



Lawrence University (4-3)

at

Wisconsin Dells Classic

Just A Game Field House, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17-18



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	5:30 pm
12/18	vs. Viterbo	7:30 pm
1/3	at Grinnell	3:00 pm
1/7	St. Norbert	7:30 pm
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 (4-3)

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



Grand View (4-5)

Forward	Nathan Washington	Fr.	6-6
Forward	Nick Lyon	Jr.	6-7
Guard	Rodney Williams	Sr.	6-1
Guard	Chase Mullen	So.	5-10
Guard	Sam Skogen	Jr.	5-11



Viterbo (7-6)

Forward	David Shepard	So.	6-6
Forward	Erik Engelstad	So.	6-4
Guard	Pete Drummond	Jr.	5-10
Guard	Alex Diclaula	Sr.	6-0
Guard	Jake Bamke	So.	6-1

SCHEDULE

▶Lawrence travels about 100 miles southwest to Wisconsin Dells for a pair of games against NAIA opponents at the Just A Game Field House. Lawrence takes on Grand View at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday before facing Viterbo at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

VIDEO WEBCAST

▶Both games feature a free audio webcast at: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/lawrence/>. Joe Vanden Acker is on the call for both 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 Confer-

ence Coach of the Year, is in his eighth season at Lawrence and has a record of 101-70 (.591).

▶Dennis Schaefer (Loras) is in his 17th season at Grand View.

▶Wayne Wagner (Viterbo 1992) is in his 16th season at Viterbo and has a record of 219-269 (.449).

THE SERIES

▶This is the first meeting between Lawrence and Grand View.

▶Lawrence holds a 3-0 edge in the series with Viterbo. The Vikings played Viterbo three consecutive seasons (2002-05) and won 82-53 in 2002-03, 71-62 in 2003-04 and 79-59 2004-05.

LAST GAME

No. 21 UW-Stevens Point held off Lawrence 60-49 in a nonconference

battle on Saturday 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.

Jamie Nikitas paced the Vikings 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.

VIKINGS UPDATE

►Lawrence is in the midst of a three-game streak of nonconference games. The Vi-



MWC Standings

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

Games Tuesday

Knox at Blackburn

Games Wednesday

Lawrence vs. Grand View

St. Norbert at Illinois College

Games Thursday

Lawrence vs. Viterbo

UW-River Falls vs. Monmouth

Beloit at Cornell

Games Friday

Calvin at Ripon

Monmouth at UW-Whitewater

kings play NAIA institutions Grand View and Viterbo this week. Lawrence hasn't faced a NAIA opponent since a 68-52 loss to Ashford (Iowa) on Dec. 19, 2012 at Just A Game Field House.

►Lawrence had its worst shooting game of the season in the loss to No. 21 UW-Stevens Point. The Vikings hit just 32.5 percent (13-40) of its shots from the floor.

►Lawrence also went just 7-for-23 (30.4 percent) from 3-point range. That is the fewest number of 3-pointers made in a game for the Vikings

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	101-70
Home	52-26
Away	46-38
Neutral	3-6

Midwest Conference Record	77-46
Home	42-22
Away	36-26

Nonconference Record	24-24
Home	11-5
Away	10-13
Neutral	3-6

DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	10-3
Carroll	8-8
Cornell	4-2
Grinnell	5-8
Illinois College	12-2
Knox	12-1
Lake Forest	8-4
Monmouth	12-0
Ripon	6-9
St. Norbert	5-10

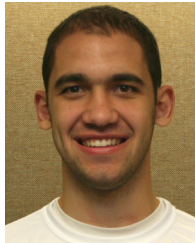
DePagter vs. Nonconference Opponents

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
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
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

this season.

▶While the Vikings had trouble scoring against the Pointers, Lawrence did a solid job on the defensive end. The Vikings forced 14 turnovers and held Stevens Point to 44.7 percent shooting from the floor.

▶Lawrence's balanced attack features four players scoring in double figures. Junior guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) is tops on the squad at 18.9 points per game, and he is averaging a double-double at 11.1 rebounds per contest. Nikitas leads the Midwest Conference in rebounding.



Jamie Nikitas

▶Also scoring in double figures for the Vikings are Ryan DePouw (Oconto, Wis./Oconto) at 16.2 points per game, Trace Sonnleitner (Appleton, Wis./North) at 13.3 and Troy Miller (Lake In The Hills, Ill./Huntley) at 10.6.

▶Lawrence ranks eighth in the Midwest Conference in scoring offense at 69.3 points per game, and the Vikings are second in scoring defense at 64.6 points per contest.

▶Lawrence ranks second in the league in field goal percentage defense at 39.8 percent, and the Vikings are shooting 41.4 percent, which is ninth.

▶Lawrence ranks second in 3-point defense at 27.9 percent, and the Vikings are fifth in 3-point shooting at 34.8 percent.

SCOUTING GRAND VIEW

▶It's the Vikings against the Vikings when Lawrence plays Grand View. Grand View, also using the Vikings moniker, is a NAIA Division II institution located in Des Moines, Iowa. Grand View has roughly 2,100 stu-



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	956-1050-1 (.477)
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

dents and is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

▶Grand View, a member of the Midwest Collegiate Conference, is on a three-game win streak heading into the games in the Dells. The Vikings defeated Faith Baptist 94-63 back on Nov. 25 and then posted back-to-back wins over Waldorf on Dec. 6 (83-61) and 13 (74-57).

▶Grand View has a pair of players averaging double figures in points and five more players averaging at least 5.2 points per game.

▶The top scorer for the Vikings is guard Chase Mullen, who is at 15.3 points per game while shooting 43.0 percent from the floor. Guard Rodney Williams also is in double figures at 10.9 points per game while averaging a team-best 2.4 assists per contest.

▶Grand View's top rebounder is Juan Hadnot, who is averaging 4.2 re-

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

bounds per contest. The Vikings are a minus-6.6 in rebounding margin.

▶Grand View ranks fourth in the seven-team Midwest Collegiate Conference in scoring at 74.6 points per game. The Vikings are fourth in scoring defense at 76.2 points per contest.

▶Grand View is shooting 46.2 percent from the floor, which ranks third in the league. Opponents are shooting 45.2 percent, which is good for third in the conference.

▶Grand View is shooting 30.7 percent from beyond the arc, which is sixth in the conference. Grand View ranks third in defending the 3-pointer at 34.8 percent.

SCOUTING VITERBO

▶Viterbo is another NAIA Division II school and is located in La Crosse, Wis. Viterbo has approximately 3,200 students and is affiliated with the Catholic Church.



▶In its last game, Viterbo picked up a 75-74 victory over UW-River Falls this past Saturday. The V-Hawks got a layup from David Shepard with two seconds left to pick up the victory.

▶The V-Hawks are 3-1 against rivals

from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with wins against River Falls, UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout and a loss to UW-Eau Claire.

▶David Shepard is one of two players averaging double figures in points for Viterbo. He leads the team at 18.6 points per game while shooting an impressive 54.8 percent from the floor. Alex Diciaula also is in double figures at 14.8 points per game. Diciaula has hit a team-best 33 3-pointers this season and is shooting 45.2 percent from beyond the arc.

▶Shepard is close to averaging a double-double as he leads the team at 9.3 rebounds per game. The V-Hawks are a plus-3.2 in rebounding margin.

▶Viterbo ranks sixth in the Midwest Collegiate Conference in scoring at 72.7 points per game. The V-Hawks are second in the league in scoring defense at 71.7 points per game.

▶Viterbo is shooting 45.2 percent from the floor, which ranks fifth in the conference. The V-Hawks rank second in field goal percentage defense at 44.3 percent.

▶Viterbo is second in the league in 3-point shooting at 38.5 percent. Viterbo also ranks second in defending the 3-pointer at 32.7 percent.



D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Augustana (17)	5-0	616	1
2.	Amherst (4)	3-0	567	2
3.	UW-Whitewater (4)	4-1	561	3
4.	Washington U.	6-0	542	4
5.	St. Thomas	4-0	502	6
6.	Emory	4-0	458	9
7.	Virginia Wesleyan	4-0	427	12
8.	Richard Stockton	6-0	417	15
9.	Illinois Wesleyan	5-1	411	8
10.	Wooster	3-1	377	5
11.	MIT	4-0	349	16
12.	Dickinson	4-1	304	7
13.	WPI	4-1	300	14
14.	Ohio Wesleyan	5-0	271	21
15.	Centre	5-0	236	20
16.	Albertus Magnus	3-1	221	17
17.	Chicago	5-1	179	23
18.	DePauw	4-0	174	22
19.	Calvin	4-2	143	10
20.	St. Olaf	4-0	106	--
21.	Scranton	4-1	105	24
22.	North Central (Ill.)	4-0	91	--
23.	UW-Stevens Point	3-2	87	11
24.	St. Norbert	4-0	77	--
25.	Eastern Connecticut	7-1	74	--

Dropped out: No. 13 Randolph-Macon; No. 18 Cabrini; No. 19 Texas-Dallas; No. 25 Springfield.

Others receiving votes: Randolph-Macon 64; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 58; Babson 47; Bowdoin 42; Marietta 39; Williams 30; Lynchburg 29; Chapman 29; Rhode Island College 25; Dubuque 24; Misericordia 23; Cabrini 19; Springfield 15; Christopher Newport 15; Marymount 12; Ohio Northern 10; Franklin and Marshall 10; Bates 8; Wheaton (Ill.) 8; Widener 6; Rutgers-Newark 3; Texas-Dallas 3; Gettysburg 4; Whitworth 3; Stevenson 2; Keene State 1.

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

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-3	2-2	2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-2	1-1	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	1-1	1-0	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	7-7	253	36.1	51-109	.468	10-34	.294	20-34	.588	15	63	78	11.1	16	0	20	17	0	19	132	18.9
11	Ryan DePouw	5-5	175	35.0	25-55	.455	10-28	.357	21-26	.808	5	20	25	5.0	13	1	17	17	1	4	81	16.2
25	Trace Sonleitner	7-7	212	30.3	35-84	.417	17-44	.386	6-7	.857	8	26	34	4.9	16	0	13	8	10	2	93	13.3
30	Troy Miller	7-7	231	33.0	26-58	.448	19-44	.432	3-3	1.000	5	12	17	2.4	15	1	10	3	0	8	74	10.6
12	Jeremy Stephani	7-0	158	22.6	16-47	.340	10-30	.333	4-9	.444	5	15	20	2.9	11	1	9	4	1	4	46	6.6
33	Andrew Borresen	7-7	144	20.6	7-24	.292	3-12	.250	0-1	.000	4	17	21	3.0	9	0	10	5	2	3	17	2.4
23	Peter Winslow	7-2	119	17.0	5-13	.385	0-3	.000	7-9	.778	8	13	21	3.0	16	1	12	7	5	1	17	2.4
04	Mitch Willer	7-0	74	10.6	6-20	.300	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3	10	13	1.9	12	0	1	5	3	0	13	1.9
21	Shane Cullian	3-0	11	3.7	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	1	3	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3
32	Ben Peterson	2-0	5	2.5	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
24	Connor Weas	7-0	51	7.3	1-7	.143	1-5	.200	3-4	.750	3	6	9	1.3	6	0	1	1	0	0	6	0.9
10	Eric Weiss	2-0	5	2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
00	Kalind Nash	2-0	7	3.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0.0
05	Evan McLaughlin	2-0	5	2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team											7	10	17				3					
Total.....		7	1450		175-423	.414	70-201	.348	65-101	.644	66	196	262	37.4	119	4	95	75	22	41	485	69.3
Opponents.....		7	1450		163-410	.398	38-136	.279	88-132	.667	68	198	266	38.0	112	-	65	76	16	43	452	64.6

TEAM STATISTICS	LU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	485	452	11/15/14	DOMINICAN (ILL.)	W 66-49	568
Points per game	69.3	64.6	11/18/14	at Wisconsin Lutheran	W 68-65	229
Scoring margin	+4.7	-	* 11/22/14	RIPON COLLEGE	Lot 79-89	867
FIELD GOALS-ATT	175-423	163-410	* 12/03/14	BELOIT COLLEGE	Wot 64-53	679
Field goal pct	.414	.398	* 12/06/14	at Illinois College	W 89-57	310
3 POINT FG-ATT	70-201	38-136	* 12/09/14	at Lake Forest College	L 70-79	463
3-point FG pct	.348	.279	12/13/14	UW-STEVENS POINT	L 49-60	912
3-pt FG made per game	10.0	5.4	* - Conference game			
FREE THROWS-ATT	65-101	88-132				
Free throw pct	.644	.667				
F-Throws made per game	9.3	12.6				
REBOUNDS	262	266				
Rebounds per game	37.4	38.0				
Rebounding margin	-0.6	-				
ASSISTS	95	65				
Assists per game	13.6	9.3				
TURNOVERS	75	76				
Turnovers per game	10.7	10.9				
Turnover margin	+0.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.9				
STEALS	41	43				
Steals per game	5.9	6.1				
BLOCKS	22	16				
Blocks per game	3.1	2.3				
ATTENDANCE	3026	1002				
Home games-Avg/Game	4-756	3-334				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Lawrence University	208	258	19	485
Opponents	197	237	18	452

2014-15 Lawrence Basketball
Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Dec 16, 2014)
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

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

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.

