College	L	57-74	150
Rebounds per game	32.0	33.9	* 01/13/15	CARROLL UNIVERSITY	w	69-62	567
Rebounding margin	-2.0	-	* 01/17/15	CORNELL COLLEGE	L	61-72	878
ASSISTS	306	241	* 01/21/15	at Ripon College	L	63-72	455
Assists per game	14.6	11.5	* 01/24/15	at Knox College	w	76-54	455
TURNOVERS	246	226	* 01/27/15	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	L	60-78	452
Turnovers per game	11.7	10.8	* 01/31/15	KNOX COLLEGE	w	76-60	681
Turnover margin	-1.0	-	* 02/04/15	at St. Norbert College	L	63-81	602
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.1	* 02/07/15	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w	100-67	681
STEALS	128	136	* 02/10/15	at Beloit College	w	69-65	200
Steals per game	6.1	6.5					
BLOCKS	59	50					
Blocks per game	2.8	2.4					
ATTENDANCE	7300	4078					
Home games-Avg/Game	11-664	10-408					
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0					

\* - Conference game

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Lawrence University	726	740	19	1485
Opponents	700	771	18	1489

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**Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Feb 17, 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	01/03/15	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	01/10/15	57-74	L	DNP	5-6-1	2-1-1	DNP	DNP	11-4-0	4-2-2
CARROLL UNIVERSITY	01/13/15	69-62	w	DNP	18-7-3	6-5-0	DNP	DNP	10-4-2	15-4-3
CORNELL COLLEGE	01/17/15	61-72	L	DNP	14-3-1	12-0-0	DNP	DNP	16-4-4	3-2-4
at Ripon College	01/21/15	63-72	L	DNP	6-7-3	8-3-1	DNP	DNP	16-5-3	7-1-1
at Knox College	01/24/15	76-54	w	0-0-0	8-6-8	10-2-2	2-2-0	2-0-1	8-3-0	17-3-1
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	01/27/15	60-78	L	DNP	5-4-3	13-3-1	2-0-0	DNP	9-2-3	13-0-1
KNOX COLLEGE	01/31/15	76-60	w	0-1-0	9-6-0	8-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-1	10-8-5	10-5-1
at St. Norbert College	02/04/15	63-81	L	DNP	12-3-4	12-3-1	0-0-0	DNP	20-7-1	7-2-1
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	02/07/15	100-67	w	0-0-1	16-6-4	12-4-1	0-1-1	4-0-1	26-5-3	2-3-4
at Beloit College	02/10/15	69-65	w	DNP	18-4-5	6-5-0	DNP	DNP	13-9-3	5-4-3

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	01/03/15	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	01/10/15	57-74	L	DNP	1-3-0	10-2-0	12-5-2	6-4-1	DNP	6-0-2
CARROLL UNIVERSITY	01/13/15	69-62	w	DNP	0-0-2	3-1-1	11-5-0	0-2-5	DNP	6-2-1
CORNELL COLLEGE	01/17/15	61-72	L	DNP	0-0-1	0-1-1	11-2-2	2-5-0	DNP	3-5-0
at Ripon College	01/21/15	63-72	L	0-1-0	10-4-1	0-0-0	7-2-1	4-3-1	DNP	5-2-1
at Knox College	01/24/15	76-54	w	2-0-0	2-2-1	3-3-1	14-4-1	2-3-2	0-0-0	6-3-3
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	01/27/15	60-78	L	4-3-1	DNP	0-1-1	5-2-1	3-2-0	0-1-0	6-4-1
KNOX COLLEGE	01/31/15	76-60	w	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	19-3-1	13-7-1	0-1-0	5-1-4
at St. Norbert College	02/04/15	63-81	L	2-1-0	2-0-0	0-1-4	0-1-0	2-0-1	0-0-0	6-2-1
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	02/07/15	100-67	w	2-1-0	3-3-1	15-2-1	12-2-1	3-3-0	2-4-0	3-2-2
at Beloit College	02/10/15	69-65	w	0-0-1	3-0-1	2-0-0	17-4-0	5-2-0	DNP	0-0-3

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**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 Sonneleitner, 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.

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

### January 17

#### Cornell 72, Lawrence 61

APPLETON, Wis. — The Cornell College men's basketball team rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit to post a 72-61 Midwest Conference win over Lawrence University at Alexander Gymnasium.

Nick Bobb scored 23 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Cornell (4-11, 3-7 MWC).



Ryan DePouw led Lawrence (5-9, 3-6) with 16 points, and Jamie Nikitas added 14 points. Mitch Willer came off the bench for Lawrence to score 12 points on 6-of-8 shooting in just 10 minutes of action. Trace Sonneleitner added 11 points for the Vikings.

Lawrence pulled away in the final three minutes of the first half to build a double-digit lead. The Vikings scored eight of the half's final 10 points, with six coming from Nikitas, to grab a 40-29 lead at the break.

The Rams scored the first six points of the second half before DePouw hit a 3-pointer with 14:35 left to push the lead back to 43-35.

Cornell kept chipping away at the advantage and took the lead at 53-52 on Bobb's layup with 8:05 remaining. The Rams steadily pulled away from that point and were up 65-58 after a pair of DePouw free throws with 1:55 left.

Lawrence was forced to foul at that point, and Cornell converted 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:47 to seal the victory.

The Rams went 10-for-20 from the floor, including 4-for-8 from 3-point range, in the second half. Cornell's defense also limited Lawrence to just 21 second half points on 24 percent shooting (6-for-25). Lawrence also committed eight of its 12 turnovers in the second half.

### January 21

#### Ripon 72, Lawrence 63

RIPON, Wis. — The Ripon College men's basketball team rallied late in the second half and went on to a 72-63 Midwest Conference win over Lawrence University at the Storzer Center.

Justin Leistikow led Ripon with 21 points as he went 8-for-8 from the floor, including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc, and Kyle Loughrin added 19 points. Ripon's Ty Sabin, second in the nation in scoring at 29.3 points per game, was limited to 15 points and hit



only 4-of-13 shots from the floor.

Ryan DePouw paced Lawrence (5-10, 3-6) with 16 points, and Pete Winslow added 10 points as he connected on 3-of-4 shots from 3-point range. Mitch Willer had a perfect night as he added eight points on 3-for-3 shooting from the floor and 2-for-2 from the foul line.

Ripon had a 12-point advantage at 24-12 before Lawrence rallied in the first half. Lawrence went on a 15-2 run over the final 7:14 of the first half to take a 27-26 lead at the break. Winslow, Jeremy Stephani and Troy Miller had four points apiece over that stretch for the Vikings.

Lawrence led by as many as four points twice in the second half before Ripon rallied. In a four-minute stretch, the Red Hawks went on a 19-5 run to turn a 49-45 deficit into a 64-54 lead with 4:52 remaining. Loughrin scored seven points during the run for Ripon.

Winslow countered with a 3-pointer, and Vikings picked up a three-point play from Willer and a jumper from DePouw to cut the margin to 67-62 with 2:25 left.

Sabin then scored the game's next four points, sandwiched around a missed Lawrence 3-pointer, to push the lead back to 71-62 and seal the victory.

### January 24

#### Lawrence 76, Knox 54

G A L E S - BURG, Ill. — The Lawrence University men's basketball team



had one of its best shooting games of the season and rolled to a 76-54 Midwest Conference win over Knox College at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Vikings (6-10, 4-7 MWC) shot 55.1 percent from the floor, including 50 percent from beyond the arc.

Freshman Jeremy Stephani scored a game-high 17 points off the bench for the Vikings. Stephani was 6-for-8 from the floor, including 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

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Trace Sonleitner added 14 points for Lawrence, and Mitch Willer added 10 points on 5-for-5 shooting from the floor. Guard Jamie Nikitas had a career-high eight assists to go with eight points and six rebounds for the Vikings.

Caylab Herrera came off the bench to pace Knox (4-12, 2-9) with 10 points.

Lawrence got off to a fast start, hitting seven of its first nine shots from the floor to build a 20-10 with 12:59 left in the opening half. The Vikings cooled off a bit after that but led 39-27 at the half.

The Vikings then opened the second half on a 19-6 run to stretch the lead to 58-33 with 11:29 remaining. Sonleitner scored seven points in that stretch as the Vikings knocked down three consecutive 3-pointers.

Lawrence's largest lead would be 26 points as every Viking got to play in the second half. Twelve of Lawrence's 14 players scored at least two points.

### January 27

#### Lake Forest 78, Lawrence 60

APPLETON, Wis. — The Lake Forest College men's basketball team went on a 3-point shooting spree and downed Lawrence University 78-60 in a Midwest Conference game at Alexander Gymnasium.

Lake Forest went 15-for-24 (62.5 percent) from beyond the arc, and Danny Nikitas scored 24 of his game-high 27 points via the 3-pointer. Nikitas, the younger brother of Lawrence star Jamie Nikitas, went 8-for-12 on 3-pointers and shot 9-for-19 for the game.

Jim Schick added a double-double for Lake Forest with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Brian Madson also had 10 rebounds for the Foresters, who dominated on the glass with a 41-25 rebounding edge.

Lawrence's leading scorers both came off the bench as Mitch Willer

and Jeremy Stephani scored 13 points apiece. Willer was 5-for-7 from the floor, and Stephani went 5-for-9, including 3-for-5 from 3-point range.

Lawrence, which led only once in the game at 9-7, fell behind double digits after Lake Forest scored eight consecutive points to grab a 31-21 edge. Lake Forest would lead by as many as 13 points in the first half before settling for a 43-31 lead at the break.

The Vikings cut the lead to 45-35 on a Jamie Nikitas free throw early in the second half, but Lake Forest went on a 9-2 run to grab a 54-37 edge with 13:46 remaining.

Lawrence responded with a 9-2 run of its own, capped by Willer's dunk with 9:35 left, to cut the lead to 57-46. Danny Nikitas countered with a 3-pointer for the Foresters, Schick then scored on a conventional three-point play and Mason Zuniga hit a 3-pointer to push the lead back to 66-50.

Lawrence got no closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

### January 31

#### Lawrence 76, Knox 60

APPLETON, Wis. — Four Lawrence University men's basketball players scored in double figures, and the Vikings used that balanced attack to post a 76-60 Midwest Conference victory over Knox College at Alexander Gymnasium.

Trace Sonleitner led Lawrence (7-11, 5-8 MWC) with a game-high 19 points. Troy Miller added 13 points and seven rebounds for the Vikings, and Ryan DePouw and Jeremy Stephani scored 10 points apiece. DePouw also posted game highs with eight rebounds and five assists.

Mitch Murphy paced Knox (5-13, 3-10) with 14 points and five rebounds, and Deandre Weathersby added 10 points and four assists.

Lawrence grabbed the advantage early and kept the Prairie Fire at arm's length throughout the game. DePouw scored five points in a 10-0 Lawrence run that gave the Vikings a 20-10 lead with 9:16 left in the opening half.

Knox closed to six points late in the first half before Sonleitner's layup gave Lawrence a 34-26 lead at the break.

Sonleitner gave the Vikings a boost early in the second half as Lawrence went on a 12-2 scoring run. Sonleitner scored seven points in that run and Andrew Borresen hit a 3-pointer before Jamie Nikitas capped the outburst with a layup to give Lawrence a 46-30 edge.

Knox trimmed the lead to 46-34, but Lawrence immediately stretched the lead back to 56-37. Knox closed the margin to 64-52 with 6:41 left, but Stephani answered with a 3-pointer. Knox didn't get closer than 16 points the rest of the way.

### February 4

#### No. 9 St. Norbert 81, Lawrence 63

DE PERE, Wis. — The ninth-ranked St. Norbert College men's basketball team used a big scoring run in the second half to pull away for an 81-63 Midwest Conference win over Lawrence University at Schuldes Sports Center.

The Green Knights (18-1, 14-0 MWC) led 55-47 with 11:34 left in the contest after Mitch Willer's layup for the Vikings. St. Norbert then went on a 20-4 run over the next eight minutes to seal the victory.

Austin Elliott scored 20 points and handed out six assists and Steven Hofacker had 11 points and eight rebounds to pace the Green Knights.

Ryan DePouw poured in a season-high 20 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Vikings (7-12, 5-9). Mitch Willer came off the bench to add 12 points, and Jamie Ni-



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kitas had 12 points and four assists for Lawrence.

St. Norbert, which never trailed in the game, led by as many as nine points late in the first half, but back-to-back layups from Willer and Troy Miller trimmed the Green Knights' lead to 35-30 at the half.

The Green Knights stretched the lead to 43-33 early in the second half, but a mini-run that featured a Jeremy Stephani 3-pointer and five points from DePouw trimmed the margin to 47-41. That was as close as the Vikings would get before St. Norbert put together its decisive scoring run.

St. Norbert enjoyed a huge advantage at the foul line where the Green Knights shot 12-for-19. Lawrence did not attempt a free throw as the Green Knights were whistled for only nine fouls.

### February 7

#### Lawrence 100, Illinois College 67

APPLETON, Wis. — Lawrence University men's basketball star Ryan DePouw topped 1,000 points as the Vikings routed Illinois College 100-67 in a Midwest Conference game at Alexander Gymnasium.

DePouw, a senior guard from Oconto, Wis., scored 26 points and now has 1,001 points for his career. DePouw is the 22nd player in Lawrence history to score 1,000 points. DePouw hit 8-of-13 shots from the floor, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the foul line.

Jamie Nikitas added 16 points and a game-high six rebounds for the Vikings (8-12, 6-9 MWC). Connor Weas scored 15 points in just 16 minutes for Lawrence, and Trace Sonneleitner and Mitch Willer added 12 points apiece.

Cody Hildebrand and Max Stutsmann scored 12 points apiece to pace the Blueboys (4-16, 3-12).



Lawrence actually trailed 18-8 after the Blueboys hit four of their first five attempts from beyond the arc. Lawrence then took command by going on a 13-2 run over the next 2:48 to grab a 21-20 lead. DePouw, Nikitas and Weas all hit 3-pointers during that run for the Vikings.

Lawrence led 29-24, but the Vikings really caught fire over the final 10 minutes of the first half. The Vikings outscored Illinois College 31-9 in the final 9:42 of the half to grab a 60-33 advantage at the half. DePouw had 14 points in the first half, and the Vikings had four players in double figures by the break.

Lawrence quickly pushed the lead to 34 at 72-38 just 3:42 into the second half and the rout was on. The Vikings would lead by as many as 37 points in the second half.

### February 10

#### Lawrence 69, Beloit 65

BELOIT, Wis. — The Lawrence University men's basketball team made a pair of key plays down the stretch to hold on for a 69-65 Midwest Conference victory over Beloit College at Flood Arena.

Jamie Nikitas led Lawrence (9-12, 7-9 MWC) with 18 points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals, with the last theft setting up a key late hoop for the Vikings. Trace Sonneleitner picked up 17 points, four rebounds and a key late block for Lawrence that preserved the lead.

Ryan DePouw added 13 points, a game-high nine rebounds and three assists for the Vikings. He also made a pair of late free throws to seal the victory.

Andrew Bremner paced Beloit (7-14, 6-10) with 18 points and six rebounds, and Steve McAfee added 16 points.

Lawrence led 65-63 after McAfee's layup with 4:30 remaining, and the teams then traded several missed

shots. DePouw missed a 3-pointer from the corner, and Bremner grabbed the rebound for Beloit. But his outlet pass was picked off by Nikitas.

The Vikings missed a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, but DePouw grabbed the offensive rebound. Nikitas then scored on a layup to give the Vikings a 67-63 advantage with 1:13 left.

BJ Kiser went to the hoop for Beloit, but Sonneleitner was there for the block and Nikitas grabbed the rebound. The teams then traded turnovers, and Beloit was forced to foul.

Nikitas went to the line but missed the front end of a bonus with 35 seconds left. Rudy Bentley then scored for Beloit to cut the margin to 67-65 with 25 ticks remaining.

DePouw was triple-teamed on the ensuing possession and turned the ball over, but Kiser threw it away to give the ball back to Lawrence.

DePouw was fouled with 11 seconds left and made both free throws to put Lawrence up 69-65. Beloit couldn't get off a final shot as Mitch Willer and Sonneleitner knocked the ball away and time expired during the scramble for the ball.

Lawrence led by as many as 12 points in the first half as the Vikings shot 64.3 percent from the floor before the break. The Vikings led 43-33 at the half, but Beloit chipped away at the lead to set up the tense final few minutes.

