



## Lawrence University (5-9, 2-7 MWC)

### vs. Ripon College (9-6, 7-3 MWC)

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m.

### vs. Knox College (1-12, 0-8 MWC)

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2 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	L, 84-83 OT
1/16	at Cornell	L, 73-69
<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

##### Ripon



Forward	Justin Leistikow	Sr.	6-5
Guard	Brendan McCoy	Jr.	6-0
Guard	Elliot Hoerdemann	So.	6-4
Guard	Ty Ketz	Sr.	6-1
Guard	Ty Sabin	Jr.	6-2

##### Knox



Forward	Caylab Herrera	So.	6-7
Forward	Grant Billimack	So.	6-4
Guard	DJ Lewis	So.	6-0
Guard	Marcellis Davis	Jr.	6-1
Guard	Braden Adams	Fr.	6-3

#### SCHEDULE

▶Lawrence returns to Alexander Gymnasium for a pair of games this week. The Vikings host Ripon in a 5:30 p.m. game on Wednesday, and Lawrence takes on Knox in a 2 p.m. game on Saturday.

▶The Lawrence alumni game is set for Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at Alexander Gymnasium. A group of more than two dozen players is expected to take part.

#### 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 112-90 (.554).

▶Ryan Kane (St. Norbert 1999) is in his fourth season at Ripon and has a record of 52-35 (.598).

▶Kevin Walden (Knox 2001) is in his fourth season at Knox and has a record of 9-73 (.113). He is in his eighth season overall and has a mark of 52-127 (.291).

#### THE SERIES

▶In one of the oldest series in Lawrence history, Ripon has a 137-81 edge. The series dates back to 1906, and the Red Hawks are on a seven-

game win streak in the rivalry. Prior to that streak, Lawrence had won 14 of the previous 21 games against the Red Hawks.

►In a series that dates back to 1925, Knox holds a 61-56 advantage over the Vikings. Lawrence has dominated the rivalry over the past decade. The Vikings have won seven in a row and 18 of the last 19 against the Prairie Fire.

### LAST GAME

Cornell scored 10 straight points late in the game this past Saturday to surge ahead and held on for a 73-69 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence at the Multi-Sport Center.

Lawrence star Jamie Nikitas poured in a game-high 33 points, his sixth 30-plus point game of the season, to lead the Vikings. Nikitas also finished with nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Jeremy Stephani added 11 points for the Vikings.

Craig Engle led Cornell with 20 points, and Grant Anderson and Corey Davis added 16 points apiece. Anderson also pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds.

Lawrence led by as many eight points early in the second half, and the Rams chipped away at the lead. Mitch Willer's jumper gave Lawrence a 53-50 lead with 5:37 remaining, but Cornell went on a 10-0 run, capped by Davis' layup with 3:07 left, to take a 60-53 advantage.

The Rams led by five when Stephani hit a 3-pointer to trim the margin to 66-64 with 32 seconds left. The Vikings fouled Davis, who made one free throw but missed the second with 24 seconds left. Lawrence grabbed the rebound, but Cody Carter intercepted the outlet pass for the Rams.

The Vikings were forced to foul, and Cornell hit six consecutive free throws in the final 17 seconds to seal the victory.

Lawrence started slowly and trailed 17-7 just eight minutes into the game. The Vikings were still down 26-18 when Ben Peterson started the



### MWC Standings

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

### Games Wednesday

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

### Games Saturday

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

rally with a 3-pointer.

The Vikings went on a 17-5 run over the final 5:26 of the first half, capped by a Nikitas 3-pointer at the buzzer, to give Lawrence a 35-31 lead at the break. Nikitas scored seven points in the run and Troy Miller added six on a pair of 3-pointers.

### VIKINGS UPDATE

►Standout guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) picked up a pair of honors this week. Nikitas was named to the D3hoops.com Team of the Week and captured his second



### 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	112-90
Home	60-35
Away	47-47
Neutral	5-8

Midwest Conference Record	85-62
Home	45-28
Away	40-34

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

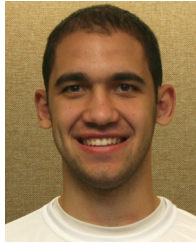
### DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	12-3
Carroll	10-9
Cornell	4-4
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

Midwest Conference Player of the Week of the season. Nikitas averaged 36.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game as Lawrence lost a pair of close conference games on the road.



*Jamie Nikitas*

Nikitas shot 55 percent from the floor and 83.3 percent from the foul line and also averaged 3.0 assists and 2.5 steals per game. In an 84-83 overtime loss at MWC unbeaten Carroll University on Jan. 12, Nikitas poured in a career-high 40 points as he hit 12-of-22 shots from the floor and went 14-of-16 from the foul line. He also grabbed eight rebounds, handed out two assists and picked up two steals. Nikitas followed that with 33 points and nine rebounds in a 73-69 loss at Cornell College on Jan. 16. Nikitas, who added four assists and three steals against the Rams, hit 10-of-18 shots from the floor and went 11-for-14 from the line.

►Nikitas' 40-point game vs. Carroll was just the ninth 40-point game in Lawrence history and the first time a Vikings player scored at least 40 against a team other than Grinnell College since Pete Hachmeister did it against Silver Lake College in 1975.

►Nikitas has cracked the top in Lawrence career scoring with 1,217 points. Nikitas is just 27 points away from passing his head coach, Lawrence Hall of Famer Joel DePagter, for ninth place. Nikitas needs 31 points to move past Matt Miota and Joel Ungrodt all the way to seventh place.

►Nikitas ranks fourth in NCAA Division III and first in the Midwest Conference at 27.7 points per game.

►Nikitas also leads the Vikings in rebounding at 7.5 per game, and that ranks sixth 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 eighth in assists.

## 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	967-1069 (.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

►Junior swingman Connor Weas (Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay) posted a season-high 12 points at Carroll. Sophomore forward Ben Peterson (River Forest, Ill./Fenwick) put up his third double-digit scoring game of the season with 10 points at Carroll.

►Lawrence ranks ninth in the Midwest Conference in scoring at 69.7 points per game. The Vikings are sixth in scoring defense at 73.0.

►Lawrence is shooting 44.4 percent from the floor, good for seventh in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are fifth in field goal percentage defense at 42.3 percent.

►Lawrence is shooting 29.6 percent from 3-point range, and that ranks ninth in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are seventh in defending the 3-pointer at 35.7 percent.

►Lawrence is 11th in the league in free-throw shooting at 65.3 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
<b>Jamie Nikitas</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>2012-now</b>
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
Ryan DePouw	1,028	2011-15
Rob Cohen	1,005	1976-80

## SCOUTING RIPON

▶Ripon bounced back from a 19-point loss at Lake Forest with an impressive 86-72 win over Monmouth this past Saturday. Ty and Ty did the damage for Ripon as Ty Ketz poured in 26 points and Ty Sabin added 20.



▶Preseason All-America selection Ty Sabin is second in the Midwest Conference in scoring at 23.5 points per game. Sabin also leads the Red Hawks in rebounding at 5.1 per contest.

▶Reserve Isaac Masters leads the team at 2.5 assists per contest.

▶Ripon ranks sixth in the conference in scoring at 74.0 points per game. The Red Hawks are third in scoring defense at 70.5 points per game.

▶Ripon is third in the league in foul shooting at 74.3 percent.

▶Ripon is shooting 46.9 percent from the floor, good for fourth in the league. Ripon ranks seventh in field goal percentage defense at 43.2 percent.

▶Ripon ranks second in 3-point shooting at 38.1 percent. The Red Hawks are second in defending the 3-pointer at 30.5 percent.

## SCOUTING KNOX

▶Knox played one of its best games of the season but dropped a 56-53 decision to Midwest Conference powerhouse St. Norbert this past Saturday. Knox rallied from a double-digit deficit in the second half and cut the lead to one with 11 seconds left. Knox missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds that would have tied it.



▶Caylab Herrera leads the team in scoring and ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference at 17.3 points per game.

▶Grant Billimack ranks eighth in the league in rebounding at 6.9 per game. He also is tops on the team at 2.8 assists per game.

▶Knox ranks fifth in the Midwest Conference in scoring at 74.2 points per game. The Prairie Fire is 10th in scoring defense at 83.9.

▶Knox is shooting 44.2 percent from the floor, good for eighth in the conference. Knox is eighth in field goal percentage defense at 46.4 percent.

▶The Prairie Fire is shooting 66.7 percent from the foul line and that ranks 10th in the conference.

▶Knox is shooting 37.2 percent from beyond the arc, good for fourth in the league. Knox ranks last in field goal percentage defense at 37.4 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 19, 2016)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	5-9	1-4	2-5	2-0
CONFERENCE	2-7	1-3	1-4	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	14-14	530	37.9	134-267	.502	20-78	.256	100-146	.685	25	80	105	7.5	39	0	47	53	3	34	388	27.7
12	Jeremy Stephani	14-14	487	34.8	59-165	.358	36-116	.310	7-15	.467	8	50	58	4.1	32	1	30	18	0	8	161	11.5
04	Mitch Willer	14-14	385	27.5	51-93	.548	0-0	.000	29-44	.659	22	59	81	5.8	46	2	27	23	14	6	131	9.4
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	14-1	201	14.4	27-59	.458	13-35	.371	12-13	.923	6	48	54	3.9	41	3	5	13	5	6	79	5.6
30	Troy Miller	14-13	385	27.5	21-65	.323	15-56	.268	5-6	.833	4	29	33	2.4	28	1	19	11	0	9	62	4.4
05	Evan McLaughlin	14-1	250	17.9	10-19	.526	0-1	.000	16-29	.552	12	29	41	2.9	31	1	15	20	4	6	36	2.6
24	Connor Weas	14-4	225	16.1	8-34	.235	6-23	.261	12-16	.750	10	21	31	2.2	23	0	12	20	1	3	34	2.4
10	Eric Weiss	13-0	139	10.7	8-21	.381	1-5	.200	6-9	.667	0	13	13	1.0	11	1	18	14	0	2	23	1.8
01	George Mavrakis	5-0	27	5.4	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	1	2	0.4	4	0	1	2	0	2	6	1.2
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												16	27	43				4				
Total.....		14	2852		342-771	.444	98-331	.296	194-297	.653	112	379	491	35.1	279	9	190	190	31	81	976	69.7
Opponents.....		14	2855		347-820	.423	114-319	.357	214-299	.716	132	370	502	35.9	267	-	176	159	21	100	1022	73.0

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	976	1022	11/14/15	at Dominican University	W 74-72	235
Points per game	69.7	73.0	11/18/15	WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	L 70-71	554
Scoring margin	-3.3	-	* 11/21/15	at Ripon College	Lot 80-88	458
FIELD GOALS-ATT	342-771	347-820	* 11/25/15	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	L 69-77	489
Field goal pct	.444	.423	* 12/02/15	at Beloit College	W 76-72	300
3 POINT FG-ATT	98-331	114-319	* 12/05/15	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W 77-67	564
3-point FG pct	.296	.357	12/12/15	at UW-Stevens Point	L 53-64	1100
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	8.1	12/19/15	vs Randolph College	W 43-40	75
FREE THROWS-ATT	194-297	214-299	12/20/15	vs Bard College	W 68-55	75
Free throw pct	.653	.716	* 01/02/16	GRINNELL COLLEGE	L 89-109	899
F-Throws made per game	13.9	15.3	* 01/06/16	at St. Norbert College	L 62-82	717
REBOUNDS	491	502	* 01/09/16	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	L 63-68	627
Rebounds per game	35.1	35.9	* 01/12/16	at Carroll University	Lot 83-84	324
Rebounding margin	-0.8	-	* 01/16/16	at Cornell College	L 69-73	335
ASSISTS	190	176				
Assists per game	13.6	12.6				
TURNOVERS	190	159				
Turnovers per game	13.6	11.4				
Turnover margin	-2.2	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.1				
STEALS	81	100				
Steals per game	5.8	7.1				
BLOCKS	31	21				
Blocks per game	2.2	1.5				
ATTENDANCE	3133	3619				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-627	7-496				
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	489	466	21	976
Opponents	438	554	30	1022



**2015-16 Lawrence University Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Jan 19, 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
at Carroll University	01/12/16	83-84	L	DNP	2-0-0	40-8-2	10-8-3	3-2-1	0-1-3	6-6-0
at Cornell College	01/16/16	69-73	L	DNP	DNP	33-9-4	9-6-2	4-3-1	2-3-1	11-3-0

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
at Carroll University	01/12/16	83-84	L	DNP	12-1-0	0-5-2	10-3-0
at Cornell College	01/16/16	69-73	L	DNP	0-3-0	6-1-3	4-2-0

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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.

### January 12

#### Carroll 84, Lawrence 83 (OT)

WAUKESHA, Wis.  
— The Carroll University men's basketball team rallied from a five-point deficit in the



final 20 seconds of regulation and then defeated Lawrence University 84-83 in overtime in a Midwest Conference game at Van Male Field House.

Jamie Nikitas had a monster night for Lawrence as he posted the eighth-best game point total in school history. Nikitas scored a career-high 40 points as he hit 12-of-22 shots from the floor and went 14-for-16 from the foul line. Nikitas also pulled down

a game-high eight rebounds to go along with two assists and two steals.

Connor Weas added a career-high 12 points for the Vikings (5-8, 2-6 MWC), and Ben Peterson and Mitch Willer had 10 points apiece before both players fouled out.

Kyle Keranen and Marcus Johnson scored 22 points apiece to pace Carroll (12-1, 8-0).

Weas and Nikitas both hit a pair of foul shots, sandwiched around a Keranen layup, to give Lawrence a 72-67 lead with 21 seconds left in regulation.

After Keranen's layup was blocked out of bounds, Keranen hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession to cut the lead to 72-70. Nikitas was then bumped out of bounds and the Pioneers got the ball back. Johnson got free inside and his layup tied the game at 72-72. Lawrence's Jeremy Stephani missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won it.

Carroll raced to a 78-72 lead in the first 1:20 of the overtime, but Lawrence stormed back. Nikitas scored the next seven points for the Vikings as Lawrence trimmed the margin to 80-79 with 1:47 left.

A three-point play by Carroll's Tanner Zaeske pushed the lead to 83-79, and Nikitas countered with a driving layup to cut the margin to 83-81. After Keranen made one free throw, Nikitas was fouled and hit two foul shots to trim the lead to 84-83.

Carroll's Troy Howat was fouled and missed both free throws, but a desperation 3-pointer missed at the buzzer to give Carroll the victory.

Carroll led by as many as seven points in the first half, but Lawrence went on a 10-0 run, capped by Stephani's 3-pointer, over the final 4:07 of the first half to lead 37-30 at the break.

Lawrence pushed the lead to 12 to start the second half as Stephani hit another 3-pointer and Nikitas followed with a layup to make it 42-30. Carroll came back to tie the game at 45-45, but the Pioneers didn't take the

lead until the overtime.

### January 16

#### Cornell 73, Lawrence 69

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa — The Cornell College men's basketball team scored 10 straight points late in the game to surge ahead and held on for a 73-69 Midwest Conference victory over Lawrence University at the Multi-Sport Center.

Lawrence star Jamie Nikitas poured in a game-high 33 points, his sixth 30-plus point game of the season, to lead the Vikings (5-9, 2-7 MWC). Nikitas also finished with nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Jeremy Stephani added 11 points for the Vikings.

Craig Engle led Cornell (5-9, 3-6) with 20 points, and Grant Anderson and Corey Davis added 16 points apiece. Anderson also pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds.

Lawrence led by as many eight points early in the second half, and the Rams chipped away at the lead. Mitch Willer's jumper gave Lawrence a 53-50 lead with 5:37 remaining, but Cornell went on a 10-0 run, capped by Davis' layup with 3:07 left, to take a 60-53 advantage.

The Rams led by five when Stephani hit a 3-pointer to trim the margin to 66-64 with 32 seconds left. The Vikings fouled Davis, who made one free throw but missed the second with 24 seconds left. Lawrence grabbed the rebound, but Cody Carter intercepted the outlet pass for the Rams.

The Vikings were forced to foul, and Cornell hit six consecutive free throws in the final 17 seconds to seal the victory.

Lawrence started slowly and trailed 17-7 just eight minutes into the game. The Vikings were still down 26-18 when Ben Peterson started the rally with a 3-pointer.

The Vikings went on a 17-5 run



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over the final 5:26 of the first half, capped by a Nikitas 3-pointer at the buzzer, to give Lawrence a 35-31 lead at the break. Nikitas scored seven points in the run and Troy Miller added six on a pair of 3-pointers.