



# Lawrence University (3-3) at No. 9 UW-Stevens Point (3-3)



Saturday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m.

## at Puerto Rico Classic

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20

### 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	3:00 pm
12/19-20	Puerto Rico Classic	
12/19	vs. Randolph	Noon
12/20	vs. Bard	Noon
<b>1/2</b>	<b>Grinnell</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
1/6	at St. Norbert	5:30 pm
<b>1/9</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>1:00 pm</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	Peter Winslow	Jr.	6-3
Guard	Jeremy Stephani	So.	6-0
Guard	Jamie Nikitas	Sr.	6-0
Guard	Troy Miller	Sr.	6-0

#### UW-Stevens Point



Forward	Jared Gjertson	Jr.	6-7
Forward	Zack Goedeke	So.	6-7
Guard	Sean McGann	Sr.	6-4
Guard	Ethan Bublitz	Fr.	6-2
Guard	Stephen Pelkofer	Sr.	6-1

#### Randolph



Forward	Rhyle Scott	Fr.	6-5
Forward	Josh Freund	Fr.	6-6
Guard	Seth Wimbish	Sr.	6-3
Guard	Ryan Fields	So.	6-2
Guard	Corey Brown	Sr.	6-1

#### Bard



Forward	Armando Dunn	Fr.	6-5
Center	Brandon Cunningham	Sr.	6-8
Guard	DeVahnte Mosley	So.	6-3
Guard	Harry Johnson	Jr.	6-0
Guard	Pat Kelly	Jr.	6-4

### SCHEDULE

►Lawrence faces three non-conference opponents before taking a break for the holidays. Lawrence travels to UW-Stevens Point on Saturday for a 3 p.m. game at Quandt Fieldhouse. The Vikings then fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a pair of games. Lawrence faces Randolph on Dec. 19 and takes on Bard on Dec. 20. Both games are at noon Eastern time.

### VIDEO WEBCAST

►The game at UW-Stevens Point fea-

tures live stats and a webcast. Follow the game at: <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/schedule.aspx?path=mbball&>. 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 110-84 (.567).

►Bob Semling (UW-Eau Claire 1981) is in his 11th season at UW-Stevens Point and has a record of 245-57 (.811).

►Clay Nunley (Goucher 1998) is in his ninth season at Randolph and has a record of 111-105 (.514).

►Adam Turner (Bard 2006) is in his seventh season at Bard and has a record of 32-123 (.206).

## THE SERIES

►In a series that dates all the way back to 1896, UW-Stevens Point holds a 32-13 advantage. The teams have met regularly since the 1997-98 season, including a pair of NCAA Division III Tournament games. The Pointers have won six straight, and Lawrence's last win was a 75-59 victory in the 2008-09 season.

►This is the first meeting with Randolph.

►This is the first meeting with Bard.

## LAST GAME

Lawrence'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 on Dec. 5.

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 Stutsmann led Illinois College 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 went on a 13-2 run to grab a 69-58 lead with



## MWC Standings

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

## Game Friday

Knox at Illinois Tech

## Games Saturday

Lawrence at UW-Stevens Point

Carroll at Grinnell

Ripon at Illinois College

UW-Eau Claire at St. Norbert

Millikin at Cornell

## Game Monday

Dominican (Ill.) at Knox

## Games Wednesday

Cornell at Beloit

Knox at Eureka

7:36 remaining. Ben Peterson, 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

## 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	110-84
Home	60-33
Away	47-43
Neutral	3-8

Midwest Conference Record	85-57
Home	45-26
Away	40-31

Nonconference Record	25-27
Home	11-6
Away	11-13
Neutral	3-8

## DePagter vs. the MWC

Beloit	12-3
Carroll	10-8
Cornell	4-3
Grinnell	5-9
Illinois College	14-2
Knox	14-1
Lake Forest	8-7
Monmouth	12-2
Ripon	6-11
St. Norbert	5-12

## DePagter vs. Nonconference Opponents

Ashford	0-1
Cal Lutheran	0-1
Caltech	1-0
Coe	1-1
Concordia (Ill.)	1-0
Dominican (Ill.)	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
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	1-7
UW-Whitewater	0-1

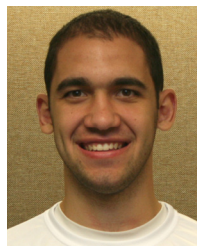
after Nikitas' layup with 1:13 left. The Blueboys were forced to foul and finally put the Vikings in the bonus with 28 seconds left. Nikitas, who topped his previous career high of 34 points that he matched at Beloit College just three days ago, made two free throws for the final margin.

### VIKINGS UPDATE

▶Star guard Jamie Nikitas (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) collected the second Midwest Conference Player of the Week award of his career after a pair of stellar games in Lawrence victories. Nikitas, who also won the award last season, averaged 34.5 points while shooting 59.5 percent from the floor. He also averaged 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 3.0 steals per game. Nikitas scored 34 points, picked up three rebounds, two assists and six steals in Lawrence's 76-72 Midwest Conference win at Beloit on Dec. 2. He followed that with a career-high 35 points, six rebounds and five assists in a 77-67 conference victory over Illinois College on Dec. 5.

▶Nikitas tied his career scoring high with 34 points against Beloit and then set a new career high with 35 against Illinois College.

▶Nikitas also passed the 1,000-point plateau and now ranks 22nd on the school's career scoring list with 1,006 points. Nikitas needs 23 points to pass former teammate Ryan DePouw



Jamie Nikitas

(1,028) for 21st place. Just ahead of DePouw are Jim Rasmussen (1,030) and Bob Townsend (1,031).

▶Nikitas is now averaging 29.5 points per game, which leads the Midwest Conference and ranks fourth in the nation. Kylan Anderson of Concordia Chicago is tops in the nation in scor-

## 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	965-1063 (.476)
Midwest Conference titles	8
	1924-25, 1942-43, 1996-97, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09
MWC Tournament titles	6
	1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009
NCAA Tournament appearances	6
	1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009

ing at 32.7 points per contest.

▶Nikitas also leads the Vikings in rebounding (6.5 per game), assists (4.3 per game) and steals (3.3 per game). Nikitas leads the Midwest Conference in steals and ranks third in assists.

▶Lawrence ranks seventh in the Midwest Conference in scoring at 74.3 points per game. The Vikings are fifth in scoring defense at 74.5.

▶Lawrence is shooting 47.1 percent from the floor, good for fourth in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are seventh in field goal percentage defense at 45.5 percent.

▶Lawrence is shooting 30.6 percent from 3-point range, and that ranks ninth in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings are last in defending the 3-pointer at 39.0 percent.

▶Lawrence is 10th in the league in free-throw shooting at 64.9 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
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
<b>Jamie Nikitas</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>2012-now</b>
Rob Cohen	1,005	1976-80

►After getting killed on the glass against Lake Forest back on Nov. 25, Lawrence is a plus-12 on the glass in the last two games. The undersized Vikings are just minus-1.2 in rebounding margin for the season. Take out the game against Lake Forest, and the Vikings are a plus-2.0 on the glass.

### SCOUTING UW-STEVENS POINT

►There is no question that UW-Stevens Point is the best 3-3 team in the nation.



The Pointers have played a brutal non-conference schedule with three ranked opponents and St. Norbert in their first six games. The Pointers have lost two straight, both on the road. Stevens Point fell to No. 1 Augustana 81-58 and then dropped a 63-49 decision at North Central on Wednesday.

►The two losses dropped UW-Stevens Point to No. 9 in the latest D3hoops.com Top 25.

►The Pointers have two players averaging in double figures in points. Sean McGann is tops on the team in scoring at 14.7 points per game, and he leads the team in rebounding at 5.3 per contest. Stephen Pelkofer is at 13.7 points per game and has handed out a team-best 3.5 assists per contest.

►The Pointers are shooting 42.6 percent from the floor, including 31.1 percent from beyond the arc. Stevens Point is connecting at 70.1 percent from the foul line.

►Despite having a starting five featuring two 6-foot-7 players, the Pointers are a minus-6.5 in rebounding margin.

### SCOUTING RANDOLPH

►Randolph is a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and is located in Lynch-



burg, Va., a city of 75,000 in the center of the state.

►The WildCats are off to a 5-1 start to the season. Randolph has won two straight, including a 57-49 victory over Ferrum on Dec. 7. Randolph will play a pair of games at the Doc Greene Tournament at Juniata before heading to Puerto Rico.

►Senior Zach Desgain is tops on the team in scoring at 13.5 points per game, and freshman Josh Freund is next at 12.0 points per game, and he leads the team at 7.0 rebounds per contest.

►The WildCats are shooting 47.5 percent from the floor, including 31.8 percent from 3-point range. Randolph is shooting 68.3 percent on free throws.

### SCOUTING BARD

►Bard is off to a 3-3 start to the season and is coming off an 80-64 loss



at Medgar Evers on Thursday. Bard travels to Hamilton and then takes on Augsburg in Puerto Rico before facing the Vikings.

►Bard is a college with 2,000 students located in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., about 100 miles north of New York City. Bard is one of 11 members of the Liberty League.

►Emmanuel Rainey hasn't started a game this season, but he leads the Raptors in scoring at 13.3 points per game. DeVahnte Mosley is at 10.7 points per game and leads the team at 5.8 rebounds per contest.

►Caleb LaRosa is also in double figures at 10.3 points per contest. LaRosa is the top 3-point shooter on the squad at 40.0 percent (12-30).

►The Raptors are shooting 41.8 percent from the floor, including 34.7 percent from 3-point range. Bard is



### D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

Rnk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pr.
1.	Augustana (25)	4-0	625	1
2.	Whitworth	7-0	584	2
3.	Amherst	5-0	564	4
4.	Ohio Wesleyan	8-0	541	6
5.	Hope	5-1	498	5
6.	St. Thomas	4-1	463	3
7.	Elmhurst	6-1	435	8
8.	Marietta	6-1	425	9
9.	UW-Stevens Point	3-2	402	7
10.	Benedictine	5-0	336	12
11.	John Carroll	7-0	299	16
12.	Virginia Wesleyan	5-2	281	15
13.	Christopher Newport	6-0	241	21
14.	New York University	5-0	236	19
15.	Trinity (Conn.)	4-1	231	18
16.	Franklin and Marshall	6-1	220	20
17.	Brooklyn	8-0	209	24
18.	WPI	7-1	198	13
19.	Babson	6-2	164	11
20.	Washington U.	5-1	151	14
21.	Salisbury	6-1	148	17
22.	East Texas Baptist	5-1	100	--
23.	Mount Union	5-2	82	--
24.	St. John Fisher	4-2	80	10
25.	UW-Whitewater	4-2	60	23

**Dropped out:** No. 22 Catholic; No. 25 Oswego State.

**Others receiving votes:** Illinois Wesleyan 55; Chicago 53; Texas Lutheran 44; Whitman 35; Lancaster Bible 33; Bethel 33; Oswego State 29; St. Norbert 29; Susquehanna 28; Albertus Magnus 23; Centre 21; Eastern Connecticut 17; Skidmore 16; Wooster 16; Keene State 14; Pacific Lutheran 14; Williams 13; Aurora 11; St. Vincent 10; William Paterson 9; Northwestern (Minn.) 9; Stockton 8; Catholic 6; Scranton 6; Eastern Nazarene 6; Tufts 5; Southern Vermont 3; Juniata 3; Geneseo 2; Maryville (Tenn.) 1.

shooting just 59.7 percent from the foul line.

**2015-16 Lawrence University Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 10, 2015)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	3-3	1-2	2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-2	1-1	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	0-1	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
03	Jamie Nikitas	6-6	232	38.7	67-129	.519	9-38	.237	34-51	.667	12	27	39	6.5	16	0	26	23	2	20	177	29.5	
12	Jeremy Stephani	6-6	204	34.0	23-62	.371	14-46	.304	4-8	.500	2	19	21	3.5	15	1	15	8	0	2	64	10.7	
04	Mitch Willer	6-6	158	26.3	22-41	.537	0-0	.000	13-16	.813	11	16	27	4.5	20	1	9	7	6	1	57	9.5	
32	Ben Peterson	6-0	75	12.5	15-24	.625	6-12	.500	2-2	1.000	2	18	20	3.3	16	1	2	7	1	1	38	6.3	
23	Peter Winslow	5-5	121	24.2	12-25	.480	4-9	.444	2-8	.250	6	13	19	3.8	19	0	10	10	2	3	30	6.0	
30	Troy Miller	6-6	174	29.0	11-35	.314	7-28	.250	4-4	1.000	2	14	16	2.7	11	0	6	6	0	5	33	5.5	
05	Evan McLaughlin	6-1	131	21.8	7-12	.583	0-1	.000	11-19	.579	6	15	21	3.5	16	1	8	10	1	3	25	4.2	
10	Eric Weiss	5-0	39	7.8	4-9	.444	1-2	.500	2-3	.667	0	3	3	0.6	3	0	4	3	0	0	11	2.2	
24	Connor Weas	6-0	91	15.2	4-13	.308	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	5	9	14	2.3	13	0	7	5	0	0	11	1.8	
<b>Team</b>											5	10	15				1						
Total.....		6	1225		165-350	.471	44-144	.306	72-111	.649	51	144	195	32.5	129	4	87	80	12	35	446	74.3	
Opponents.....		6	1225		148-325	.455	46-118	.390	105-142	.739	50	152	202	33.7	113	-	72	75	12	42	447	74.5	

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	446	447	11/14/15	at Dominican University	W 74-72	235
Points per game	74.3	74.5	11/18/15	WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	L 70-71	554
Scoring margin	-0.2	-	* 11/21/15	at Ripon College	Lot 80-88	458
FIELD GOALS-ATT	165-350	148-325	* 11/25/15	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	L 69-77	489
Field goal pct	.471	.455	* 12/02/15	at Beloit College	W 76-72	300
3 POINT FG-ATT	44-144	46-118	* 12/05/15	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W 77-67	564
3-point FG pct	.306	.390				
3-pt FG made per game	7.3	7.7				
FREE THROWS-ATT	72-111	105-142				
Free throw pct	.649	.739				
F-Throws made per game	12.0	17.5				
REBOUNDS	195	202				
Rebounds per game	32.5	33.7				
Rebounding margin	-1.2	-				
ASSISTS	87	72				
Assists per game	14.5	12.0				
TURNOVERS	80	75				
Turnovers per game	13.3	12.5				
Turnover margin	-0.8	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.0				
STEALS	35	42				
Steals per game	5.8	7.0				
BLOCKS	12	12				
Blocks per game	2.0	2.0				
ATTENDANCE	1607	993				
Home games-Avg/Game	3-536	3-331				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

\* - Conference game

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Lawrence University	217	219	10	446
Opponents	183	246	18	447

**2015-16 Lawrence University Basketball**  
**Lawrence University Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Dec 10, 2015)**  
**All games**

Opponent	Date	Score		03	04	05	10	12	23	24
				NIKITAS,JA	WILLER,MIT	MCLAUGHLIN	WEISS,ERIC	STEPHANI,J	WINSLOW,PE	WEAS,CONNO
at Dominican University	11/14/15	74-72	W	23-11-4	15-2-1	8-2-1	0-0-1	17-4-3	5-3-2	3-5-3
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	11/18/15	70-71	L	23-5-5	17-4-1	4-3-4	3-2-1	8-3-2	DNP	0-3-0
at Ripon College	11/21/15	80-88	L	34-9-5	5-5-3	1-5-2	DNP	8-4-3	8-2-2	0-1-1
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	11/25/15	69-77	L	28-5-5	6-6-3	5-2-0	0-1-0	8-1-5	9-4-1	3-2-0
at Beloit College	12/02/15	76-72	W	34-3-2	9-5-1	3-6-1	6-0-1	16-6-1	0-2-0	0-1-0
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	12/05/15	77-67	W	35-6-5	5-5-0	4-3-0	2-0-1	7-3-1	8-8-5	5-2-3

Opponent	Date	Score		30	32
				MILLER,TRO	PETERSON,B
at Dominican University	11/14/15	74-72	W	3-3-0	0-0-0
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN C	11/18/15	70-71	L	10-2-3	5-5-0
at Ripon College	11/21/15	80-88	L	16-3-0	8-6-1
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	11/25/15	69-77	L	0-3-0	10-1-0
at Beloit College	12/02/15	76-72	W	0-3-2	8-3-1
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	12/05/15	77-67	W	4-2-1	7-5-0

## 2015-16 Game Recaps

**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 Marose 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 consecutive 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 Stutman 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



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lead with 7:36 remaining. Ben Peterson, 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.