



UW-La Crosse Sports Information

Press Release

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THE GAME: The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (4-0, 1-0 WIAC) travels to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (2-2, 0-1 WIAC) Saturday, Oct. 10. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Pioneer Stadium.

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 PIONEERS: UW-L leads the all-time series, 54-18, with UW-Platteville. The Eagles earned a 37-6 victory over the Pioneers last season in a game played in Winona, Minnesota. The Pioneers defeated the Eagles 37-34 in 2007 in Platteville.

LAST YEAR: UW-L earned a 37-6 victory over UW-Platteville at Winona State University. The Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead on **Cory Bougie's** 26-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter. UW-Platteville took a 6-3 lead on its next possession as Jon Martin scored on a two-yard run, but UW-L's **Derek Dreher** blocked Tony Smidl's extra-point attempt and **Dan Sellers** returned it to make it 6-5.

The Eagles took a 11-6 lead with 7:29 left in the first half as they drove 69 yards on 11 plays with **Nick Anker** scoring on a three-yard touchdown run. **Eric Donoval's** two-point run gave UW-L a 13-6 advantage. After forcing a Pioneers' punt, the Eagles took a 16-6 half-time lead as Bougie hit a 22-yard field goal with 2:32 remaining in the second quarter.

Donoval gave UW-L a 23-6 lead with 7:49 remaining in the third as he returned a Zak Brinkman punt 84-yards for a touchdown.

Anker scored his second rushing touchdown of the game with 11:45 left in the fourth quarter, this time on a one-yard run, to give UW-L a 30-6 lead. After UW-L's **Billy Niggeman** intercepted a Joe Burkeland pass, **Reid Oldenburg** finished the scoring with a one-yard touchdown run with 9:41 remaining.

UW-L finished with 426 yards of offense, including 184 rushing and 242 passing. Donoval recorded 106 yards rushing on 26 attempts while **Jordan Armentrout** finished with 71 yards on eight attempts. Anker was 18-of-21 for 242 yards with two rushing touchdowns.

Travis Bordeau finished with seven catches for 119 yards.

UW-Platteville was held to 216 yards, including minus 18 yards rushing. The Pioneers were sacked seven times. UW-L's seven sacks are the most for the Eagles since finishing with six at UW-Stevens Point October 21, 2000. UW-Platteville finished with 234 yards passing Saturday.

Matt McGilliard led UW-L's defense with eight tackles while **Aaron Johnson** finished with six. **Blake Roemer** had three quarter-back sacks while **Drew Kiefer** finished with two sacks and three tackles for loss. Dreher also had an interception for the Eagles.

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

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

HOME RECORD: UW-L 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 won its 2009 WIAC opener with a 32-25 home victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3 at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex.

UW-L had 92 plays on offense and finished with 537 yards, including 264 rushing and 273 passing. The 92 offensive 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.

UW-L has now won 24 straight games over UW-Oshkosh and 35 of the last 37 overall.

UW-Oshkosh took an early 3-0 lead with 8:07 remaining in the first quarter on Andy Lindsay's 25-yard field. UW-L tied at 3-3 with 4:15 left in the opening period on Dylan Rude's 23-yard field goal.

The Eagles led 9-3 early in the second quarter as **Nick Anker** hit **Alex Maxinoski** on a 61-yard touchdown pass, but Rude's extra-point was missed. **Reid Oldenburg** scored on a 20-yard run with 5:08 left in the first half to make it 15-3 at halftime as Rude missed his second straight extra-point.

On the first possession of the second half, Rude converted on a 24-yard field goal to give UW-L a 18-3 advantage, but Jeremy Roach cut the lead to 18-10 for UW-Oshkosh on a 27-yard run with 9:40 left in the third quarter. Anker was then picked off by Jake Schnetzer on the next play from scrimmage, but the Titans were forced to punt from the UW-L 41-yard line. The Eagles' **Tyler O'Kane** fumbled Kyle Calhoun's punt at his own five-yard line and Nick Jolin recovered for UW-Oshkosh. The Titans made it 18-16 with 6:06 remaining as Tyler Wegner hit Garrie Fox with a two-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal. Lindsay was then stopped as he tried to run in the two-point conversion.

UW-L drove 73 yards on 10 plays to take a 25-16 lead with Anker hitting **Travis Bordeau** on a six-yard touchdown pass with 1:59 remaining in the third quarter. Rude converted the extra-point to give UW-L a nine-point advantage. UW-Oshkosh came right back to cut the lead to 25-22 with :35 left in the period as Nate Wara threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Ben Rosandick. Lindsay's extra-point was blocked by **Billy Niggeman**.

Lee Lauters gave the Eagles a 32-22 lead early in the final quarter as he scored on a eight-yard touchdown run. Rude converted the extra-point. The Titans cut the margin to 32-25 with 1:49 left with Lindsay

hitting a 35-yard field goal, but UW-L's **Brock Larson** recovered the Titans' on-side kick attempt. The Eagles were able to run out the clock with a first-down run from **Jason Church** on fourth-and-one at the Titans' 28-yard line.

UW-L totaled 31 first downs in the game and won the time of possession, 36:24 to 23:36. The Eagles were eight-of-15 on third-down and five-of-six in the red-zone.

Oldenburg finished with 15 carries and 101 yards rushing and one touchdown while Lauters totaled 97 yards on 19 attempts and a touchdown. Anker was 21-of-37 for a career-high 273 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. He had 66 yards rushing.

Bordeau caught seven passes for 94 yards while Maxinoski had five catches for 91 yards.

The Eagles' **Aaron Johnson** recorded seven tackles while Niggeman had six. **Justin Hartwig**, **Jonathan Flancher**, **Derek Jones** and **Mike Lenzendorf** each had a quarterback sack for UW-L while **Matt McGilliard** recorded an interception.

UW-Oshkosh finished the game with 261 yards, including 73 rushing and 188 passing. The Titans were held to 14 first downs and finished seven-of-18 on third-down. The team was three-of-three in the red-zone.

THE HISTORY: UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 558-246-46 record against four-year institutions over the years (.684), 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 61-36 (.629) overall and 43-21 (.672) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 86-65-1 (.569) 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 177-61 (.744) 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 16th on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll and 16th in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25. Mt. Union College (Ohio) is first and UW-Whitewater second in both polls while UW-Stevens Point is receiving votes. UW-Stout is receiving votes in the AFCA Top-25 Poll.

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-PLATTEVILLE: The Pioneers are coming off a 35-3 loss at second-ranked UW-Whitewater Oct. 3. Levell Coppage led the Warhawks with 27 carries for 166 yards and four touchdowns. UW-Platteville finished with 231 yards of offense, including 47 rushing and 184 passing. UW-Whitewater totaled 425 yards (176 rushing and 249 passing).

Hank McIvor had four carries for 48 yards for the Pioneers while **Nick Anderson** was 26-of-41 passing for 175 yards with two interceptions. **Brandon Hertrampf** had seven catches for 59 yards.

Brian Snyder led UW-Platteville's defense with 10 tackles.

The Pioneers opened their season with wins over Buena Vista, Iowa (15-10) and Dubuque, Iowa (28-20) before falling to Augustana, Ill. (31-12) and UW-Whitewater (35-3). Buena Vista was the only home game for UW-Platteville.

PIONEERS' LEADERS: UW-Platteville is averaging 297.8 yards of offense in 2009, including 90.2 rushing and 207.5 passing. The Pioneers are averaging 14.5 points per game.

Brandon Hertrampf has rushed 53 times for 159 yards and a touchdown while **Nick Anderson** is 76-of-125 passing for 625 yards. He has one touchdown and six interceptions. **Aunton Terry** leads the Pioneers with 19 catches for 213 yards and a touchdown while **Jimmy Spehn** has 15 receptions for 93 yards and a touchdown. **Joe Burkeland** has 14 catches for 171 yards.

Opponents are averaging 24.0 points and 300.8 yards of offense (104.5 rushing; 196.2 passing) versus UW-Platteville. **Quincy Hudson** has two interceptions for the Pioneers while **Tom Bruins** has a team-high 42 tackles. He also has 5.0 tackles for loss. **Tim Stephenson** has a team-leading 7.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 quarterback sacks.

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

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

SCORING FIRST: UW-L is 31-7 (.816) since 2003 when scoring first and 43-13 overall (.768) under head coach **Larry Terry**. The Eagles are 12-16 (.429) since 2003 and 18-23 (.439) 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 39.2 points per game in 2009 after averaging 20.3 last season, UW-L scored 28 points in its victory (28-13) at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 49 in a win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 48 in a victory (48-0) over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26. The Eagles had 32 points in their win (32-25) over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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 83 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 21 catches and 300 yards while junior **Travis Bordeau** has 15 receptions for 199 yards. Bordeau and senior **Dan Sellers** are tied for the team lead with two touchdown catches while Maxinoski has one touchdown reception. Sellers has nine catches for 117 yards.

Junior **Kyle Steffen** has caught eight passes for 90 yards and a touchdown. Junior **Ben Sturomski** has four catches while 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 66-of-114 for 831 yards with six touchdowns and six interceptions this season. He set single-game career-highs in completions (21), passing yards (273) and interceptions (3) in UW-L's 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. Anker finished 21-of-37 with two touchdown passes. He also rushed for 66 yards on 18 attempts.

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
<u>UW-Oshkosh</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Totals	114	66	831	6	6

RUSHING YARDS: UW-L is averaging 225.0 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.

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 4.5 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for 13 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 24-8 (.750) 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.

He had 139 yards rushing in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; a career-high 206 yards in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and 101 yards in UW-L's 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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.

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 101 yards on 15 carries (6.7 average) and a touchdown in UW-L's 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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

Oldenburg 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>
Totals	90	542	8	48

LAUTERS: Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** is second on the team in rushing with 48 carries for 223 yards. He finished with a career-high 19 attempts for 97 yards and a touchdown in UW-L's 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

Lauters had 10 carries for 46 yards in the Eagles' 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; 10 rushes for 30 yards in UW-L's 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and nine carries for 50 yards in the Eagles' 48-0 victory over Missouri University Science & Technology Sept. 26.

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

TOTAL OFFENSE: UW-L is averaging 444.2 yards of offense this season, including 225.0 rushing and 219.2 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.

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.

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

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

Total Offense Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
at East Texas Baptist	163	196	359
Azusa Pacific University	245	135	380
Missouri Univ. of S&T	228	273	501
UW-Oshkosh	264	273	537

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 every quarter in 2009. UW-L is outscoring opponents 24-17 in the first quarter; 47-6 in the second; 38-29 in the third and 48-10 in the fourth.

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

TURNOVER MARGIN: UW-L is plus three in turnover margin this season. The Eagles have eight interceptions and recovered four fumbles while throwing six interceptions and losing three 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 64 of the last 74 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 eight interceptions in 2009, including two from junior cornerback **Derek Dreher**. He had both of his interceptions in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. Dreher now has eight career interceptions.

Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer**, senior cornerback **Matt Winney**, junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman**, junior free safety **Phillip Minja**, 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 53 in its last 71 games overall. The Eagles are 52-22 (.703) 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 25 tackles this season, including 17 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.

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 third on the team with 20 tackles this season while junior cornerback **Billy Niggeman** is fifth (14), senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** eighth (11) and sophomore free safety **Matt McGilliard** ninth (10).

Winney tied for the team lead with eight tackles against Missouri University of Science & Technology. He also had two forced fumbles, one interception and one pass break-up. Winney recorded 41 tackles, three interceptions and five pass break-ups in 2008. He ranked fifth on the team in tackles and second in interceptions and pass break-ups.

Niggeman was fourth in tackles last season with 50, including a sea-

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

JOHNSON: Senior linebacker **Aaron Johnson** is second on the team in tackles this year with 22, including a team-high 19 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 5.0 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 a season-high 11 tackles at UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point last year. He finished with 10 tackles at Azusa Pacific University. Johnson also had one forced and one recovered fumble in 2008.

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

JONES: Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** is sixth on the team with 13 tackles in 2009. He leads the team with 2.5 quarterback sacks and is tied for second with 4.0 tackles for loss.

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 and in a 48-0 victory over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26.

Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** leads the team with 2.5 sacks in 2009 while senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** is second with 1.5. Senior linebackers **Aaron Johnson** and **Nick Kaschub**, senior defensive tackle **Mike Lenzendorf**, senior defensive end **Jonathan Flancher** and junior linebackers **Justin Hartwig** and **Jim Litscher** all have 1.0 sack.

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

UW-L had 16 sacks in 2008 after recording 17 in 2007. **Drew Kiefer** has a team-high 4.5 sacks last year while Johnson and Roemer had 4.0.

THIRD-DOWN: The Eagles are 28-of-56 (50.0%) 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; six-of-10 (60.0%) in its 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology Sept. 26 and eight-of-15 (53.3%) in a 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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

OPPONENTS: Opponents are 20-of-62 (32.3%) 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%) and UW-Oshkosh was seven-of-18 (38.9%).

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 five-of-eight (62.5%) this season. The Eagles were three-of-four in their 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and two-of-four in a 32-25 victory over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3. UW-L was 15-of-26 (57.7%) on fourth-down in 2007.

Opponents are two-of-seven (28.6%) on fourth-down this season. Opponents were 11-of-18 (61.1%) on fourth-down last year.

RED-ZONE: UW-L is 18-of-24 (75.0%) in red-zone opportunities in 2009. The Eagles were two-of-four (50.0%) in their 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5; four-of-five (80.0%) in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 and seven-of-nine (77.8%) in a 48-0 win over Missouri University of Science & Technology. UW-L was five-of-six (83.3%) in its 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

UW-L has 12 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 seven-of-11 (63.6%) 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.

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

DEFENSE: UW-L is allowing 263.0 yards of offense per game this season, including 93.2 rushing and 169.8 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-Oshkosh had an opponent season-low 73 yards rushing in UW-L's 32-25 win Oct. 3.

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 15.5 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

PENALTIES: UW-L has 24 penalties for 228 yards this season, an average of 57.0 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 and seven penalties for 64 yards in a 32-25 win over UW-Oshkosh Oct. 3.

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

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior **Dylan Rude** is 19-of-22 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 59-of-66 in extra-point attempts and six-of-15 in field goal attempts.

PUNTING: Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 36.9 yards on 14 punts this season. He has a long punt of 47 yards with two punts inside the 20-yard line.

RETURNS: Freshman tailback **Tyler O'Kane** has six kickoff returns for 100 yards this season (16.7 average) while sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has five for 113 yards (22.6 average). O'Kane also has six punt returns for 67 yards (11.2 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 33:16 to 26:44 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. 10

- UW-La Crosse at UW-Platteville, 2 p.m.
- UW-River Falls at UW-Oshkosh, 1 p.m.
- UW-Stout at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.
- UW-Eau Claire at UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.

2009 WIAC STANDINGS:

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-La Crosse	4	0	157	62	1	0	32	25
UW-Stout	4	0	112	39	1	0	13	12
UW-Whitewater	4	0	173	13	1	0	35	3
UW-Stevens Point	2	2	97	95	1	0	48	33
UW-Eau Claire	2	2	133	135	0	1	33	48
UW-Oshkosh	2	2	125	92	0	1	25	32
UW-Platteville	2	2	58	96	0	1	3	35
UW-River Falls	2	2	96	85	0	1	12	13

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

Saturday, Oct. 3

- at UW-La Crosse 32, UW-Oshkosh 25
- at UW-Stevens Point 48, UW-Eau Claire 33
- at UW-Whitewater 35, UW-Platteville 3
- at UW-Stout 13, UW-River Falls 12 (ot)

NEXT UP: UW-L travels to UW-River Falls Saturday, Oct. 17 in a 1 p.m. start.