



# UW-La Crosse Sports Information

## Press Release

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**THE GAME:** The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (3-0) hosts the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (2-1) Saturday, Oct. 3 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) opener for both squads. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. It is also the 41st Annual Shrine Game at UW-L.

**ON THE AIR:** All of UW-L's football games can be heard on WKTY Radio (580 AM). **Mike Kearns** will call the play-by-play with **Scott Erickson** providing color commentary.

**ON THE INTERNET:** All of UW-L's football games can be heard live as broadcast on WKTY over the internet. To access, a link to the broadcast is provided on the UW-L Athletics home page and on the UW-L Football home page.

**ON THE PHONE:** All of the Eagles games this season are also available over the phone. Fans can call (800) 846-4700 and enter code 8616 to catch all the action with the WKTY broadcast. This is a free service provided by the UW-L Athletic Department.

**SHRINE GAME:** UW-L is 29-8-2 (.769) in Shrine Game history. UW-L and Northland College had a double forfeit in 1974.

**THE SERIES VS. THE TITANS:** UW-L leads the all-time series, 47-8-6, with UW-Oshkosh. The Eagles have won 34 of the last 36 meetings with ties in the other two games. UW-L has won 23 straight games in the series and UW-Oshkosh has not won a game in the series since a 24-14 decision in 1972. The Eagles recorded a 35-7 victory last year in Oshkosh and a 24-0 win in La Crosse in 2007.

**LAST YEAR:** UW-L earned a 35-7 victory at UW-Oshkosh last season at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The Eagles took the opening kickoff and went 67 yards on 10 plays with **Reid Oldenburg** scoring on a three-yard touchdown run. **Cory Bougie's** extra-point was missed. The Titans led 7-6 late in the opening quarter after Dieter Juedes threw a 61-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Weissman. James Taraboi gave UW-Oshkosh a one point lead with the extra-point.

UW-L then scored 29 unanswered points the remainder of the game to secure the victory. **Nick Anker** threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to **Kyle Steffen** with 2:10 left in the first half and after Anker hit **Chris Johnson** with the two-point conversion, the Eagles had a 14-7 halftime advantage.

Anker threw his second touchdown pass of the game with 6:07 remaining in the third quarter, hitting **Tyler Keeney** from 29-yards out. Bougie's extra-point made it 21-7. The touchdown was set-up by **Derek Dreher's** interception of Juedes. **Eric Donoval** added a pair of touchdown runs in the fourth quarter for the Eagles, scoring on a seven-yard run with 11:44 left in the game and on a 14-yard run with 7:38 remaining for the final margin of 35-7. Bougie converted both extra-point attempts.

UW-L finished with 391 yards of offense, including 158 rushing and 233 passing. Donoval carried 27 times for 155 yards and two touchdowns while Anker was 12-of-26 passing for 219 yards and two scores. He was intercepted once. Steffen caught five passes for 67 yards while Keeney finished with three receptions for 84 yards.

UW-Oshkosh totaled 175 yards in the contest, including 68 rushing and 107 passing. The Titans were held to three first downs and 36 yards of offense in the second half.

**Dustin Drath** also had an interception for UW-L while **Aaron Johnson** recorded two sacks. **Mitch Dougherty** also registered a sack.

**HOME STADIUM:** UW-L returns to campus to host six home games in 2009 at the newly constructed Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex. The Eagles played four home games at Winona (Minn.) State University in 2008.

The Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex has seating for 6,250 and includes a synthetic turf football field, a 10-lane track, new locker room space, press box, concessions and restrooms. The Veterans Hall of Honor is also prominently featured as part of the new stadium.

**HOME RECORD:** UW-L finished 217-69-9 (.751) all-time at Veterans Memorial Field. The Eagles recorded their 200th win all-time at Veterans Memorial Field with a 28-24 victory over South Dakota September 20, 2004.

The Eagles are 91-18 (.835) in La Crosse since 1987, including 29-9 (.763) since 2000.

**LAST ACTION:** UW-L earned a 48-0 victory over NCAA Division II Missouri University of Science & Technology last Saturday at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. The Eagles improved to 3-0 overall while the Miners dropped to 0-4. The 3-0 start is the first for UW-L since 2006.

The 48-0 victory is the Eagles' largest margin of win by shutout since a 56-0 victory at Huron University in 1997. UW-L's last shutout came in 2007 with a 24-0 win over UW-Oshkosh.

UW-L finished with 501 yards of offense on 76 plays (6.6 average). The team totaled 228 yards rushing and 273 passing. **Reid Oldenburg** scored three rushing touchdowns and finished with 96 yards on the ground on 18 carries. **Nick Anker** and **Lee Lauters** also had a rushing touchdown. Anker was 19-of-30 passing for 227 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. He also rushed for a career-high 75 yards.

**Alex Maxinoski** and **Travis Bordeau** each caught seven passes for the Eagles. Maxinoski had a team-high 105 yards receiving while Bordeau finished with 84. **Kyle Steffen** and **Ross Slovensky** had touchdown receptions for UW-L.

The Eagles finished the game with 27 first downs, were six-of-10 on third-down and scored on seven-of-nine red-zone opportunities.

Anker gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 2:08 remaining in the first quarter on a seven-yard run. He then hit Steffen with an 11-yard touchdown pass with 7:37 left in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead and Oldenburg made it 21-0 at halftime on a 12-yard run with :23 left in the second.

Oldenburg had a pair of touchdown runs in the third quarter, scoring on a 12-yard dash with 11:30 remaining and on a one-yard run with 2:02 left. Lauters scored on a two-yard run with 11:47 left in the game and **Dan Trussoni** hit Slovensky with a nine-yard pass with 9:41 remaining.

Missouri S&T drove inside UW-L's 10-yard line on its final two possessions, but failed to score as Jason Schlueter threw an incompleteness at the Eagles' eight-yard line with 5:14 remaining and Steve Watson was sacked by **Nick Kaschub** at the 10-yard line on the game's final play. The Miners totaled 214 yards, including 85 rushing and 129 passing.

Curterris Golden had six carries for 50 yards rushing while Schlueter

was 14-of-27 passing for 115 yards and two interceptions. Bobby Pettis caught five passes for 61 yards for Missouri S&T. The Miners were held to 10 first downs and finished five-of-17 on third-down.

**Matt Winney** and **Dustin Drath** led UW-L's defense with eight tackles each while **Jim Litscher** finished with seven. Winney and **Billy Niggeman** each recorded an interception while **Aaron Johnson** totaled three tackles for loss. The Eagles had 13.0 tackles for loss in the contest, including three sacks.

**THE HISTORY:** UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 557-246-46 record against four-year institutions over the years (.683), which ranks as the second winningest program in Division III history percentage-wise, behind only St. John's University (.707). The Eagles' 557 wins ranks 12th on the all-time victories list for Division III.

**THE COACH:** **Larry Terry** (UW-La Crosse, 1977) is in his 10th season as head coach at UW-L. He is 60-36 (.625) overall and 42-21 (.667) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 85-65-1 (.566) in 16 years as a collegiate head coach. He led UW-L to three straight WIAC Championships and been named the conference coach of the year in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Since Terry joined the Eagles' staff as offensive coordinator in 1988, UW-L has compiled a 176-61 (.743) record, won 10 WIAC titles, and made four national championship game appearances, winning two.

He earned his bachelor's degree from UW-L in 1977, a master's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1978 and added his doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico in 1990.

**COACHING STAFF:** Four members of the Eagles' coaching staff, including head coach **Larry Terry**, played football for UW-L. **Tim Ebner** (running backs), **Larry Noll** (defensive backs) and **T.J. Mickschl** (defensive linemen) were members of the squad in their undergraduate careers.

**NATIONAL RANKINGS:** UW-L is ranked 17th on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll and 16th in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25. Mt. Union College (Ohio) is first and UW-Whitewater second in both polls while UW-Stevens Point is receiving votes. UW-Stout is receiving votes in the AFCA Top-25 Poll.

**WIAC PREDICTIONS:** The Eagles were picked to finish fourth in the 2009 WIAC Preseason Poll selected by the sports information directors. UW-Whitewater, which fell to Mt. Union College (Ohio) in the NCAA Division III Championship game last season, is picked to win the league title in 2009. UW-Stevens Point is expected to place second and UW-Eau Claire third. Following UW-L being chosen fourth, UW-Stout is picked fifth followed by UW-Oshkosh, UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville.

**NON-CONFERENCE PLAY:** After finishing 0-3 in non-conference play last season, UW-L went 3-0 this season. The Eagles opened up non-conference play with a 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5, defeated Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) 49-24 Sept. 12 and then earned a 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

UW-L went 9-2 in non-conference play from 2003 to 2007.

**UW-OSHKOSH:** The Titans are coming off a 31-29 home loss to Ohio Dominican University last Saturday. UW-Oshkosh trailed 28-13 at halftime and 31-13 after three quarters. **Jeremy Roach** scored on a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown runs for the Titans and **Andy Lindsay's** 22-yard field goal with 4:29 left cut the margin to 31-29, but Ohio Dominican ran out the final 4:29 to win the game.

Ohio Dominican finished with 503 yards of offense, including 236 rushing and 267 passing. UW-Oshkosh totaled 354 yards, including 159 rushing and 195 passing. The teams combined to finish 19-of-39 on

third-down and were 10-of-11 in red-zone opportunities.

Roach led UW-Oshkosh with 49 yards rushing while **Nate Wara** was 15-of-27 passing for 132 yards with an interception. **Craig McClelland** had five catches for 44 yards.

**James Taraboi** led the Titans' defense with 21 tackles, including 11 solo.

UW-Oshkosh opened its season with a 40-16 win at Ripon (Wis.) before a 31-13 home victory over Huntingdon (Ala.).

**TITANS' LEADERS:** **Nate Wara** is 39-of-65 passing this year for 431 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. **Tyler Wegner** is 21-of-37 for 256 yards with three touchdowns and one interception. **Charlie Weissman** leads the team with 215 yards rushing while **Jeremy Roach** has a team-high four rushing touchdowns. Wara has three rushing touchdowns.

**Craig McClelland** has 10 receptions for 128 yards and **Jamie Braasch** has three touchdown catches on eight receptions.

**James Taraboi** has 40 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss. He has 1.5 sacks, one interception, one fumble recovery and two forced fumbles.

**WHEN AT HALF:** UW-L is 2-0 this season when trailing at the half and 1-0 when leading. The Eagles trailed 6-0 at halftime in a 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. The team led 35-14 at halftime in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 21-0 in a 48-0 victory over Missouri S&T Sept. 26. UW-L was 3-2 last season when leading at the half and 0-5 when trailing.

**ROAD RECORD:** UW-L is 1-0 on the road in 2009 after its 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. The Eagles finished 1-5 on the road last season after finishing 2-2 in 2007. The Eagles are 26-25 (.510) on the road under head coach **Larry Terry**.

**SCORING FIRST:** UW-L is 31-7 (.816) since 2003 when scoring first and 43-13 overall (.768) under head coach **Larry Terry**. The Eagles are 11-16 (.407) since 2003 and 17-23 (.425) overall under Terry when the opponent scores first.

**POINTS SCORED:** UW-L is 59-17 (.776) under head coach Larry Terry when scoring at least 20 points in a game, including 3-0 this year. The Eagles were 3-2 last year when finishing with at least 20 points in a game.

UW-L has scored a combined 97 points in its last two games. The Eagles earned a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. The 97 points scored in back-to-back games are the most for UW-L since scoring 106 points in 1996. The Eagles defeated Winona State (54-20) and Huron (52-28) to open the 1996 season.

The Eagles' 49 points in their win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 was the most for UW-L since defeating UW-River Falls (49-19) Nov. 8, 2008. UW-L also scored 49 points against UW-River Falls (49-34) Nov. 3, 2007. The 49 points against the Falcons in 2007 were the most for UW-L since a 52-13 victory over Concordia University (Wis.) in the first round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs in 2003.

**POINTS PER GAME:** UW-L is averaging 41.7 points per game in 2009 after averaging 20.3 last season, UW-L scored 28 points in its victory (28-13) at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 49 in a win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 48 in a victory (48-0) over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

With their 31-0 loss at UW-Whitewater Oct. 4, 2008, the Eagles were shutout for the first time since a 41-0 loss to the University of Northern Iowa during the 1983 season. The Eagles hadn't been shutout in 283 games.

The Eagles averaged 32.2 points per game in 2007 and 28.3 points per game in 2006.

The team has scored at least 25 points in 51 of their last 82 games dating back to the 2001 season.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH:** Nine different players have caught a pass this season for UW-L. Sophomore **Alex Maxinoski** leads the team with 16 catches and 209 yards while senior **Dan Sellers** and junior **Travis Bordeau** each have eight receptions. Sellers is second on the team in receiving yards (113) and leads the squad with two touchdown catches. Bordeau is third in receiving yards (105).

Juniors **Kyle Steffen** and **Ben Sturomski** each have four catches while junior **Jacob Boegel** has three receptions. Sophomore **Lee Lauters** has two catches this year while sophomore **Ross Slovensky** and junior **Jason Church** each have one catch. Bordeau, Steffen and Slovensky each have one touchdown reception in 2009.

**ANKER:** Junior quarterback **Nick Anker** is 45-of-77 for 558 yards with four touchdowns and three interceptions this season. He finished 15-of-30 for 196 yards and one touchdown in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and 11-of-17 for 135 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12. Anker then finished 19-of-30 for 227 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. He also rushed for a career-high 75 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown against the Miners. Anker finished with 302 yards of total offense in the game.

Anker started six games in 2008, including his first career start versus UW-Eau Claire. He finished 11-of-33 for 192 yards against the Blugolds with a career-high three touchdowns. Anker also had one interception.

He had a career-high 242 yards passing versus UW-Platteville in 2008, finishing 18-of-21. Anker also rushed for two touchdowns against the Pioneers.

**Anker Game-by-Game in 2009:**

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	INT
at ETBU	30	15	196	1	0
Azusa Pacific	17	11	135	2	1
<u>Missouri S&amp;T</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

**RUSHING YARDS:** UW-L is averaging 212.0 rushing yards per game in 2009. The Eagles finished with 163 yards on 45 attempts in their 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 245 yards on 57 attempts in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 228 yards on 44 attempts in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

UW-L is averaging 4.4 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for 11 touchdowns.

The team averaged 133.7 yards per game rushing in 2008. The Eagles had a season-high 388 yards rushing in a 49-19 victory over UW-River Falls Nov. 8. UW-L averaged 3.9 yards per attempt last season after averaging 5.6 in 2007. The Eagles averaged 182.1 rushing yards per game in 2007.

**100-YARD GAME:** The Eagles are 23-8 (.742) since 2003 when a player rushes for at least 100 yards in a game. Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** rushed for 100 yards in each of the first two games in 2009. He had 139 yards rushing in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and a career-high 206 yards in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

**OLDENBURG:** Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** set career-highs in rushing attempts (33) and yards (206) in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12. He also scored two rushing touchdowns while averaging 6.2 yards per attempt.

Oldenburg had set career-highs in rushing attempts (24) and yards

(139) in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. He averaged 5.8 yards per attempt and scored on two touchdown runs.

He then had 96 yards on 18 carries and three rushing touchdowns in the Eagles' 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. The three rushing touchdowns are a career-high.

He had 107 rushing yards and two touchdowns versus UW-River Falls Nov. 8, 2008 and 85 yards rushing and two scores at UW-Stout Nov. 1, 2008.

Oldenburg is UW-L's top returning rusher in 2009 after finishing with 65 carries for 382 yards and six touchdowns in a year ago. He also returned 20 kickoffs for 525 yards in 2008. Oldenburg returned two punts for 11 yards at East Texas Baptist.

**Oldenburg Rushing Game-by-Game in 2009:**

Opponent	No.	Yds.	TD	LG
at ETBU	24	139	2	48
Azusa Pacific	33	206	2	27
<u>Missouri S&amp;T</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>

**LAUTERS:** Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** is second on the team in rushing with 29 carries for 126 yards. He had 10 carries for 46 yards in the Eagles' 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 10 rushes for 30 yards in UW-L's 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and nine carries for 50 yards in the Eagles' 48-0 victory over Missouri University Science & Technology Sept. 26.

Lauters also has three kickoff returns for 61 yards (20.3 average) this season.

**TOTAL OFFENSE:** UW-L is averaging 413.3 yards of offense this season, including 212.0 rushing and 201.3 passing. The Eagles totaled 359 yards of offense in their 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5, finishing with 163 yards rushing and 196 passing. UW-L had 380 yards in its 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12, finishing with 245 rushing and 135 passing. The Eagles had a season-high 501 yards in their 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology, including 228 rushing and 273 passing.

The Eagles averaged 295.8 yards of offense last season (133.7 rushing; 162.1 passing). The 295.8 yards per game was the lowest for a UW-L team since finishing with 284.8 in 1983.

UW-L had with a season-high 538 yards last year in its 49-19 victory over UW-River Falls Nov. 8, 2008, totaling 388 yards rushing (season-high) and 150 passing.

UW-L set a single-season school record with 5,282 total yards of offense in 2003.

**Total Offense Game-by-Game in 2009:**

Opponent	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
at East Texas Baptist	163	196	359
Azusa Pacific University	245	135	380
Missouri Univ. of S&T	228	273	501

**DID YOU KNOW?:** UW-L is 52-15 (.776) overall under head coach **Larry Terry** when the team has more rushing attempts than passing attempts.

**POINTS BY PERIOD:** The Eagles are outscoring their opponents in every quarter in 2009. UW-L is outscoring opponents 21-14 in the first quarter; 35-6 in the second; 28-10 in the third and 41-7 in the fourth.

UW-L was outscored in three of four quarters last season, including 52-33 in the first; 71-67 in the second and 53-52 in the third. The Eagles and their opponents each tallied 51 points in the fourth period.

**TURNOVER MARGIN:** UW-L is plus five in turnover margin this season. The Eagles have seven interceptions and recovered three fumbles while throwing three interceptions and losing two fumbles.

UW-L finished minus four in turnover margin in 2008. The Eagles recovered five fumbles and recorded 12 interceptions. UW-L lost 10 fumbles and threw 11 interceptions.

The team finished +3 in turnover margin in 2007 and has forced a turnover in 63 of the last 73 contests.

**OVERTIME HISTORY:** With its 27-20 overtime victory over Azusa Pacific Sept. 15, 2007, UW-L is 5-5 all-time in overtime games. The Eagles last overtime contest prior to their win over Azusa Pacific was a 27-20 double overtime loss at UW-Eau Claire in 2005. UW-L played two overtime games in 2002, defeating UW-Platteville 35-28 at home while falling 23-20 at UW-Whitewater.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** UW-L has seven interceptions in 2009, including two from junior cornerback **Derek Dreher**. He had both of his interceptions in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. Dreher now has eight career interceptions.

Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer**, senior cornerback **Matt Winney**, junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman**, junior free safety **Phillip Minja** and freshman cornerback **Ben Morrison** each have one interception this season. Morrison returned his interception 78-yards for a touchdown in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

The Eagles recorded nine interceptions in their last five games of the 2008 campaign, including three in a 49-19 victory over UW-River Falls Nov. 8.

Winney had three interceptions last season while Niggeman recorded two. Seniors defensive end **Jonathan Flancher** and senior cornerback **Eric Odden** along with junior strong safety **Dustin Drath** each had one interception in 2008. Flancher returned his interception seven yards for a touchdown against UW-River Falls.

**MORE INTERCEPTIONS:** UW-L has recorded one interception in 52 in its last 70 games overall. The Eagles are 51-22 (.698) under **Larry Terry** when intercepting a pass. The school record of 29 interceptions was set in 1980 and 1982.

**SECONDARY:** Junior strong safety **Dustin Drath** leads UW-L with 22 tackles this season, including 14 solo. He tied for the team lead with six tackles (all unassisted) in UW-L's 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and then recorded a team-high eight tackles in the Eagles' 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12. Drath also tied for the team lead with eight tackles in a 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

Drath was second on the team with 69 tackles last season, including 31 solo. He had a team-high nine tackles in UW-L's 35-21 loss to UW-Eau Claire October 11. Drath also had a fumble recovery against the Blugolds. He finished with a team-high 12 tackles in the Eagles' 26-14 loss at UW-Stout November 1. Drath tied for the team lead with eight tackles in a 35-7 win at UW-Oshkosh October 25 and also recorded an interception and two pass break-ups. He finished tied for third on the team with four pass break-ups.

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** is tied for second with 15 tackles this season while senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** is sixth with 10. Winney tied for the team lead with eight tackles against Missouri University of Science & Technology. He also had two forced fumbles, one interception and one pass break-up. Winney recorded 41 tackles, three interceptions and five pass break-ups in 2008. He ranked fifth on the team in tackles and second in interceptions and pass break-ups.

Dreher has a team-leading two interceptions and is tied for the team lead with two pass break-ups in 2009. He had a team-high four interceptions and six pass break-ups last season. Dreher was also seventh in tackles with 36 a year ago.

Junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** was fourth in tackles last season with 50, including a season-high 10 at UW-Stevens Point November 15. He was also third on the team with two interceptions.

**JOHNSON:** Senior linebacker **Aaron Johnson** is tied for second on the team in tackles this year with 15, including 13 unassisted. He finished second on the team in tackles in 2008 with 76, including 34 solo. Johnson was tied for second in tackles for loss (7.0) and quarterback sacks (4.0) last season.

He is tied for the team lead with 4.0 tackles for loss this year and tied for third with 1.0 quarterback sack. Johnson has had a season-high six tackles at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and against Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

Johnson had a season-high 11 tackles at UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point last year. He finished with 10 tackles at Azusa Pacific University. Johnson also had one forced and one recovered fumble in 2008.

**ROEMER:** Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** is fifth in tackles this year with 12. He is tied for the team lead in tackles for loss (4.0) and quarterback sacks (1.5) this season. Roemer also has one interception.

**JONES:** Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** is seventh on the team with nine tackles in 2009. He is tied for the team lead with 1.5 quarterback sacks and is tied for second with 3.0 tackles for loss.

**SACKS:** UW-L recorded three quarterback sacks in its season-opening 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and three in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** and senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** each have 1.5 quarterback sacks in 2009 while senior linebackers **Aaron Johnson** and **Nick Kaschub** and junior linebacker **Jim Litscher** all have 1.0 sack.

The Eagles had a season-high seven sacks in its 37-6 win over UW-Platteville last year. The seven sacks were the most for the Eagles since totaling six against UW-Stevens Point in 2000. Roemer had three sacks against UW-Platteville.

UW-L had 16 sacks in 2008 after recording 17 in 2007. Linebacker **Drew Kiefer** has a team-high 4.5 sacks last season while Johnson and Roemer were tied for second with 4.0.

**THIRD-DOWN:** The Eagles are 20-of-41 (48.8%) on third-down in 2009. UW-L was seven-of-19 (36.8%) in its 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; seven-of-12 (58.3%) in a 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and six-of-10 (60.0%) in its 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

UW-L was 49-of-135 (36.3%) on third-down last year and 47-of-131 (35.9%) in 2007.

**OPPONENTS:** Opponents are 13-of-44 (29.5%) on third-down this season. East Texas Baptist University finished five-of-14 (35.7%) on third-down versus UW-L Sept. 5 while Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) was three-of-13 (23.1%) and Missouri University of Science & Technology five-of-17 (29.4%).

Opponents finished 66-of-154 (42.9%) on third-down last season.

**FOURTH-DOWN:** After finishing four-of-17 (23.5%) on fourth-down attempts last year, UW-L is three-of-four (75.0%) this season. All four attempts came in its 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. The Eagles were 15-of-26 (57.7%) on fourth-down in 2007.

Opponents are one-of-six (16.7%) on fourth-down this season. Opponents were 11-of-18 (61.1%) on fourth-down last year.

**RED-ZONE:** UW-L is 13-of-18 (72.2%) in red-zone opportunities in 2009. The Eagles were two-of-four (50.0%) in their 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; four-of-five (80.0%) in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and seven-of-nine (77.8%) in a 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology.

UW-L has 10 rushing and three passing touchdowns in the red-zone this season. The team has missed all three of its field goal attempts for

red-zone opportunities.

The Eagles finished 20-of-31 (64.5%) in red-zone chances last year with 17 touchdowns and three field goals.

**OPPONENTS' RED-ZONE:** East Texas Baptist University did not have a red-zone opportunity in UW-L's 28-13 victory Sept. 5, but Azusa Pacific finished four-of-five (80.0%) in the Eagles' 49-24 win Sept. 12. The Cougars had three rushing touchdowns and one field goal. Missouri University of Science & Technology failed to score on its three red-zone opportunities in UW-L's 48-0 win Sept. 26

Opponents were 28-of-34 (82.4%) in red-zone chances last year with 22 touchdowns and six field goals.

**DEFENSE:** UW-L is allowing 263.7 yards of offense per game this season, including 100.0 rushing and 163.7 passing. East Texas Baptist University was held to 200 yards (80 rushing; 120 passing) in UW-L's 28-13 win Sept. 5 while Azusa Pacific finished with 377 yards (135 rushing; 242 passing) in the Eagles' 49-24 victory Sept. 12. Missouri University of Science & Technology finished with 214 yards (85 rushing; 129 passing) in UW-L's 48-0 win Sept. 26.

The Eagles allowed 338.6 yards of offense last season, including a season-high 500 (287 rushing, 213 passing) at the University of North Dakota Sept. 13. UW-Stout recorded an opponent season-high 303 rushing yards Nov. 1 while UW-Eau Claire had a season-high 307 passing yards Oct. 11.

Opponents averaged 146.6 rushing and 192.0 passing yards per game last year. The Eagles allowed 361.3 yards of offense per game in 2007, including 159.3 rushing and 202.0 passing.

After allowing 22.7 points per game in 2008, opponents are averaging 12.3 points after the first three games this year.

#### Opponents' Total Offense Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
at East Texas Baptist	80	120	200
Azusa Pacific University	135	242	377
Missouri Univ. of S&T	85	129	214

**PENALTIES:** UW-L has 17 penalties for 164 yards this season, an average of 54.7 yards per game. The Eagles had 10 penalties for 99 yards in their 28-13 victory over East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and four penalties for 40 yards in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12. UW-L finished with three penalties for 25 yards in its 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

The Eagles had 53 penalties for 474 yards last season, an average of 47.4 yards per game.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Junior **Dylan Rude** is 17-of-18 on extra-point attempts this season. He was four-of-four in UW-L's 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; seven-of-seven in the Eagles' 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and six-of-seven in a 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

He has missed all three of his field goal attempts in 2009. Rude missed a 28-yard attempt in the second quarter and his 38-yard field goal was blocked in the fourth quarter against East Texas Baptist. He then missed on a 27-yard attempt versus Azusa Pacific.

Rude was 16-of-20 on extra-point attempts and one-of-six in field goals in 2007. He converted all 24 of his extra-point attempts and finished three-of-four in field goals in 2006.

For his career, Rude is now 57-of-62 in extra-point attempts and four-of-13 in field goal attempts.

**PUNTING:** Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 37.8 yards on 13 punts this season. He has a long punt of 47 yards with two punts inside the 20-yard line.

**RETURNS:** Freshman tailback **Tyler O'Kane** has three kickoff returns for 35 yards this season (11.7 average) while sophomore tailback **Lee**

**Lauters** has three for 61 yards (20.3 average). O'Kane also has four punt returns for 60 yards (15.0 average) in 2009 while senior **Reid Oldenburg** has two punt returns for 11 yards (5.5 average). Oldenburg led UW-L with 20 kickoff returns for 525 yards (26.2 average) last season with a long of 59.

**SCHOOL RECORDS:** UW-L finished with 1,018 kickoff return yards in 2008, second-most in single-season school history. The Eagles averaged 21.7 yards per return.

UW-L had a school record 1,040 kickoff return yards in 2007. The Eagles also set a single-game school record with 251 kickoff return yards at UW-River Falls November 3, 2007. UW-L averaged 26.0 yards on 40 kickoff returns in 2007.

**TIME OF POSSESSION:** UW-L has a 32:13 to 27:47 time of possession advantage this season. Opponents held a 32:09 to 27:51 time of possession advantage last year.

**THIS WEEK IN THE WIAC:** Here is the conference schedule for this week:

#### Saturday, Oct. 3

UW-Oshkosh at UW-La Crosse, 6 p.m.  
UW-Eau Claire at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.  
UW-Platteville at UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.  
UW-River Falls at UW-Stout, 1 p.m.

#### 2009 WIAC STANDINGS:

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-La Crosse	3	0	125	37	0	0	0	0
UW-Stout	3	0	99	27	0	0	0	0
UW-Whitewater	3	0	138	10	0	0	0	0
UW-Eau Claire	2	1	100	87	0	0	0	0
UW-Oshkosh	2	1	100	60	0	0	0	0
UW-Platteville	2	1	55	61	0	0	0	0
UW-River Falls	2	1	84	72	0	0	0	0
UW-Stevens Point	1	2	49	62	0	0	0	0

**LAST WEEK IN THE WIAC:** Here are the results from last week in the WIAC:

#### Saturday, Sept. 26

at UW-La Crosse 48, Missouri Science & Technology 0  
Ohio Dominican 31, at UW-Oshkosh 29  
at UW-Whitewater 42, Puget Sound (Wash.) 7  
at UW-River Falls 40, Alma (Mich.) 27  
at UW-Stout 40, Eureka (Ill.) 6  
at Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 23, UW-Stevens Point 7

**NEXT UP:** UW-L travels to UW-Platteville Saturday, Oct. 10 for a 2 p.m. start.