



**Lawrence University (5-7, 2-5 MWC)  
at Carroll University (11-1, 7-0 MWC)**

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5 p.m.

**at Cornell College (4-8, 2-5 MWC)**

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m.



**2015-16 LAWRENCE SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/14	at Dominican (Ill.)	W, 74-72
<b>11/18</b>	<b>Wisconsin Lutheran L, 71-70</b>	
11/21	at Ripon	L, 88-80 OT
<b>11/25</b>	<b>Lake Forest</b>	<b>L, 77-69</b>
12/2	at Beloit	W, 76-72
<b>12/5</b>	<b>Illinois College</b>	<b>W, 77-67</b>
12/12	at UW-Stevens Point	L, 64-53
12/19-20	Puerto Rico Classic	
12/19	vs. Randolph	W, 43-40
12/20	vs. Bard	W, 68-55
<b>1/2</b>	<b>Grinnell</b>	<b>L, 109-89</b>
1/6	at St. Norbert	L, 82-62
<b>1/9</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>L, 68-63</b>
1/12	at Carroll	5:00 pm
1/16	at Cornell	1:00 pm
<b>1/20</b>	<b>Ripon</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>1/23</b>	<b>Knox</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
1/26	at Lake Forest	5:00 pm
1/30	at Knox	1:00 pm
<b>2/3</b>	<b>St. Norbert</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
2/6	at Illinois College	1:00 pm
<b>2/9</b>	<b>Beloit</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>2/17</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
2/20	at Monmouth	1:00 pm
2/26-27	MWC Tournament	TBA

Home games in bold

**PROBABLE STARTERS**

**Lawrence**



Forward	Mitch Willer	Jr.	6-7
Forward	Connor Weas	Jr.	6-4
Guard	Jeremy Stephani	So.	6-0
Guard	Jamie Nikitas	Sr.	6-0
Guard	Troy Miller	Sr.	6-0

**Carroll**



Forward	Marcus Johnson	So.	6-7
Forward	Bryan Nagy	Sr.	6-7
Guard	Ben Widdes	Fr.	6-0
Guard	Tanner Zaeske	So.	6-3
Guard	Kyle Keranen	Jr.	6-2

**Cornell**



Forward	Austin Dyer	So.	6-5
Forward	Brad Hund	So.	6-6
Forward	Grant Anderson	Jr.	6-5
Guard	Corey Davis	So.	6-1
Guard	Craig Engle	Fr.	6-0

**SCHEDULE**

▶Lawrence plays the first of two Midwest Conference road games when it makes its final trip to Waukesha on Tuesday. The game tips off at 5 p.m.

▶Lawrence then takes the long drive to Mount Vernon, Iowa, to face Cornell at 1 p.m. on Saturday for another Midwest Conference contest.

**VIDEO WEBCAST**

▶All Lawrence home games feature 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 ninth season at Lawrence and has a record of 112-88 (.560).

▶Paul Combs (Ripon 1993) is in his third season at Carroll and has a record of 35-24 (.593). Carroll is his fourth head coaching position and he has an overall record of 251-184 (.577) in his 17th season.

▶Chad Murray (Chapman 1998) is in his seventh season at Cornell and has a record of 55-102 (.350).

**THE SERIES**

▶In one of the oldest series on the books (it dates to 1907), Lawrence holds a 73-63 advantage over Carroll. Lawrence swept the season series a year ago and has won three of the last

four against the Pioneers.

►Cornell holds a 60-29 edge in the series that began back in 1924. Lawrence has won three of five meetings since the Rams rejoined the Midwest Conference in 2012.

### LAST GAME

The Lawrence University men's basketball team rallied from seven points down in the final minutes, but Monmouth College recovered to post a 68-63 Midwest Conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.

Will Jones scored 21 points and picked up four rebounds and four steals for Monmouth (8-4, 5-3 MWC). Reed Goodbred added 14 points and six rebounds for the Scots.

Jamie Nikitas, one of the nation's leading scorers, was limited to 17 points and added a game-high eight rebounds to go with four assists to pace Lawrence (5-7, 2-5). Jeremy Stephani added 13 points for the Vikings, and Ben Peterson had 10 points, all in the first half.

Monmouth matched its biggest lead of the half when it went up 63-56 with 2:30 remaining. The Scots then let Lawrence back in the game with turnovers by Jones on two of their next three possessions. Lawrence converted that into four consecutive free throws, sandwiched around a foul shot by Paul Engo, to trim the margin to 64-60 with 1:06 remaining.

After a turnover by Engo on the next possession, Connor Weas buried a 3-pointer from the right wing to cut the lead to 64-63 with 50 seconds left. It was the only shot from outside the arc that Lawrence made in the second half as the Vikings went 1-for-10 from long distance after the break. Lawrence was 6-for-14 on 3-pointers in the first half.

Jones answered for Monmouth with a driving layup with 22 ticks left to push the lead back to 66-63. Nikitas then missed a layup and the offensive rebound popped out of his hands. Jones was there to grab it, and he then made two free throws with eight seconds left to seal the victory.



### MWC Standings

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

### Games Wednesday

Lawrence at Carroll

St. Norbert at Beloit

Knox at Grinnell

Ripon at Lake Forest

### Games Wednesday

Cornell at Monmouth

### Games Saturday

Lawrence at Cornell

Grinnell at Lake Forest

Beloit at Illinois College

Monmouth at Ripon

St. Norbert at Knox

In a see-saw first half, Monmouth built a 16-9 lead before the Vikings got hot from long range. Peterson hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Stephani drained another trey to give Lawrence a 20-18 edge. The Vikings kept pouring it on with layups from Nikitas and Stephani and another 3-pointer from Stephani to grab a 27-19 lead. Overall, Lawrence put together a 18-3 run during a stretch of 4:44.

Monmouth answered right back with a 20-3 run of its own, capped by Matt Juhola's layup with 3:31 left, to grab a 39-30 lead. Lawrence finished the half with a pair of Nikitas layups, sandwiched around a Weas 3-pointer,

### DEPAGTER'S RECORD

Lawrence head coach Joel DePagter is in his ninth 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	112-88
Home	60-35
Away	47-45
Neutral	5-8

Midwest Conference Record	85-60
Home	45-28
Away	40-32

Nonconference Record	27-28
Home	11-6
Away	11-14
Neutral	5-8

### DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	12-3
Carroll	10-8
Cornell	4-3
Grinnell	5-10
Illinois College	14-2
Knox	14-1
Lake Forest	8-7
Monmouth	12-3
Ripon	6-11
St. Norbert	5-13

### DePagter vs. Nonconference Opponents

Ashford	0-1
Bard	1-0
Cal Lutheran	0-1
Caltech	1-0
Coe	1-1
Concordia (Ill.)	1-0
Dominican (Ill.)	3-0
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
Randolph	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	4-1
UW-Oshkosh	1-3
UW-Stevens Point	1-8
UW-Whitewater	0-1

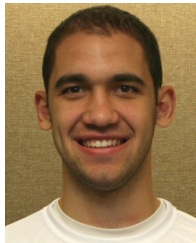
to cut the lead to 39-37 at the half.

## VIKINGS UPDATE

►Star guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) has climbed to 13th on Lawrence's career scoring list. Nikitas scored a total of 43 points in two games last week and now has 1,144 for his career. Nikitas is 17 points away from passing Reggie Geans (1,160), and Ben Zagorski and Mike Fogel are tied for 10th place with 1,175. Zagorski and Fogel both have close ties to the current program. Zagorski was the teammate of head coach Joel DePagter in the 1990s and Fogel's son, 3-point shooting specialist Dylan, played for the Vikings when DePagter was an assistant coach.



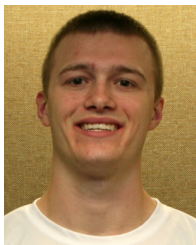
►Nikitas leads the Midwest Conference in scoring at 26.3 points per game. Ripon's Ty Sabin ranks second at 24.2. Nikitas ranks fourth in NCAA Division III in points per game in the latest report.



Jamie Nikitas

►Nikitas also leads the Vikings in rebounding at 7.3 per game, and that ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference. Nikitas also leads the team at 3.4 assists per game and 2.4 steals per game. Nikitas leads the league in steals and is sixth in assists.

►With the injury to junior forward Pete Winslow (Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township), junior Connor Weas (Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay) has stepped into the starting lineup.



Connor Weas

Weas made his first two career starts last week and averaged 5.5 points and 2.0 rebounds. On the season, Weas is at 1.8 points and 2.3 rebounds per

## 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	113
All-time record	967-1067 (.475)
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

game. Weas hit a huge 3-pointer late in the game against Monmouth this past Saturday as the Vikings nearly pulled off the upset with a late rally.

►Sophomore guard Jeremy Stephani (Arlington Heights, Ill./Wheeling) saw his streak of double-figure scoring games snapped at four with just four points against St. Norbert last Wednesday. Stephani bounced right back and scored 13 points against Monmouth. On the season, Stephani is averaging 12.0 points per game, which ranks second on the team.

►Stephani has made a team-best 31 3-pointers this season and ranks third in the league at 2.6 3-pointers per game.

►Lawrence ranks 11th in the Midwest Conference in scoring at 68.7 points per game. The Vikings are fifth in scoring defense at 72.1.

►Lawrence is shooting 44.7 percent

## 1,000 POINT CLUB

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
<b>Jamie Nikitas</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>2012-now</b>
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
Ryan DePouw	1,028	2011-15
Rob Cohen	1,005	1976-80

from the floor, good for seventh in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are fourth in field goal percentage defense at 42.4 percent.

▶Lawrence is shooting 29.7 percent from 3-point range, and that ranks ninth in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are ninth in defending the 3-pointer at 35.8 percent.

▶Lawrence is 11th in the league in free-throw shooting at 61.3 percent.

### SCOUTING CARROLL

▶The Pioneers are riding a three-game win streak heading into Tuesday's game. Carroll is coming off a 59-55 Midwest Conference victory at Cornell this past Saturday. Kyle Keranen led three Carroll players in double figures with 17 points. Keranen was a perfect 10-for-10 at the foul line.



▶The only blemish on the record for the Pioneers is a 67-51 loss to UW-Oshkosh in Wisconsin Dells on Dec. 30.

▶Carroll is a perfect 7-0 in the Midwest Conference but has an average winning margin of just 5.9 points in those seven contests.

▶Guard Kyle Keranen is tops in scoring for the Pioneers at 15.2 points per game. Bryan Nagy ranks second on the squad at 13.3 points per contest. Nagy is tops on the team and ranks third in the conference at 8.6 rebounds per game. Nagy also leads the team and is fifth in the league at 3.8 assists per game.

▶Carroll is eighth in the league in scoring at 70.8 points per game and is second in scoring defense at 67.0 points per game.

▶The Pioneers lead the league in shooting at 48.9 percent and are second in field goal percentage defense at 41.6 percent.

▶Carroll is fifth in free-throw shooting at 72.7 percent.

▶No one in the conference is better at defending the 3-pointer than Carroll, which is at 28.3 percent. The Pioneers are shooting 41.6 percent from beyond the arc, good for second in the conference.

### SCOUTING CORNELL

▶Cornell endured a six-game losing streak before posting recent wins over Illinois Tech and Knox. The Rams dropped a 59-55 decision to visiting Carroll this past Saturday. Corey Davis poured in 23 points in a losing effort for the Rams.



▶Cornell plays at Monmouth on Tuesday before hosting Lawrence on Saturday.

▶Corey Davis, who was named the Midwest Conference Player of the Week, is the top scorer on the Rams and ranks fifth in the conference at 19.6 points per game. Grant Anderson (13.9) and Craig Engle (11.9) are also averaging double figures in points.

▶Grant Anderson is the top rebounder on the squad at 8.1 per contest and that ranks fifth in the league.

▶Corey Davis is second in the conference at 5.0 assists per game.

▶Cornell is 10th in the league in scoring at 68.8 points per game. The Rams are sixth in scoring defense at 73.8.

▶Cornell is shooting 44.7 percent from the floor, good for eighth in the league. The Rams are fifth in field goal percentage defense at 42.4 percent. Cornell is second in the league in foul shooting at 76.7 percent.

▶Cornell is ninth in the league in 3-point shooting at 29.7 percent. The Rams are seventh in defending the 3-pointer at 34.2 percent.



### D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Augustana (25)	12-0	625	1
2.	Whitworth	11-0	596	2
3.	Hope	10-1	538	4
4.	St. Thomas	8-1	530	5
5.	Elmhurst	11-1	510	6
6.	Benedictine	12-0	505	7
7.	John Carroll	11-0	470	10
8.	Ohio Wesleyan	10-1	457	9
9.	Amherst	9-1	411	3
10.	Marietta	10-2	339	8
11.	Susquehanna	12-0	333	17
12.	WPI	10-1	329	14
13.	Christopher Newport	10-1	317	11
14.	New York University	8-0	315	12
15.	UW-Whitewater	9-2	224	20
16.	Chicago	9-2	197	22
17.	Franklin and Marshall	8-2	154	13
18.	Mount Union	8-3	107	16
19.	UW-Stevens Point	7-4	103	19
20.	Oswego State	8-1	88	--
21.	Scranton	9-2	87	--
22.	Tufts	8-2	80	--
23.	Trine	10-1	73	--
24.	Brooklyn	10-2	69	--
25.	Whitman	10-1	68	--

**Dropped out:** No. 15 East Texas Baptist; No. 18 Virginia Wesleyan; No. 21 Washington U.; No. 23 St. Norbert; No. 24 Babson; No. 25 Texas Lutheran.

**Others receiving votes:** Lancaster Bible 52; St. Norbert 52; Pacific Lutheran 50; Virginia Wesleyan 47; Washington U. 39; St. John's 36; Albertus Magnus 30; Trinity (Conn.) 30; Bethel 28; East Texas Baptist 28; Colby 21; North Central (Ill.) 21; Wesleyan 20; William Paterson 15; Texas Lutheran 15; Delaware Valley 14; Northwestern (Minn.) 11; Stockton 10; Eastern Nazarene 10; Alma 9; Salisbury 9; Johnson and Wales 8; Southern Vermont 8; MIT 7; Babson 6; Buffalo State 6; Juniata 5; Carroll 3; Centre 3; Roanoke 3; Chapman 2; Geneseo 2.

**2015-16 Lawrence University Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 11, 2016)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	5-7	1-4	2-3	2-0
CONFERENCE	2-5	1-3	1-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-2	0-1	1-1	2-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
03	Jamie Nikitas	12-12	448	37.3	112-227	.493	16-65	.246	75-116	.647	22	66	88	7.3	34	0	41	50	3	29	315	26.3
12	Jeremy Stephani	12-12	418	34.8	53-141	.376	31-99	.313	7-15	.467	6	43	49	4.1	26	1	30	15	0	8	144	12.0
04	Mitch Willer	12-12	330	27.5	44-79	.557	0-0	.000	24-37	.649	16	51	67	5.6	38	1	22	18	12	5	112	9.3
23	Peter Winslow	9-9	219	24.3	22-42	.524	7-16	.438	5-15	.333	8	22	30	3.3	24	0	15	12	4	5	56	6.2
32	Ben Peterson	12-0	162	13.5	24-50	.480	10-28	.357	7-7	1.000	6	43	49	4.1	32	2	5	8	4	5	65	5.4
30	Troy Miller	12-12	323	26.9	19-59	.322	13-50	.260	5-6	.833	4	23	27	2.3	26	1	14	11	0	8	56	4.7
05	Evan McLaughlin	12-1	205	17.1	8-17	.471	0-1	.000	13-26	.500	12	24	36	3.0	25	1	13	19	4	5	29	2.4
10	Eric Weiss	11-0	113	10.3	7-16	.438	1-3	.333	6-9	.667	0	9	9	0.8	10	1	14	11	0	2	21	1.9
24	Connor Weas	12-2	182	15.2	7-29	.241	6-20	.300	2-2	1.000	9	18	27	2.3	19	0	12	13	1	2	22	1.8
01	George Mavrakis	4-0	23	5.8	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	1	2	0.5	3	0	1	2	0	2	4	1.0
00	Kalind Nash	3-0	4	1.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team												12	22	34				1				
Total.....		12	2427		298-666	.447	84-283	.297	144-235	.613	96	322	418	34.8	237	7	168	160	28	71	824	68.7
Opponents.....		12	2430		296-698	.424	95-265	.358	178-249	.715	111	321	432	36.0	220	-	145	136	17	87	865	72.1

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	824	865	11/14/15	at Dominican University	W 74-72	235
Points per game	68.7	72.1	11/18/15	WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	L 70-71	554
Scoring margin	-3.4	-	* 11/21/15	at Ripon College	Lot 80-88	458
FIELD GOALS-ATT	298-666	296-698	* 11/25/15	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	L 69-77	489
Field goal pct	.447	.424	* 12/02/15	at Beloit College	W 76-72	300
3 POINT FG-ATT	84-283	95-265	* 12/05/15	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W 77-67	564
3-point FG pct	.297	.358	12/12/15	at UW-Stevens Point	L 53-64	1100
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	7.9	N 12/19/15	vs Randolph College	W 43-40	75
FREE THROWS-ATT	144-235	178-249	12/20/15	vs Bard College	W 68-55	75
Free throw pct	.613	.715	* 01/02/16	GRINNELL COLLEGE	L 89-109	899
F-Throws made per game	12.0	14.8	* 01/06/16	at St. Norbert College	L 62-82	717
REBOUNDS	418	432	* 01/09/16	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	L 63-68	627
Rebounds per game	34.8	36.0				
Rebounding margin	-1.2	-				
ASSISTS	168	145				
Assists per game	14.0	12.1				
TURNOVERS	160	136				
Turnovers per game	13.3	11.3				
Turnover margin	-2.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1				
STEALS	71	87				
Steals per game	5.9	7.3				
BLOCKS	28	17				
Blocks per game	2.3	1.4				
ATTENDANCE	3133	2960				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-627	5-562				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-75				

\* - Conference game

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Lawrence University	417	397	10	824
Opponents	377	470	18	865

**2015-16 Lawrence University Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Jan 11, 2016)**  
**All games**

Opponent	Date	Score		00	01	03	04	05	10	12
				NASH,KALIN	MAVRAKIS,G	NIKITAS,JA	WILLER,MIT	MCLAUGHLIN	WEISS,ERIC	STEPHANI,J
at Dominican University	11/14/15	74-72	w	DNP	DNP	23-11-4	15-2-1	8-2-1	0-0-1	17-4-3
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	11/18/15	70-71	L	DNP	DNP	23-5-5	17-4-1	4-3-4	3-2-1	8-3-2
at Ripon College	11/21/15	80-88	L	DNP	DNP	34-9-5	5-5-3	1-5-2	DNP	8-4-3
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	11/25/15	69-77	L	DNP	DNP	28-5-5	6-6-3	5-2-0	0-1-0	8-1-5
at Beloit College	12/02/15	76-72	w	DNP	DNP	34-3-2	9-5-1	3-6-1	6-0-1	16-6-1
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	12/05/15	77-67	w	DNP	DNP	35-6-5	5-5-0	4-3-0	2-0-1	7-3-1
at UW-Stevens Point	12/12/15	53-64	L	DNP	DNP	18-6-2	3-9-3	1-4-0	2-0-1	15-9-4
vs Randolph College	12/19/15	43-40	w	DNP	DNP	17-8-1	4-8-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	13-6-3
vs Bard College	12/20/15	68-55	w	0-0-0	2-1-1	26-11-3	8-4-1	0-0-0	2-3-1	15-2-1
GRINNELL COLLEGE	01/02/16	89-109	L	0-0-0	0-0-0	34-6-1	15-2-5	0-7-2	1-2-1	20-3-5
at St. Norbert College	01/06/16	62-82	L	0-0-1	2-1-0	26-10-4	16-12-3	2-1-0	0-0-4	4-3-0
MONMOUTH COLLEGE	01/09/16	63-68	L	DNP	0-0-0	17-8-4	9-5-0	1-3-3	5-0-2	13-5-2

Opponent	Date	Score		23	24	30	32
				WINSLOW,PE	WEAS,CONNO	MILLER,TRO	PETERSON,B
at Dominican University	11/14/15	74-72	w	5-3-2	3-5-3	3-3-0	0-0-0
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	11/18/15	70-71	L	DNP	0-3-0	10-2-3	5-5-0
at Ripon College	11/21/15	80-88	L	8-2-2	0-1-1	16-3-0	8-6-1
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	11/25/15	69-77	L	9-4-1	3-2-0	0-3-0	10-1-0
at Beloit College	12/02/15	76-72	w	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-2	8-3-1
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	12/05/15	77-67	w	8-8-5	5-2-3	4-2-1	7-5-0
at UW-Stevens Point	12/12/15	53-64	L	7-1-0	0-4-0	5-1-0	2-2-0
vs Randolph College	12/19/15	43-40	w	8-3-1	0-1-1	1-3-1	0-10-0
vs Bard College	12/20/15	68-55	w	2-0-1	0-3-0	5-2-1	8-6-1
GRINNELL COLLEGE	01/02/16	89-109	L	9-7-3	0-1-2	6-2-2	4-5-1
at St. Norbert College	01/06/16	62-82	L	DNP	3-2-2	6-1-3	3-1-0
MONMOUTH COLLEGE	01/09/16	63-68	L	DNP	8-2-0	0-2-1	10-5-1

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**November 14**

**Lawrence 74, Dominican (Ill.) 72**

RIVER FOREST, Ill.

— Jamie Nikitas posted a double-double, and the Lawrence University men's basketball team edged



Dominican (Ill.) University 74-72 in a non-conference game.

Dominican missed a pair of shots, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won it, in the final six seconds.

Nikitas scored a game-high 23 points and pulled down a team-best 11 rebounds for the Vikings, who defeated Dominican in the season opener for the second consecutive year. Nikitas also added four assists and a pair of steals.

Jeremy Stephani added 17 points and hit five 3-pointers for the Vikings, and Mitch Willer had 15 points.

Tim Robertson scored 18 points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds for the Stars.

Lawrence trailed 8-7 early, but the Vikings went on a 24-10 run to grab a 31-18 lead with 4:51 left in the first half. Stephani, Troy Miller, Pete Winslow and Connor Weas all hit 3-pointers during that stretch for the Vikings.

The Vikings would go on to lead 39-27 at the half, but Dominican quickly trimmed the margin to 43-40 early in the second half.

Dominican would take its biggest lead at 57-54, but the Vikings would take the lead back for good on Nikitas' layup with 7:46 left. It was a tight margin the rest of the way, and Lawrence led 70-66 on Nikitas' layup with 2:59 left.

Dominican scored the next four points to tie it at 70-70 with 58 seconds left, but Stephani buried a 3-pointer for a 73-70 lead with 38 ticks remaining.

The teams traded free throws, and Lawrence still led by two when Josh Mayberry missed a driving layup with six seconds left. Stephani grabbed the

rebound but stepped out of bounds in the corner with 1.9 left. Quinn Pokora took the inbounds pass and fired a 3-pointer from the top of the key, and he missed as time expired.

**November 18**

**Wisconsin Lutheran 71**

**Lawrence 70**

APPLETON,

Wis. — The Lawrence University men's basketball team missed a



long 3-pointer in the final seconds, and Wisconsin Lutheran College hung on for a 71-70 non-conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.

Jake Jarnigo and Tanner Schieve scored 15 points apiece and Jim Marrose added 14 to pace the Warriors (1-1).

Jamie Nikitas led Lawrence (1-1) and all scorers with 23 points, and he picked up five rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Mitch Willer added 17 points and four rebounds for the Vikings, and Troy Miller chipped in with 10 points.

Wisconsin Lutheran had grabbed a 71-70 lead on Collin Kennedy's putback with 13 seconds remaining.

Nikitas brought the ball up the floor for the Vikings but had it knocked away momentarily. He fought to get the ball back and was forced to shoot a 3-pointer from about 35 feet in the final seconds, but it caromed off the backboard and rim as time expired.

Lawrence looked like it might pull away early in the second half. Miller hit a 3-pointer less than a minute into the half to put the Vikings up 40-31.

The Vikings led by as many as 12 and went up 49-39 on Nikitas' jumper with 14:11 left. Wisconsin Lutheran then went on a 17-2 run over the next seven minutes to take a 56-51 lead with 7:21 left.

The Vikings immediately countered and got a three-point play from Willer to tie the game at 56-56. The Warriors pulled out to a 67-62 lead,

but Miller hit a 3-pointer and Nikitas followed with a layup to tie the game at 67-67 with 1:40 remaining.

Nikitas made one free throw to give Lawrence at 68-67 edge, but Chase Nowak's jumper gave the Warriors a 69-68 lead. Willer countered with a layup off a nice feed from Nikitas to give the Vikings a 70-69 edge with 32 seconds left.

Jarnigo missed a jumper for the Warriors, but Kennedy collected the rebound and his putback with 13 seconds left was the difference.

**November 21**

**Ripon 88, Lawrence 80 (OT)**

RIPON, Wis.

— Ty Sabin's 3-pointer in overtime gave the



Ripon College men's basketball team the lead for good, and the Red Hawks went on to an 88-80 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence University at the Storzer Center.

Ty Sabin scored 34 points to pace Ripon (1-1, 1-0 MWC), and Ty Ketz added 21. Koy Brecklin had a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Hawks.

Jamie Nikitas scored a career-high 34 points, grabbed nine rebounds, handed out five assists and picked up three steals for the Vikings (1-2, 0-1). Troy Miller added 16 points for Lawrence.

After Pete Winslow's three-point play gave the Vikings a 77-75 lead with 3:06 left in overtime, Sabin countered with a 3-pointer for a 78-77 advantage.

After the Vikings missed a 3-pointer, Ketz made a pair of free throws and Sabin followed with a layup as Ripon pulled away.

The Vikings trailed by 10 with six minutes left in regulation, but Lawrence went on a 12-1 run to take the lead.

Ben Peterson hit a jumper and Miller made a pair of free throws to start the rally. Jeremy Stephani and

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Miller hit back-to-back 3-pointers, and Nikitas' layup with 3:29 left put Lawrence up 63-62.

Lawrence was up 70-66 after Nikitas' jumper with 27 seconds left, but Brecklin grabbed an offensive rebound on the next possession and was fouled. He hit the first free throw, missed the second and Ripon grabbed the rebound again.

Sabin was then fouled on a 3-point try and made all three free throws with 17 seconds left to tie the game at 70-70. The Vikings missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won it.

### November 25

#### Lake Forest 77, Lawrence 69

APPLETON, Wis.

— The Lake Forest College men's basketball team took



the lead midway through the second half and then held off a late charge by Lawrence University to post a 77-69 Midwest Conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.

Freshman Danny Sotos scored a game-high 29 points for Lake Forest (1-2, 1-0 MWC) and hit 10-of-15 shots from the floor, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range. Jim Schick added a double-double of 15 points and 16 rebounds for the Foresters.

Jamie Nikitas led Lawrence (1-3, 1-1) with 28 points, and he picked up five rebounds, five assists and six steals.

The Vikings led 45-40 after Mitch Willer's free throw with 14:10 remaining when the Foresters surged ahead. Lake Forest went on a 13-1 run, capped by Sotos' layup with 9:14 left, to take a 53-46 lead.

Lawrence came right back as Evan McLaughlin scored five points as part of a 9-4 Lawrence burst to cut the lead to 57-55. The Foresters then scored 10 of the game's next 12 points to push the advantage back to 67-57.

The Vikings battled back, getting

a key 3-pointer from Jeremy Stephani, and trimmed the margin to 72-69 on Nikitas' layup with 49 seconds left. The Foresters then made 5-of-7 free throws in the final 31 seconds to seal the win.

Ben Peterson scored a career-high 10 points for Lawrence, and Pete Winslow added nine points.

### December 2

#### Lawrence 76, Beloit 72

BELOIT, Wis.

— Jamie Nikitas poured in 34 points to lead the Lawrence University



men's basketball team to a 76-72 Midwest Conference victory over Beloit College at Flood Arena.

Nikitas tied his career scoring high set earlier this season, and Jeremy Stephani added 16 points for the Vikings (2-3, 1-2 MWC). Nikitas went 12-for-23 from the floor and 8-for-10 from the foul line, and he also picked up six steals, three rebounds and a pair of assists.

Steve McAfee led Beloit (2-3, 1-2) with a double-double of 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Lawrence led by as many as 15 points early in the second half, but the Bucs whittled the lead down late at the foul line. Beloit hit five consecutive free throws to trim the margin to 67-64 with 2:24 remaining.

Nikitas countered with a jumper for the Vikings, but Rudy Bentley answered with a layup to cut the lead back to 69-66. Bentley finished with 15 points.

The Bucs then fouled Nikitas, who converted a pair of free throws with 37 seconds left for a 71-66 edge. McAfee missed a 3-pointer, and Nikitas was fouled again. He made one free throw to push the lead to 72-66, but the Bucs scored the next four points, sandwiched around a pair of Lawrence misses at the foul line, to cut the lead to 72-70.

Nikitas then made four consecu-

tive free throws in the final eight seconds to seal the victory.

Beloit built a 19-12 advantage early, but the Vikings took command for the rest of the half. Lawrence went on a 19-3 run to take a 31-22 lead with 4:48 left in the opening half.

Ben Peterson hit a pair of 3-pointers for the Vikings during that stretch and finished with eight points in the game. Mitch Willer added nine points, five rebounds and a pair of blocks for Lawrence.

Lawrence would go on to lead 42-32 at the half, and the Vikings went on a 7-2 outburst to start the second half. Stephani's 3-pointer capped that run to give Lawrence its biggest lead of the game at 49-34.

### December 5

#### Lawrence 77, Illinois College 67

APPLETON, Wis.

— Lawrence University's Jamie Nikitas poured in a career-high 35 points to lead the Vikings to a 77-67 Midwest Conference victory over Illinois College at Alexander Gymnasium.



Nikitas also became the 23rd player in Lawrence history to score 1,000 career points. He entered the game needing 29 to reach 1,000 and now has 1,006 for his career. Nikitas hit 13-of-19 shots from the floor and went 4-for-7 from beyond the arc. He also had six rebounds and five assists.

Tim Schappaugh, who left the game with an injury, and Max Stutsman led Illinois College (2-3, 0-2 MWC) with 15 points apiece.

Eight other players scored for the Vikings with Pete Winslow leading that group with eight points and a team-best eight rebounds. Winslow also picked up five assists.

The Blueboys led 57-56 midway through the second half before Lawrence surged ahead. Lawrence (3-3, 2-2) went on a 13-2 run to grab a 69-58 lead with 7:36 remaining. Ben Peter-



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son, who finished with seven points, started the burst with two consecutive baskets, Nikitas followed with back-to-back 3-pointers and Connor Weas finished the run with another 3-pointer.

Illinois College fought back and trimmed the lead back to 69-65 with seven consecutive points. Weas knocked down a jumper to stem the tide, the Vikings got a stop on the defensive end and Mitch Willer scored to put Lawrence up 73-65 with 4:00 left.

The teams then traded several missed shots, and Lawrence led 75-67 after Nikitas' layup with 1:13 left. The Blueboys were forced to foul and finally put the Vikings in the bonus with 28 seconds left. Nikitas, who topped his previous career high of 34 points that he matched at Beloit College just three days ago, made two free throws for the final margin.

### December 12

#### No. 9 UW-Stevens Point 64

#### Lawrence 53

STEVENS POINT, Wis. —

The No. 9 UW-Stevens Point

men's basketball team rallied from a double-digit deficit to down Lawrence University 64-53 in a non-conference game at Quandt Fieldhouse.

Sean McGann scored 20 points and Ethan Bublitz added 15 points and nine rebounds for the Pointers (4-3).

Jamie Nikitas paced Lawrence (3-4) with 18 points, and Jeremy Stephani added 15 points and nine rebounds for the Vikings. Mitch Willer also pulled down nine boards for Lawrence.

Lawrence led 32-25 at the half, but the Vikings went cold from the floor after the break. Lawrence shot just 29.6 percent (8-27) from the floor in the second half.

The Pointers chipped away at the advantage and finally took the lead at 43-41 on a pair of McGann free throws

with 11:28 remaining. Stevens Point then stretched the lead thanks to an 11-2 run to grab a 57-45 edge with 3:27 left.

Lawrence would get no closer than 10 points after that.

The Vikings built a double-digit advantage by dominating the final 12 minutes of the first half.

The game was tied at 9-9, but Lawrence hit eight of its next 14 shots from the floor to pull away. The Vikings outscored Stevens Point 21-10 to take a 30-19 lead with 2:50 remaining in the first half. Nikitas scored nine points and Stephani added eight during that stretch.

Stevens Point then got a three-point play and a 3-pointer from Bublitz to trim the margin to seven points at the half.

### December 19

#### Lawrence 43, Randolph 40

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico — The Lawrence University men's basketball team limited Randolph College

to just 24 percent shooting in a 43-40 non-conference victory at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Jamie Nikitas led Lawrence (4-4) and all scorers with 17 points and picked up eight rebounds. Jeremy Stephani added 13 points for the Vikings, and Ben Peterson grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds.

Josh Freund led Randolph, a school in Lynchburg, Va., with a double-double of 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Randolph (7-2) shot just 15-of-62 (24.2 percent) from the floor for the game, and the Wild Cats hit 2-of-14 (14.2 percent) from 3-point range. Lawrence shot only 32.7 percent from the floor, including 24.1 percent from beyond the arc.

The game was tight throughout, although Lawrence built the biggest lead by either team at 16-8 on Pete

Winslow's layup midway through the first half. Lawrence was held to just two points for the rest of the first half, and the Wild Cats trimmed the margin to 18-17 at the break.

In a game that featured 10 lead changes and four ties, Randolph took its biggest lead of the game at 25-23 on a pair of Zach Desgain free throws. The teams then traded the lead before the Vikings grabbed the advantage for good at 35-33 on Nikitas' three-point play.

The Vikings built the advantage to five points after Stephani followed with a 3-pointer. Lawrence was unable to pull away, but the Vikings were up 43-38 after a Troy Miller free throw.

Freund's jumper cut the margin to 43-40, but the Wild Cats missed their final four shots from the floor, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final seconds that would have tied it.

### December 20

#### Lawrence 68, Bard 55

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico — The Lawrence University men's basketball team

got on top early and went on to a 68-55 non-conference win over Bard College at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Senior guard Jamie Nikitas posted a double-double with game highs of 26 points and 11 rebounds to lead Lawrence (5-4) to the victory at Coliseo Ruben Rodriguez.

Jeremy Stephani added 15 points, Mitch Willer had 10 and Ben Peterson chipped in with eight for the Vikings.

DeVahnte Mosley paced Bard (3-6), a NCAA Division III school in New York, with 19 points.

Bard made the first basket of the game, but Lawrence hit a 3-pointer to grab a 3-2 lead and never trailed again. That was part of a 9-0 run as the Vikings built an early 9-2 edge.

Lawrence followed with a 19-11 outburst to push the lead to 28-13 late in the first half. Bard battled back to



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cut the margin to 35-24 at the break.

The Vikings held a double-digit advantage until the Raptors went on a scoring run to trim the lead to 41-33 at the 13-minute mark. Lawrence responded with an 11-2 run to take a 52-35 advantage. Nikitas scored six points during the outburst, which was capped by a Stephani 3-pointer.

Bard never closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

### January 2

#### Grinnell 109, Lawrence 89

APPLETON, Wis. — A scoring outburst midway through the second half put the Grinnell College men's basketball team ahead, and the Pioneers pulled away for a 109-89 Midwest Conference win over Lawrence University at Alexander Gymnasium.



Kyle Parker paced Grinnell (5-6, 2-4 MWC) with 23 points, and Julian Marx added 21.

Jamie Nikitas poured in 34 points, his fourth 30-plus point game of the season, to lead Lawrence (5-5, 2-3). Nikitas went 12-of-17 from the floor and added six rebounds and a pair of steals.

Jeremy Stephani added 20 points for the Vikings, and Mitch Willer had 15 points on 6-for-7 shooting from the floor. Willer and Stephani added five assists apiece.

Lawrence's Pete Winslow added nine points and seven rebounds in the first half, but he didn't play in the second half due to injury.

Lawrence led by as many as nine points in the first half, and the Vikings held a 49-46 advantage at the half. The Vikings shot 61.3 percent (19-31) from the floor in the first half and held Grinnell's attack from beyond the arc to just 29 percent (9-31).

The Vikings broke the sixth tie of the game with layups from Willer and Nikitas to take a 73-69 advantage with 12:38 left in the game. Grinnell then

scored the game's next 11 points, as Marx, Parker and Jacob Ekstrand all hit 3-pointers, to take an 80-73 lead with 10:16 left.

Nikitas stopped the run with a layup, but that's as close as Lawrence would get. Matt Jasaitis countered with a 3-pointer for Grinnell for an 83-75 edge. The Pioneers would push the lead to as many as 13 points in the next few minutes.

Grinnell went 13-for-27 (48.1 percent) from beyond the arc in the second half. Lawrence shot just 44.1 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes.

Lawrence did trim the lead 98-89 on Stephani's layup with 2:37 left, but Parker hit another 3-pointer for Grinnell. The Pioneers then went 8-for-8 from the foul line in the final 1:43 to seal the victory.

### January 6

#### St. Norbert 82, Lawrence 62

DE PERE, Wis. — The St. Norbert College men's basketball team used a 9-0 run in the second half to pull away and went on to an 82-62 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence University at Schuldes Sports Center.



Jamie Nikitas and Mitch Willer both recorded double-doubles for the Vikings (5-6, 2-4 MWC). Nikitas, one of the nation's scoring leaders, poured in a game-high 26 points to go with 10 rebounds and four assists. Willer added 16 points and 12 rebounds.

D.J. DeValk paced St. Norbert (10-2, 7-0) with 17 points, and Ben Bobinski added 14 points and eight rebounds.

St. Norbert led by as many as 14 points in the first half, and Willer's layup at the buzzer cut the margin to 41-29 at the half.

The Vikings continued to eat into that lead to start the second half. Nikitas started the half with a three-point play and then drained back-to-back

3-pointers as part of a 9-2 run to trim the margin to 43-38. The teams traded baskets with Willer's layup cutting the lead to 45-40 with 16:37 left.

The Green Knights then scored the game's next nine points with DeValk sandwiching a pair of 3-pointers around one from Bobinski to give St. Norbert a 54-40 edge.

The Vikings got the lead down to 11 points twice after that, the last time on a 3-pointer from Troy Miller with 10:36 left, but could get no closer.

St. Norbert would lead by as many as 23 points before settling for the final margin of 20.

### January 9

#### Monmouth 68, Lawrence 63

APPLETON, Wis. — The Lawrence University men's basketball team rallied from seven points down in the final minutes, but Monmouth College recovered to post a 68-63 Midwest Conference victory at Alexander Gymnasium.



Will Jones scored 21 points and picked up four rebounds and four steals for Monmouth (8-4, 5-3 MWC). Reed Goodbred added 14 points and six rebounds for the Scots.

Jamie Nikitas, one of the nation's leading scorers, was limited to 17 points and added a game-high eight rebounds to go with four assists to pace Lawrence (5-7, 2-5). Jeremy Stephani added 13 points for the Vikings, and Ben Peterson had 10 points, all in the first half.

Monmouth matched its biggest lead of the half when it went up 63-56 with 2:30 remaining. The Scots then let Lawrence back in the game with turnovers by Jones on two of their next three possessions. Lawrence converted that into four consecutive free throws, sandwiched around a foul shot by Paul Engo, to trim the margin to 64-60 with 1:06 remaining.

After a turnover by Engo on the next possession, Connor Weas buried a 3-pointer from the right wing to cut

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the lead to 64-63 with 50 seconds left. It was the only shot from outside the arc that Lawrence made in the second half as the Vikings went 1-for-10 from long distance after the break. Lawrence was 6-for-14 on 3-pointers in the first half.

Jones answered for Monmouth with a driving layup with 22 ticks left to push the lead back to 66-63. Nikitas then missed a layup and the offensive rebound popped out of his hands. Jones was there to grab it, and he then made two free throws with eight seconds left to seal the victory.

In a see-saw first half, Monmouth built a 16-9 lead before the Vikings got hot from long range. Peterson hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Stephani drained another trey to give Lawrence a 20-18 edge. The Vikings kept pouring it on with layups from Nikitas and Stephani and another 3-pointer from Stephani to grab a 27-19 lead. Overall, Lawrence put together a 18-3 run during a stretch of 4:44.

Monmouth answered right back with a 20-3 run of its own, capped by Matt Juhola's layup with 3:31 left, to grab a 39-30 lead. Lawrence finished the half with a pair of Nikitas layups, sandwiched around a Weas 3-pointer, to cut the lead to 39-37 at the half.