



# UW-La Crosse Sports Information

## Press Release

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**THE GAME:** The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (4-1, 1-1 WIAC) travels to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (2-3, 0-2 WIAC) Saturday, Oct. 17. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Ramer Field.

**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.

**THE SERIES VS. THE FALCONS:** UW-L leads the all-time series, 56-29-7, with UW-River Falls. The Eagles have won the last 16 meetings and have won or tied 20 of the last 21. UW-L recorded a 49-34 victory last season.

**LAST YEAR:** **Eric Donoval** rushed for a career-high 248 yards and scored four touchdowns as UW-L set single-game season-highs in rushing yards and total yards in a 49-19 victory over UW-River Falls last season at Maxwell Field at Winona State University.

UW-L rushed for 388 yards in the contest, including 248 by Donoval and 107 from **Reid Oldenburg**. The Eagles totaled 538 yards overall.

The Eagles took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Donoval's seven-yard run. The Falcons came back to tie the game at 7-7 three plays into the second quarter as Joel Yogerst scored on a three-yard run. After UW-L forced UW-River Falls to turn the ball over on downs, the Eagles went 86 yards on 11 plays and Oldenburg scored on a one-yard run to make it 14-7 with 6:16 remaining in the second quarter. UW-L led 14-7 at halftime.

UW-L took the second half kickoff and took a 21-7 lead as **Nick Anker** hit Donoval for a 11-yard touchdown pass. The Falcons cut the lead to 21-13 with 7:35 remaining in the third as Yogerst scored on a two-yard run. The extra-point was blocked by **Ryan Marty**. On the next play from scrimmage, Donoval scored on a 79-yard run to give the Eagles a 28-13 advantage. Donoval then scored his fourth touchdown of the game on UW-L's next possession, running in from 62-yards out with 3:36 left in the third to make it 35-13.

Oldenburg scored on a 77-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter for a 42-13 lead and **Jonathan Flancher** returned an interception seven-yards for a touchdown to give UW-L a 49-13 lead. UW-River Falls finished the scoring with 1:55 left as Ryan Luessenheide hit Yogerst with a 27-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was missed.

UW-L finished with 538 yards, including 388 rushing and 150 passing. Donoval totaled 248 yards rushing on 19 attempts with three touchdowns. He also caught two passes for 25 yards a touchdown. Oldenburg had 107 yards on 10 attempts and two touchdowns. Anker finished 10-of-13 passing for 150 yards with a touchdown and inter-

ception. **Travis Bordeau** caught four passes for 82 yards. The Eagles were seven-of-11 on third-down.

UW-River Falls totaled 383 yards, including 124 rushing and 259 passing. Michael Zweifel caught 12 passes for 134 yards. Yogerst scored three touchdowns for the Falcons, two rushing and one receiving.

**Drew Kiefer** led UW-L with eight tackles while **Billy Niggeman** recorded seven. **Derek Dreher**, **Matt Winney** and Flancher each had an interception for the Eagles.

**HOME RECORD:** UW-L is 3-0 at home in 2009, earning wins over Azusa Pacific University, Calif. (49-24), Missouri University of Science & Technology (48-0) and UW-Oshkosh (32-25).

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 92-18 (.836) in La Crosse since 1987, including 30-9 (.769) since 2000.

**LAST ACTION:** UW-L suffered its first loss of the year with a 26-13 defeat at UW-Platteville last Saturday at Pioneer Stadium. It was the Pioneers second straight home win over the Eagles (37-34 in 2007).

The Pioneers drove to the Eagles' three-yard line on the first possession of the game, but Nick Anderson was intercepted by UW-L's **Billy Niggeman** in the end zone. After a seven-yard punt from **Christian Hallingstad** on UW-L's first possession, UW-Platteville took a 7-0 lead as Anderson threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Joe Burkeland with 7:04 left in the first quarter.

**Nick Anker** fumbled on UW-L's next drive with Tom Bruins recovering at the Eagles' 28-yard line. Four plays later Tony Smidl converted a 23-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

UW-L cut the lead to 10-7 early in the second quarter. **Dylan Rude** missed a 30-yard field goal, but UW-Platteville was called for a penalty to give UW-L a first down at the Pioneers' seven-yard line. **Lee Lauters** later scored on a three-yard run with 10:47 left in the first half to make it 10-7.

UW-Platteville went 50 yards in eight plays to take a 17-7 lead with 8:01 remaining in the second quarter as Mitch Shadley hit Jake Wiederholt on a four-yard touchdown pass. Anker was intercepted on UW-L's next possession, but Shadley was picked off by the Eagles' **Derek Dreher** in the end zone with 2:15 left in the half. UW-L drove to the UW-Platteville 28-yard line, but **Tyler Keeney** fumbled after catching a pass and the Pioneers' Brian Snyder returned the ball to the Eagles' 20-yard line. Shadley threw his second touchdown pass of the game with :43 left in the second quarter to give UW-Platteville a 24-7 halftime lead as he connected with Darin Blaser on a nine-yard play.

Hallingstad had his first punt of the second half blocked on UW-L's first possession for a safety and 26-7 UW-Platteville lead.

Lauters scored his second touchdown of the game on a one-yard run with 2:06 left in the fourth quarter to make it 26-13. Anker's two-point pass attempted failed and UW-Platteville recovered the ensuing on-side kick.

UW-L finished with 283 yards of offense, including 117 rushing and 166 passing. Lauters set career-highs with 31 rushing attempts and 142 yards with the two touchdowns while Anker was 22-of-42 passing for 166 yards and an interception. He was sacked twice.

**Travis Bordeau** (60 yards) and **Alex Maxinoski** (40) each finished with eight catches for the Eagles.

UW-L had 13 penalties in the game for 122 yards while finishing seven-of-19 in third-down conversions. The Eagles had three turnovers.

The Pioneers totaled 215 yards of offense, including 43 rushing and 172 passing.

**Justin Hartwig** led UW-L with 10 tackles, including seven solo. He had 3.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback sack. **Aaron Johnson** and **Dustin Drath** each recorded seven tackles with Johnson finishing with 4.0 tackles for loss. **Tom Makens** and **Phillip Minja** had a sack.

**THE HISTORY:** UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 558-247-46 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' 558 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 61-37 (.622) overall and 43-22 (.662) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 86-66-1 (.565) 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 177-62 (.741) 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 24th on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll and receiving votes 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 in both polls.

**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-RIVER FALLS:** The Falcons have lost their first two WIAC games by a combined three points. UW-River Falls fell 13-12 in overtime at UW-Stout Oct. 3 and 31-29 at UW-Oshkosh Oct. 10. The Falcons defeated Northwestern, Minn. (20-17) and Alma, Mich. (40-27) in non-conference play while losing to St. John's, Minn. (24-20).

At UW-Oshkosh last week, the Falcons trailed 31-16 with 13:37 remaining in the fourth quarter. **Ryan Luessenheide** cut the lead to 31-22 with 8:02 left on a four-yard run, but **Chuck Blair's** missed the extra-point. UW-River Falls made it 31-29 with 3:32 remaining on **Michael Woodward's** 15-yard touchdown catch from Luessenheide. UW-Oshkosh ran out the final 3:32 with a pair of first downs.

**Taylor Edwards** led UW-River Falls with 26 carries for 94 yards rushing and a touchdown. Luessenheide was 19-of-38 for 250 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. **Ryan Hansen** caught seven passes for 77 yards and a touchdown.

**Ross Potter** had a team-high nine tackles for the Falcons while **Matt Ainsworth** recorded an interception.

**FALCONS' LEADERS:** UW-River Falls is averaging 364.6 yards of offense, including 201.4 rushing and 163.2 passing. The Falcons are averaging 25.0 points per game while converting 47.1% (32-of-68) of their third-down attempts.

**Taylor Edwards** leads the team with 630 yards rushing and five touchdowns while averaging 5.8 yards per attempt. **Ryan Luessenheide** is 61-of-118 passing for 816 yards with five touchdowns and five interceptions. **Michael Woodward** (275 yards) and **Ryan Hansen** (244) have each caught 18 passes and one touchdown.

Opponents are averaging 410.8 yards of offense, including 145.2 rushing and 265.6 passing. UW-River Falls is allowing 23.2 points per game. **Cole Lowell** leads the Falcons with 43 tackles and **Ross Potter** has a team-high two interceptions.

**WHEN AT HALF:** UW-L is 3-0 this season when leading at the half and 1-1 when trailing. The Eagles were 3-2 last season when leading at the half and 0-5 when trailing.

**ROAD RECORD:** UW-L is 1-1 on the road in 2009 after its 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. The Eagles finished 1-5 on the road last season. The Eagles are 26-26 (.500) 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 12-17 (.414) since 2003 and 18-24 (.429) overall under Terry when the opponent scores first.

**POINTS SCORED:** UW-L is 60-17 (.779) under head coach **Larry Terry** when scoring at least 20 points in a game, including 4-0 this year. The Eagles were 3-2 last year when scoring at least 20 points in a game.

UW-L's 49 points in its win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 was the most for the Eagles 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 III Playoffs in 2003.

**POINTS PER GAME:** UW-L is averaging 34.0 points per game in 2009 after averaging 20.3 last season. The Eagles scored a season-high 49 points in a win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12. UW-L had a season-low 13 points in its loss (26-13) at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

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. UW-L 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 52 of their last 84 games dating back to the 2001 season.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH:** Eleven different players have caught a pass this season for UW-L. Sophomore **Alex Maxinoski** leads the team with 29 catches and 340 yards while junior **Travis Bordeau** has 23 receptions for 259 yards. Bordeau and senior **Dan Sellers** are tied for the team lead with two touchdown catches while Maxinoski has one touchdown reception. Sellers has 10 catches for 126 yards while junior **Kyle Steffen** has 11 receptions for 141 yards and a touchdown.

Junior **Ben Sturomski** has four catches while senior **Tyler Keeney**, junior **Jacob Boegel** and sophomore **Lee Lauters** each have three. Sophomore **Ross Slovensky** has one touchdown catch in 2009.

**ANKER:** Junior quarterback **Nick Anker** is 88-of-156 for 997 yards with six touchdowns and seven interceptions this season. He was 21-of-37 for 273 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. The 273 yards is a career-high. He also rushed for 66 yards on 18 attempts against the Titans.

Anker was 22-of-42 for 166 yards with one interception in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. The 22 completions and 42 attempts were both career-highs.

Anker had a career-high 75 yards rushing on 14 carries and one touchdown in the Eagles' 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. He finished 19-of-30 for 227 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions against the Miners.

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 was 18-of-21 for 242 yards versus UW-Platteville in 2008. 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
Missouri S&T	30	19	227	1	2
UW-Oshkosh	37	21	273	2	3
<u>at UW-Platteville</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

**RUSHING YARDS:** UW-L is averaging 203.4 rushing yards per game in 2009. The Eagles had a season-high 264 yards rushing on 55 attempts in their 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. UW-L also had two rushing touchdowns.

The Eagles had a season-low 117 yards on 40 attempts and two touchdowns in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. UW-L averaged 2.9 yards per attempt.

UW-L had 163 yards (45 attempts) in a 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 245 yards (season-high 57 attempts) in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 228 yards (44 attempts) in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

The Eagles are averaging 4.2 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for 15 touchdowns.

Th 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.

**100-YARD GAME:** The Eagles are 24-9 (.727) since 2003 when a player rushes for at least 100 yards in a game. Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** has rushed for 100 yards in three of four games this season while sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has one.

**OLDENBURG:** Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** leads UW-L with 90 carries for 542 yards and eight touchdowns. He is averaging 6.0 yards per attempt. Oldenburg did not play in UW-L's 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10 due to an injury.

He 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 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.

Oldenburg finished with 65 carries for 382 yards and six touchdowns a year ago.

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

Opponent	No.	Yds.	TD	LG
at ETBU	24	139	2	48

Azusa Pacific	33	206	2	27
Missouri S&T	18	96	3	14
<u>UW-Oshkosh</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>22</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>48</b>

**LAUTERS:** Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** is second on the team in rushing with 79 carries for 365 yards. He finished with a career-high 31 attempts and 142 yards in UW-L's 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. Lauters also had a career-high two touchdowns.

He had 19 attempts for 97 yards and a touchdown in UW-L's 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

Lauters also has five kickoff returns for 113 yards (22.6 average) this season.

#### Lauters Rushing Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	No.	Yds.	TD	LG
at ETBU	10	46	0	12
Azusa Pacific	10	30	0	8
Missouri S&T	9	50	1	16
UW-Oshkosh	19	97	1	12
<u>at UW-Platteville</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>

**TOTAL OFFENSE:** UW-L is averaging 412.0 yards of offense this season, including 203.4 rushing and 208.6 passing. The Eagles had a season-high 537 yards in their 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3, including 264 yards rushing (season-high) and 273 passing (tied season-high).

UW-L ran 92 plays of offense in its victory over the Titans. The 92 plays is tied for fourth in single-game school history. UW-L had a school record 95 plays versus UW-Eau Claire October 30, 1995 and against UW-Platteville October 6, 2001.

The Eagles also had 273 passing yards in their 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

The team finished with a season-low 283 yards in its 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10, including 117 rushing and 166 passing.

UW-L 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 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
UW-Oshkosh	264	273	537
at UW-Platteville	117	166	283

**DID YOU KNOW?:** UW-L is 53-15 (.779) 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 three of four quarters in 2009. UW-L is outscoring opponents 54-20 in the second quarter, 38-31 in the third and 54-10 in the fourth. Opponents hold a 27-24 advantage in the opening quarter.

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 two in turnover margin this season. The Eagles have 10 interceptions and recovered four fumbles while throwing seven interceptions and losing five 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 65 of the last 75 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 10 interceptions in 2009, including three from junior cornerback **Derek Dreher**. He had two of his interceptions in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and one in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. Dreher now has nine career interceptions.

Junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** has two interceptions this year while senior linebacker **Blake Roemer**, senior cornerback **Matt Winney**, junior free safety **Phillip Minja**, sophomore free safety **Matt McGilliard** 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 54 in its last 72 games overall. The Eagles are 52-23 (.693) 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 32 tackles this season, including 20 solo (tied for second on team). 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.

He tied for second on the squad with seven tackles in UW-L's 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 13.

Drath was second on the team with 69 tackles last season, including 31 solo. He finished tied for third on the team with four pass break-ups.

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** is four on the team with 20 tackles this season while junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** is seventh (16), sophomore free safety **Matt McGilliard** eighth (15) and senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** 10th (13).

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. Winney leads UW-L with four pass break-ups in 2009.

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. Niggeman has two blocked kicks this year.

Dreher has a team-leading three interceptions and is tied for second with three 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.

**JOHNSON:** Senior linebacker **Aaron Johnson** is second on the team in

tackles this year with 29, including a team-high 23 unassisted. He had a team-leading seven tackles in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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.

Johnson leads UW-L with 9.0 tackles for loss this year and tied for third with 1.0 quarterback sack. He had six tackles at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and against Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. Johnson had seven tackles, including 4.0 for loss in UW-L's 26-13 defeat at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

**ROEMER:** Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** is sixth in tackles this year with 17. He is tied for third on the team in tackles for loss (6.0) and ranks third in quarterback sacks (1.5). Roemer also has one interception.

**JONES:** Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** is ninth on the team with 14 tackles in 2009. He leads the team with 2.5 quarterback sacks and is tied for fifth with 4.0 tackles for loss.

**HARTWIG:** Junior linebacker **Justin Hartwig** had a team-high 10 tackles, including seven solo, in UW-L's 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. He finished with 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 quarterback sack.

Hartwig ranks fifth on the team with 19 tackles this season and second in tackles for loss with 6.5. He had five solo tackles in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

**SACKS:** UW-L recorded a season-high four quarterback sacks in its 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. The Eagles had three sacks in their season-opening 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5, in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26 and in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** leads the team with 2.5 sacks in 2009 while junior linebacker **Justin Hartwig** is second with 2.0. Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** ranks third with 1.5. Six different players have 1.0 quarterback 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. **Drew Kiefer** has a team-high 4.5 sacks last year while Johnson and Roemer had 4.0.

**THIRD-DOWN:** The Eagles are 35-of-75 (46.7%) 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.

In WIAC contests, the Eagles were eight-of-15 (53.3%) in a 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 and seven-of-19 (36.8%) in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

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

**OPPONENTS:** Opponents are 23-of-74 (31.1%) 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%). Missouri University of Science & Technology finished five-of-17 (29.4%).

In WIAC games, UW-Oshkosh was seven-of-18 (38.9%) and UW-Platteville three-of-12 (25.0%).

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 seven-of-11 (63.6%) this season. The Eagles were three-of-four in their 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University

Sept. 5; two-of-four in a 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 and two-of-three in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10. UW-L was 15-of-26 (57.7%) on fourth-down in 2007.

Opponents are three-of-eight (37.5%) on fourth-down this season. Opponents were 11-of-18 (61.1%) on fourth-down last year.

**RED-ZONE:** UW-L is 20-of-27 (74.1%) 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.

In the WIAC, UW-L was five-of-six (83.3%) in its 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 and two-of-three (66.7%) in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

UW-L has 14 rushing and four passing touchdowns in the red-zone this season. The team is two-of-five in field goal attempts.

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

**OPPONENTS' RED-ZONE:** Opponents are 11-of-17 (64.7%) in red-zone opportunities this season. East Texas Baptist University did not have a red-zone chance Sept. 5 while Missouri University of Science & Technology missed on all three of its attempts Sept. 26.

Azusa Pacific University, Calif. was four-of-five Sept. 12 and UW-Oshkosh three-of-three Oct. 3. UW-Platteville was four-of-six (66.7%) Oct. 10.

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 253.4 yards of offense per game this season, including 83.2 rushing and 170.2 passing. The Eagles held East Texas Baptist University to an opponent season-low 200 yards (80 rushing; 120 passing) in a 28-13 victory Sept. 5.

UW-Platteville had an opponent season-low 43 yards rushing in a 26-13 win Oct. 10.

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.

After allowing 22.7 points per game in 2008, opponents are averaging 17.6 points 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
UW-Oshkosh	73	188	261
at UW-Platteville	43	172	215

**PENALTIES:** UW-L has 37 penalties for 350 yards this season, an average of 70.0 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 had three penalties for 25 yards in its 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

In WIAC contests, UW-L finished with seven penalties for 64 yards in a 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 and a season-high 13 penalties for 122 yards in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

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

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Junior **Dylan Rude** is 20-of-23 on extra-point

attempts and two-of-five on field goals this season. After missing his first three field goal attempts, Rude converted on both of his attempts in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. He hit a 23-yard field goal in the first quarter and 24-yard field goal in the third quarter.

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 60-of-67 in extra-point attempts and six-of-15 in field goal attempts.

**PUNTING:** Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 33.9 yards on 19 punts this season. He has a long punt of 47 yards with three punts inside the 20-yard line. Hallingstad had a punt blocked for a safety in UW-L's 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

**RETURNS:** Freshman tailback **Tyler O'Kane** has eight kickoff returns for 133 yards this season (16.6 average) while sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has five for 113 yards (22.6 average). O'Kane also has eight punt returns for 86 yards (10.8 average). Senior wide receiver **Dan Sellers** has three kickoff returns for 50 yards (16.7 average).

**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 return yards at UW-River Falls Nov. 3, 2007. UW-L averaged 26.0 yards per return in 2007.

**TIME OF POSSESSION:** UW-L has a 32:41 to 27:19 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. 17**

- UW-La Crosse at UW-River Falls, 1 p.m.
- UW-Platteville at UW-Eau Claire, 1 p.m.
- UW-Stevens Point at UW-Oshkosh, 1:30 p.m.
- UW-Whitewater at UW-Stout, 3 p.m.

**2009 WIAC STANDINGS:**

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-Whitewater	5	0	211	27	2	0	73	17
UW-Stevens Point	3	2	104	101	2	0	55	39
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>
UW-Stout	4	1	118	46	1	1	19	19
UW-Oshkosh	3	2	156	121	1	1	56	61
UW-Platteville	3	2	84	109	1	1	29	48
UW-Eau Claire	2	3	147	173	0	2	47	86
UW-River Falls	2	3	125	116	0	2	41	44

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

**Saturday, Oct. 10**

- at UW-Oshkosh 31, UW-River Falls 29
- at UW-Platteville 26, UW-La Crosse 13
- at UW-Stevens Point 7, UW-Stout 6
- at UW-Whitewater 38, UW-Eau Claire 14

**NEXT UP:** UW-L hosts UW-Stevens Point Saturday, Oct. 24. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Family, Friends & Alumni Weekend at UW-L.