



UW-La Crosse Sports Information

Press Release

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THE GAME: The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (5-2, 2-2 WIAC) hosts the University of Wisconsin-Stout (5-2, 2-2 WIAC) Saturday, Oct. 31. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Roger Haring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex.

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 **Fritz Leinfelder** 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 BLUE DEVILS: UW-L leads the all-time series, 64-14-5, with UW-Stout. The Blue Devils have won six of the last nine meetings with the Eagles, including 26-14 last season in Menomonie.

LAST YEAR: UW-Stout scored the final 26 points of the game and earned a 26-14 victory over UW-L last season in Menomonie.

The Eagles took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter as **Reid Oldenburg** scored on a seven-yard run with 6:15 left. After UW-Stout missed a 38-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter, Oldenburg scored on a 77-yard touchdown run to give UW-L a 14-0 lead with 13:59 remaining, but the Eagles would not score the rest of the day.

The Blue Devils cut the lead to 14-3 at halftime on Kyle Martin's 20-yard field goal with 11:39 left in the second quarter.

Martin hit a 37-yard field goal with 9:40 remaining in the third quarter to cut the margin to 14-6 and UW-Stout cut the lead to 14-12 with 1:21 left in the period on a five-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Provos to Patrick Mengelkoch. The Blue Devils' two-point conversion attempt was missed, but the Eagles were forced to punt on their next possession and UW-Stout took over at its own 13-yard line. The Blue Devils drove 87 yards on 14 plays taking up 6:54 as Craig Warminski scored on a five-yard touchdown run and Provos hit Dan Lytle with the two-point conversion with 7:11 left to take a 20-14 lead.

UW-L drove to UW-Stout's 25-yard line, but **Nick Anker** was intercepted by Kendall Wade in the Blue Devils' end-zone with 3:57 remaining. Warminski later scored on a 71-yard run for the final margin of 26-14.

UW-L finished with 265 yards of offense, including 102 rushing and 163 passing. Oldenburg recorded five carries for 85 yards rushing and two touchdowns while **Eric Donoval** was held to 31 yards on 17 attempts. Anker finished 14-of-32 passing for 163 yards with two interceptions. He was sacked four times. **Tyler Keeney** (39 yards), **Kyle Steffen** (31) and **Dan Sellers** (28) each had three catches for UW-L. The Eagles were five-of-12 on third-down.

UW-Stout totaled 449 yards, including 303 rushing and 146 passing. The Blue Devils were four-of-five in red-zone opportunities and won the time of possession, 35:09 to 24:51.

Dustin Drath led UW-L's defense with 12 tackles while **Drew**

Kiefer and **Aaron Johnson** each had 11. **Matt Winney** had an interception.

HOME RECORD: UW-L is 3-1 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). The Eagles' lone loss at home came to UW-Stevens Point (26-14).

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 92-19 (.829) in La Crosse since 1987, including 30-10 (.750) since 2000.

LAST ACTION: UW-L fell 26-14 to UW-Stevens Point last Saturday at Roger Haring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. It marked the first time since 1962 and 1963 the Pointers earned back-to-back wins over the Eagles. UW-Stevens Point won 21-7 in 2008.

UW-L took a 7-6 lead with 14:05 remaining in the second quarter as **Reid Oldenburg** scored on a one-yard run. Later in the quarter, the Eagles' **Billy Niggeman** intercepted a Jared Beckwith pass and returned it 41 yards to the Pointers' 16-yard line, but **Nick Anker** was intercepted by UW-Stevens Point's Kody Morgan at the Pointers' seven-yard line. Morgan took the ball back to UW-L's 33-yard line and as he was being tackled lateraled the ball back to Bryan Blum who returned it the final 33-yards for a go-ahead touchdown. The Pointers' led 12-7 at halftime.

The Pointers took a 19-7 lead in the third quarter before the Eagles cut the lead to 19-14 with 10:01 left in the game as Oldenburg scored on a two-yard run. UW-Stevens Point's Mike Ferron scored on a two-yard run with 8:41 left for the final scoring of the game.

UW-L finished with 375 yards of offense. Oldenburg had 111 yards rushing on 19 carries and two touchdowns. Anker was 17-of-32 for 161 yards with two interceptions. **Dan Trussoni** finished 10-of-18 for 111 yards with an interception. **Alex Maxinoski** had 12 catches for 130 yards.

Dustin Drath led the Eagles' defense with 11 tackles, including eight solo. Niggeman and **Matt Winney** each recorded an interception. **Nicholas Matthews** had 3.0 tackles for loss.

THE HISTORY: UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 559-248-46 record against four-year institutions over the years (.682), 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 62-38 (.620) overall and 44-23 (.657) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 87-67-1 (.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 178-63 (.739) 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 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 BLUE DEVILS: UW-Stout is coming off a 36-15 victory at UW-Eau Claire last Saturday at Carson Park. **Craig Warminski** had a pair of touchdowns to give the Blue Devils a 15-0 lead early in the second quarter. He scored on a nine-yard pass from **Ross Carey** and on a four-yard run with 10:34 remaining in the first half. Carey then scored on a one-yard run with 4:53 left for a 22-0 lead.

UW-Eau Claire cut the lead to 22-9 at halftime, but Carey scored on a two-yard run with 6:45 remaining in the third quarter for a 29-9 advantage. Carey connected with **Luke Rieger** on a 18-yard touchdown pass later in the quarter for a 36-9 lead before the Blugolds finished the scoring with 1:09 left in the third.

The Blue Devils finished with 446 yards of offense, including 276 rushing. Warminski had 26 carries for 167 yards while Carey had 72 yards. Carey was also 12-of-17 passing for 170 yards with two touchdowns. UW-Eau Claire totaled 306 yards, including 40 yards rushing. **Nick Bocik** led UW-Stout's defense with nine tackles while **Marcus Ball** had two sacks. **Adam Churchill** had two interceptions for the Blue Devils.

UW-STOUT LEADERS: The Blue Devils went 3-0 in non-conference play, defeating Simpson (35-7), Jamestown (24-14) and Eureka (40-6). UW-Stout opened WIAC play with an overtime victory over UW-River Falls (13-12) before falling to UW-Stevens Point (7-6) and UW-Whitewater (38-3). The Blue Devils then earned a 36-15 win at UW-Eau Claire last week.

Craig Warminski leads UW-Stout with 717 yards rushing on 138 attempts (5.2 average) and four touchdowns. **Ross Carey** is 78-of-143 passing for 925 yards with eight touchdowns and two interceptions. Carey has also scored three rushing touchdowns. **Patrick Mengelkoch** is the team's top receiver with 23 catches for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

The Blue Devils' **Kyle Martin** is seven-of-10 in field goal attempts and has made 61 consecutive extra-points.

Ryan Pearcy leads the defense with 47 tackles, including 30 solo. **Marcus Ball** has a team-high 5.5 sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss. **Kendall Wade** and **Adam Churchill** are tied for the team lead with three interceptions.

WHEN AT HALF: UW-L is 3-0 this season when leading at the half and 2-2 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 12-19 (.387) since 2003 and 18-26 (.409) 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 33.3 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 86 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 45 catches and 532 yards while junior **Travis Bordeau** has 32 receptions for 354 yards. Bordeau has a team-high four touchdown catches while Maxinoski and senior **Dan Sellers** are tied for second with two. Sellers has 16 catches for 219 yards while junior **Kyle Steffen** has 16 receptions for 172 yards and a touchdown.

MAXINOSKI: Sophomore wide receiver **Alex Maxinoski** set career-highs with 12 receptions for 130 yards in UW-L's 26-14 loss to UW-Stevens Point Oct. 24. It marked his second 100-yard receiving game this year. Maxinoski finished with seven catches for 105 yards in the Eagles' 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

He leads UW-L with 45 receptions for 532 yards this year. Maxinoski has caught touchdown passes against UW-Oshkosh (Oct. 3) and UW-River Falls (Oct. 17) this season.

BORDEAU: Junior wide receiver **Travis Bordeau** is second on the team with 32 catches for 354 yards in 2009. He has a team-high four touchdown receptions. Bordeau caught a season-high eight passes against UW-Platteville Oct. 10 and had seven receptions versus Missouri Science & Technology Sept. 26 and UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

Bordeau had two touchdown catches in a victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17. He also caught a touchdown pass versus Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and UW-Oshkosh.

ANKER: Junior quarterback **Nick Anker** is 129-of-226 for 1,406 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine 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, throwing three touchdown passes.

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
at UW-Platteville	42	22	166	0	1
at UW-River Falls	38	24	248	4	0
<u>UW-Stevens Point</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	226	129	1,406	10	9

RUSHING YARDS: UW-L is averaging 178.9 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 4.0 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for 18 touchdowns. UW-L totaled a season-low 103 yards rushing on 30 attempts in its 26-14 loss to UW-Stevens Point Oct. 24.

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.

100-YARD GAME: The Eagles are 24-10 (.706) since 2003 when a player rushes for at least 100 yards in a game. Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** has rushed for 100 yards in four of five games this season while sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has one.

OLDENBURG: Senior tailback **Reid Oldenburg** leads UW-L with 109 carries for 653 yards and 10 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
UW-Oshkosh	15	101	1	22
<u>UW-Stevens Point</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>
Totals	109	653	10	48

LAUTERS: Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** is second on the team in rushing with 99 carries for 452 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
at UW-River Falls	19	86	1	29
<u>UW-Stevens Point</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	99	452	5	29

TOTAL OFFENSE: UW-L is averaging 402.1 yards of offense this season, including 178.9 rushing and 223.3 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
UW-Stevens Point	103	272	375

DID YOU KNOW?: UW-L is 54-16 (.771) 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 74-33 in the second quarter, 45-38 in the third and 68-27 in the fourth. Opponents hold a 43-24 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 two in turnover margin this season. The Eagles have 13 interceptions and recovered five fumbles while throwing 10 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 67 of the last 77 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 13 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 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 three interceptions this year while senior cornerback **Matt Winney** has two. Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer**, 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 56 in its last 74 games overall. The Eagles are 53-24 (.688) 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 51 tackles this season, including 33 solo (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. 10. Drath had eight tackles in the Eagles' 49-47 triple overtime victory at UW-River Falls Oct. 17 and a team-high 11 tackles (eight solo) in a 26-14 loss to UW-Stevens Point Oct. 24.

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** is tied for fourth on the team with 29 tackles this season while sophomore free safety **Matt McGilliard** is seventh (24), senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** is eighth (21) and junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** is 10th (19).

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 seven 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 ranks second with five 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 48, including a team-high 34 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 12.5 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 29. 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 27 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 44-of-107 (41.1%) 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%
UW-Stevens Point	2	14	14.3%

OPPONENTS: Opponents are 38-of-112 (33.9%) 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-18 (50.0%) this season. 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%
UW-Stevens Point	0	2	0.0%

RED-ZONE: UW-L is 24-of-35 (68.6%) in red-zone opportunities in 2009. The Eagles have 17 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
UW-Stevens Point	2	3	14

OPPONENTS' RED-ZONE: Opponents are 18-of-24 (75.0%) in red-zone opportunities this season with 13 touchdowns (eight rushing; five 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 280.1 yards of offense per game this season, including 110.9 rushing and 169.3 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
UW-Stevens Point	111	177	288

PENALTIES: UW-L has 50 penalties for 467 yards this season, an average of 66.7 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
UW-Stevens Point	8	82

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior **Dylan Rude** is 27-of-31 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 67-of-75 in extra-point attempts and six-of-15 in field goal attempts.

PUNTING: Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 36.1 yards on 34 punts this season. He has a long punt of 58 yards with six 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 12 kickoff returns for 196 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 15 punt returns for 169 yards (11.3 average). Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has five kickoff returns for 113 yards (22.6 average) while senior cornerback **Matt Winney** has four for 57 yards (14.2 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 31:00 to 29:00 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-Stout at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.
- UW-Whitewater at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.
- UW-Platteville at UW-River Falls, 3 p.m.
- UW-Eau Claire at UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

2009 WIAC STANDINGS:

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-Whitewater	7	0	287	44	4	0	149	34
UW-Stevens Point	5	2	154	132	4	0	105	70
UW-La Crosse	5	2	233	161	2	2	108	124
UW-Stout	5	2	157	99	2	2	58	72
UW-Oshkosh	4	3	196	165	2	2	96	105
UW-Eau Claire	3	4	196	235	1	3	96	148
UW-Platteville	3	4	130	166	1	3	75	105
UW-River Falls	2	5	186	203	0	4	102	131

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

Saturday, Oct. 24

- UW-Stevens Point 26, at UW-La Crosse 14
- at UW-Whitewater 38, UW-River Falls 14
- UW-Stout 36, at UW-Eau Claire 15
- UW-Oshkosh 23, at UW-Platteville 20

NEXT UP: UW-L travels to UW-Eau Claire Saturday, Nov. 7 in a 11:30 a.m. start.