



# UW-La Crosse Sports Information

## Press Release

---

Sports Information - David Johnson, Director - Room 20, Mitchell Hall - La Crosse, WI 54601  
Office: (608) 785-8493 - Fax: (608) 785-6539 - E-mail: johnson.dav2@uwlax.edu  
Web: <http://www.uwlax.edu/athletics>

---

**THE GAME:** The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (5-1, 2-1 WIAC) hosts the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (4-2, 3-0 WIAC) Saturday, Oct. 24. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Roger Haring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. It is Family, Friends & Alumni Weekend 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.

**HOMECOMING GAME:** UW-L is 61-19-5 in its Family, Friends & Alumni (formerly Homecoming) games. The Eagles have won 22 of their last 23 Homecoming games, including 37-6 last season over UW-Platteville.

**THE SERIES VS. THE POINTERS:** UW-L leads the all-time series, 42-10-4, with UW-Stevens Point. The Eagles have won 18 of the last 21 meetings, but the Pointers earned a 21-7 victory last season in Stevens Point.

**LAST YEAR:** UW-Stevens Point clinched its first WIAC title since 2001 with a 21-7 victory over UW-La Crosse last year at Goerke Field at Community Stadium. The Pointers also earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs with the win.

The Eagles were held to minus seven yards rushing and 120 total yards in last year's loss to the Pointers. The minus seven yards rushing are the fewest since totaling minus three in a 27-23 loss at UW-Stout October 14, 2000.

Both teams punted twice to start the game before UW-Stevens Point took a 7-0 lead with 2:37 left in the first quarter as Jared Beckwith hit Brad Kalsow on a 12-yard touchdown pass. UW-L tied the contest 7-7 with :57 remaining in the second quarter on **Nick Anker's** eight-yard touchdown pass to **Gus Almonroeder**. The Eagles drove 80 yards in 15 plays and 5:15, but the Pointers came right back to take a 14-7 lead at halftime as Beckwith connected on four-of-five passing attempts, including a 19-yard touchdown pass to Kalsow with :13 left.

UW-L was held to 14 yards of offense on 27 plays in the second half as the Eagles had two interceptions, one fumble, four punts and one lost on downs in eight possessions.

UW-Stevens Point took a 21-7 lead with 3:07 remaining in the third quarter as Beckwith and Kalsow connected for their third touchdown, this time from nine-yards out.

UW-L finished with 14 first downs and 120 yards, including minus seven yards rushing and 127 yards passing. **Eric Donoval** totaled 61 yards rushing on 17 carries, but Anker was sacked six times for 62 yards. Anker finished 14-of-41 passing for 127 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. **Tyler Keeney** was the team's leading

receiver with four catches for 49 yards. The Eagles were penalized 11 times for 125 yards.

UW-Stevens Point finished with 300 yards of offense, including 87 rushing and 213 passing. Mike Ferron had 48 yards rushing on 24 attempts while Beckwith finished with 23-of-38 passing for 213 yards with three touchdowns and one interception. Kalsow caught 12 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

**Aaron Johnson** led the Eagles' defense with 11 tackles and one forced fumble while **Matt McGilliard** had 10 tackles. **Eric Odden** recorded an interception. Bryan Blum led the Pointers with nine tackles.

**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 is coming off a 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls last Saturday as the teams combined for 42 points in overtime. The Falcons took a 47-41 lead in the third extra period on Taylor Edwards' third rushing touchdown of the game, but the Eagles' **Aaron Johnson** stopped Edwards on the two-point conversion.

UW-L's **Nick Anker** then hit **Alex Maxinoski** with a five-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 47-47 and Anker connected with **Travis Bordeau** on the game-winning two-point conversion. Bordeau had a pair of overtime touchdown catches, scoring a 25-yard play in the first overtime and on a four-yard pass in the second. He also blocked a punt and returned it 56-yards for a touchdown in the second quarter.

Anker finished 24-of-38 for 248 yards and career-high four touchdowns while **Lee Lauters** had 86 yards rushing on 19 attempts. Bordeau caught six passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns while Maxinoski had four receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown. **Dan Sellers** and **Ben Sturmoski** also finished with four catches.

Johnson led the defense with 15 tackles, including eight solo. He had 2.5 tackles for loss. **Derek Dreher** had his team-leading fourth interception.

**THE HISTORY:** UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 559-247-46 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' 559 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 62-37 (.626) overall and 44-22 (.667) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 87-66-1 (.568) 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 178-62 (.742) 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 and UW-Stevens Point are both receiving votes on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll and in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25. Mt. Union College (Ohio) is first and UW-Whitewater second 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.

**ABOUT THE POINTERS:** UW-Stevens Point is coming off a 24-17 victory at UW-Oshkosh last Saturday. The Pointers led 7-0 after the first quarter on **Jared Beckwith's** three-yard run, but the Titans tied it at 7-7 in the second period after Nata Wara's 25-yard touchdown pass to Paul Coburn. UW-Stevens Point took a 17-7 halftime lead as **Andrew Clohan** hit a 25-yard field goal and **Joe Francar** scored on a one-yard run.

UW-Oshkosh cut the margin to 17-14 late in the third quarter on Coburn's nine-yard pass from Wara, but Beckwith threw a four-yard touchdown pass to **Jared Jenkins** for UW-Stevens Point with 7:13 left in the fourth quarter for a 24-14 Pointers' lead. Andy Lindsay converted a 22-yard field goal for UW-Oshkosh with 5:18 remaining to make it 24-17. The Titans got the ball back with 2:20 left, but Wara was intercepted by the Pointers' **Joe Mleziva** at the UW-Stevens Point 31-yard line.

**Garrett Medenwald** led UW-Stevens Point with 28 carries for 130 yards rushing while Beckwith was 25-of-37 for 306 yards and a touchdown. Jenkins had 13 receptions for 189 yards and a touchdown. **John Jones** led the Pointers' defense with nine tackles (six solo) while **Charlie Dercks** had two quarterback sacks.

**UW-STEVENS POINT LEADERS:** The Pointers have defeated UW-Eau Claire (48-33), UW-Stout (7-6) and UW-Oshkosh (24-17) in conference play after going 1-2 in non-conference action. UW-Stevens Point lost to Central, Iowa (22-21) and Azusa Pacific (23-7) while defeating Missouri Science & Technology (21-17).

**Garrett Medenwald** leads the Pointers with 302 yards rushing on 68 attempts (4.4 average) while **Jared Beckwith** is 133-of-206 passing for 1,593 yards. He has thrown 12 touchdowns and seven interceptions. **Jared Jenkins** has caught 59 passes for 877 yards and 10 touchdowns.

**John Jones** leads the defense with 56 tackles while **Joe Mleziva** is second with 55. Mleziva and **Kody Morgan** each have two interceptions while **Charlie Dercks** has recorded a team-leading 4.5 quarterback sacks.

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

**ROAD RECORD:** UW-L is 2-1 on the road in 2009 after its 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5, 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10 and 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17. The Eagles finished 1-5 on the road last season. The Eagles are 27-26 (.509) 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 12-18 (.400) since 2003 and 18-25 (.419) overall under Terry when the opponent scores first.

**POINTS SCORED:** UW-L is 61-17 (.782) under head coach **Larry Terry** when scoring at least 20 points in a game, including 5-0 this year. The Eagles were 3-2 last year when scoring at least 20 points in a game.

UW-L has scored a season-high 49 points in two different contests this year. The Eagles scored 49 points in a win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and in a triple overtime victory (49-47) at UW-River Falls Oct. 17. The 49 points are 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 36.5 points per game in 2009 after averaging 20.3 last season. The Eagles have scored a season-high 49 points in wins over Azusa Pacific University, Calif. (49-24) Sept. 12 and UW-River Falls (49-47 in triple overtime). 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 53 of their last 85 games dating back to the 2001 season.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH:** Twelve different players have caught a pass this season for UW-L. Sophomore **Alex Maxinoski** leads the team with 33 catches and 402 yards while junior **Travis Bordeau** has 29 receptions for 326 yards. Bordeau has a team-high four touchdown catches while Maxinoski and senior **Dan Sellers** are tied for second with two. Sellers has 14 catches for 183 yards while junior **Kyle Steffen** has 12 receptions for 146 yards and a touchdown.

**ANKER:** Junior quarterback **Nick Anker** is 112-of-194 for 1,245 yards with 10 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.

He was 24-of-38 for 248 yards and career-high four touchdowns in the Eagles' 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17. The 24 completions was also a career-high.

Anker was 22-of-42 (career-high) for 166 yards with one interception in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10.

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 threw three touchdown passes against the Blugolds.

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

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>INT</b>
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
at UW-Platteville	42	22	166	0	1
<u>at UW-River Falls</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

**RUSHING YARDS:** UW-L is averaging 191.5 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 are averaging 4.1 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for 16 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 at UW-Platteville Oct. 10 or at UW-River Falls Oct. 17 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 98 carries for 451 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 finished with 19 rushes for 86 yards and a touchdown in the Eagles' 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17.

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
at UW-Platteville	31	142	2	21
<u>at UW-River Falls</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>

**TOTAL OFFENSE:** UW-L is averaging 406.7 yards of offense this season, including 191.5 rushing and 215.2 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
at UW-River Falls	132	248	380

**DID YOU KNOW?:** UW-L is 54-15 (.783) 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 67-27 in the second quarter, 45-31 in the third and 61-20 in the fourth. Opponents hold a 37-24 advantage in the opening quarter. UW-L also outscored UW-River Falls 22-20 in overtime in its 49-47 triple overtime victory Oct. 17

**TURNOVER MARGIN:** UW-L is plus three in turnover margin this season. The Eagles have 11 interceptions and recovered five fumbles while throwing seven interceptions and losing six 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 66 of the last 76 contests.

**OVERTIME HISTORY:** With its 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17, UW-L is 6-5 all-time in overtime games. The Eagles last overtime contest prior to their win over the Falcons was a 27-20 overtime victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 15, 2007.

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 11 interceptions in 2009, including four 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, one in a 26-13 loss at UW-Platteville Oct. 10 and one in a 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17. Dreher now has 10 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 record-

ed 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 55 in its last 73 games overall. The Eagles are 53-23 (.697) 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** is second for UW-L with 40 tackles this season, including 25 solo (third 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. 10. Drath had eight tackles in the Eagles' 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17.

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** is tied for fourth on the team with 26 tackles this season while sophomore free safety **Matt McGilliard** is seventh (20), senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** is eighth (18) and junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** is ninth (16).

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 is second for UW-L with six 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 four interceptions and seven 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** leads the team in tackles this year with 44, including a team-high 31 unassisted. He had a team-leading seven tackles in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 and team-high 15 tackles in the Eagles' 49-47 triple overtime win at UW-River Falls Oct. 17.

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 11.5 tackles for loss this year and tied for fifth 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 tied for fourth in tackles this year with 26. He is second on the team in tackles for loss (8.5) and ranks fourth in quarterback sacks (1.5). Roemer also has one interception.

**JONES:** Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** is 12th 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 sixth on the team with 23 tackles this season and fourth 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** and senior linebacker **Tom Makens** are tied for second with 2.0. Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** ranks fourth 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 42-of-93 (45.2%) on third-down in 2009. UW-L was 49-of-135 (36.3%) on third-down last year and 47-of-131 (35.9%) in 2007.

#### UW-L Third-Down Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	Made	Att.	Pct.
at ETBU	7	19	36.8%
Azusa Pacific	7	12	58.3%
Missouri S&T	6	10	60.0%
UW-Oshkosh	8	15	53.3%
at UW-Platteville	7	19	36.8%
at UW-River Falls	7	18	38.9%

**OPPONENTS:** Opponents are 34-of-97 (35.1%) on third-down this season after finishing 66-of-154 (42.9%) last season.

**FOURTH-DOWN:** After finishing four-of-17 (23.5%) on fourth-down attempts last year, UW-L is nine-of-16 (56.2%) this season. The Eagles did not attempt a fourth-down against Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) or Missouri Science & Technology in 2009. Opponents are four-of-10 (40.0%) on fourth-down this season after going 11-of-18 (61.1%) last year.

#### UW-L Fourth-Down Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	Made	Att.	Pct.
at ETBU	3	4	75.0%
UW-Oshkosh	2	4	50.0%
at UW-Platteville	2	3	66.7%
at UW-River Falls	2	5	40.0%

**RED-ZONE:** UW-L is 22-of-32 (68.8%) in red-zone opportunities in 2009. The Eagles have 15 rushing and five 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.

#### UW-L Red-Zone Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	Made	Att.	Total Points
at ETBU	2	4	14
Azusa Pacific	4	5	28
Missouri S&T	7	9	48
UW-Oshkosh	5	6	26
at UW-Platteville	2	3	13
at UW-River Falls	2	5	14

**OPPONENTS' RED-ZONE:** Opponents are 15-of-21 (.7%) in red-zone opportunities this season with 10 touchdowns (six rushing; four passing) and five field goals (five-of-five in attempts). 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 278.8 yards of offense per game this season, including 110.8 rushing and 168.0 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. UW-River Falls finished with a season-high 406 yards (249 rushing, 157 passing) in UW-L's 49-47 triple overtime victory Oct. 17.

The Eagles allowed 338.6 yards last season. After allowing 22.7 points per game in 2008, opponents are averaging 22.5 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
at UW-River Falls	249	157	406

**PENALTIES:** UW-L has 42 penalties for 385 yards this season, an average of 64.2 yards per game. The Eagles had 53 penalties for 474 yards last season, an average of 47.4 yards per game.

**UW-L Penalties Game-by-Game in 2009:**

Opponent	No.	Yds.
at East Texas Baptist	10	99
Azusa Pacific University	4	40
Missouri Univ. of S&T	3	25
UW-Oshkosh	7	64
at UW-Platteville	13	122
at UW-River Falls	5	35

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Junior **Dylan Rude** is 25-of-29 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 65-of-73 in extra-point attempts and six-of-15 in field goal attempts.

**PUNTING:** Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 35.2 yards on 25 punts this season. He has a long punt of 58 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 11 kickoff returns for 179 yards this season (16.3 average) while senior wide receiver **Dan Sellers** has five returns for 104 yards (20.8 average). O'Kane also has 10 punt returns for 71 yards (7.1 average). Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has five kickoff returns for 113 yards (22.6 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 31:32 to 28:18 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. 24**

UW-Stevens Point at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.  
 UW-River Falls at UW-Whitewater, Noon  
 UW-Stout at UW-Eau Claire, 1 p.m.  
 UW-Oshkosh at UW-Platteville, 2 p.m.

**2009 WIAC STANDINGS:**

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-Whitewater	6	0	249	30	3	0	111	20
UW-Stevens Point	4	2	128	118	3	0	79	56
<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>
UW-Stout	4	2	121	84	1	2	22	57
UW-Eau Claire	3	3	181	199	1	2	81	112
UW-Oshkosh	3	3	173	145	1	2	73	85
UW-Platteville	3	3	110	143	1	2	55	82
UW-River Falls	2	4	172	165	0	3	88	93

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

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

UW-La Crosse 49, at UW-River Falls 47 (3 ot)  
 at UW-Eau Claire 34, UW-Platteville 26  
 UW-Stevens Point 24, at UW-Oshkosh 17  
 UW-Whitewater 38, at UW-Stout 3

**NEXT UP:** UW-L hosts UW-Sout Saturday, Oct. 31. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.