



UW-La Crosse Sports Information

Press Release

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THE GAME: The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (2-0) hosts Missouri University of Science & Technology (0-3) Saturday, Sept. 26. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Roger Harring 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 **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 MINERS: This will be the first-ever meeting between UW-L and Missouri Science & Technology.

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

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

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

The Eagles are 90-18 (.833) in La Crosse since 1987, including 28-9 (.757) since 2000.

LAST ACTION: UW-L improved to 2-0 with a 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12 in the first collegiate game played at the newly constructed Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. The game was played in front of a crowd of 4,028. Azusa fell to 0-3 on the season.

UW-L quarterback **Nick Anker** was intercepted on the first play from scrimmage by Azusa Pacific's Jeremy Turner who returned the ball to the Eagles' 17-yard line. Justin Jones scored on a 14-yard run two plays later to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead after Ben Hansen's extra-point.

The Eagles came right back on their next possession, going 60 yards in 10 plays to tie the contest. **Reid Oldenburg** scored on a one-yard run and **Dylan Rude's** extra-point tied the game at 7-7. Oldenburg rushed for 48 yards on the drive. Azusa Pacific threw three incompletions on its next drive and UW-L took a 14-7 lead as Anker hit **Travis Bordeau** with a 21-yard touchdown pass with 5:10 remaining in the first quarter.

Azusa Pacific tied the contest at 14-14 with 3:54 remaining in the opening quarter. John van den Raadt hit Matt Davis on a 56-yard pass

play to the Eagles' one-yard line and Chris Brown scored on the next play with a one-yard run.

UW-L scored 21 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 35-14 halftime lead. **Jason Church** scored on a one-yard run with 8:31 left in the second quarter to give the Eagles a 21-14 lead. **Nick Kaschub** then returned an Azusa Pacific fumble on the ensuing kickoff 15-yards for a touchdown and 28-14 UW-L advantage. After Hansen missed a 47-yard field goal with 5:00 left in the half, the Eagles went 68 yards on eight plays as Oldenburg scored on a four-yard run with 1:42 remaining.

Hansen hit a 33-yard field goal with 7:37 left in the third quarter for Azusa Pacific to cut the lead to 35-17, but Anker threw his second touchdown of the game with 9:42 remaining in the fourth quarter, hitting **Dan Sellers** from 15-yards out.

Ben Morrison gave UW-L a 49-17 lead after returning an interception 78 yards for a touchdown with 2:57 left. Brown then tallied his second touchdown of the game for Azusa Pacific to finish the scoring, running in from 14-yards out.

Oldenburg set career-highs in rushing attempts (33) and yards (206) for UW-L while scoring twice. Anker was 11-of-17 passing for 135 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. **Alex Maxinoski** had a team-high five receptions for 54 yards while Sellers finished with three catches for 42 yards and a touchdown.

UW-L totaled 380 yards of offense, including 245 rushing. The Eagles were seven-of-12 on third-down and scored on four-of-five red-zone opportunities.

Azusa Pacific finished with 377 yards of offense, including 135 rushing and 242 passing. Brown had 23 carries for 121 yards and two touchdowns while van den Raadt was 14-of-25 passing for 161 yards and one interception. Davis caught four passes for 71 yards while Brown had four receptions for 51 yards. The Cougars were three-of-13 on third-down and four-of-five in red-zone chances.

Dustin Drath led UW-L with eight tackles while **Blake Roemer** had six. **Jon Boyle** finished with five tackles. The Eagles forced three turnovers.

Jay York led Azusa Pacific with 11 tackles while Mark Berry recorded nine.

THE HISTORY: UW-L is in its 96th season of football. The Eagles have compiled a 556-246-46 record against four-year institutions over the years (.683), which ranks as the second winningest program in Division III history percentage-wise, behind only St. John's University (.707). The Eagles' 556 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 59-36 (.621) overall and 42-21 (.667) in the WIAC at the helm of the Eagles. Terry is 84-65-1 (.563) 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 175-61 (.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 ranked 19th on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll. UW-Whitewater is ranked second and UW-Stevens Point 16th. Mt. Union College (Ohio) continues to be ranked first in the country.

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

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY: After finishing 0-3 in non-conference play last season, UW-L is 2-0 this season. The Eagles opened up non-conference play with a 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and then defeated Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) 49-24 Sept. 12.

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

MISSOURI S&T: Missouri Science & Technology, formerly Missouri-Rolla, is a member of NCAA Division II. The Miners opened their season with a 50-13 loss at 19th-ranked Central Missouri before dropping a pair of home games, falling 44-41 in overtime to St. Joseph's (Ind.) and 21-17 to UW-Stevens Point.

Last week against UW-Stevens Point, the Pointers led 7-3 at halftime and took a 14-3 lead early in the third quarter before Missouri S&T's **Jason Schlueter** scored on an eight-yard run to make it 14-9 after the extra-point was missed. UW-Stevens Point led 21-9 early in the fourth, but Schlueter hit **Marterricus Thomas** with a 33-yard touchdown pass for the Miners with 11:33 remaining. Missouri S&T cut the lead to 21-17 after converting the two-point attempt. The Miners drove to the Pointers' eight-yard line in the final seconds of the game, but threw two incompletions to end the game.

Missouri S&T finished with 395 yards of offense, including 44 rushing and 351 passing. Schlueter was 41-of-56 passing with one touchdown and two interceptions. Thomas caught a school record 16 catches for 190 yards and a touchdown. **Brian Jordan** led the team with eight tackles while **Edwin Scott** recorded an interception.

MINERS' LEADERS: Missouri Science & Technology quarterback **Jason Schlueter** is 99-of-139 passing this year for 1,012 yards with five touchdowns and four interceptions. **Chad Shockley** has 25 catches for 268 yards and two touchdowns while **Marterricus Thomas** has 19 receptions for 224 yards and a touchdown. **Curterris Golden** has 132 yards rushing on 14 attempts.

The Miners are averaging 23.7 points and 437.7 yards of offense per game this season, including 96.7 rushing and 341.0 passing. The team is minus six in turnover margin this year.

Missouri S&T is converting 34.2% of its third-down conversions in 2009 while opponents are at 55.6%. The Miners are eight-of-10 (80.0%) in red-zone opportunities.

Brian Jordan leads the defense with 31 tackles while **Steve Edwards** has 28. **R.J. Miller** has 20 tackles, including a team-high 3.5 tackles for loss. He is tied for the team lead with one sack. **Edwin Scott** has the team's lone interception.

Joe Drahos is three-for-three in field goal attempts and four-of-seven in extra-point attempts. **Brian Mueller** averages 35.9 yards per punt with five inside the 20-yard line (12 attempts).

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

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

SCORING FIRST: UW-L is 30-7 (.811) since 2003 when scoring first and 42-13 overall (.792) under head coach **Larry Terry**. The Eagles are 11-16 (.407) since 2003 and 17-23 (.425) overall under Terry when the opponent scores first.

POINTS SCORED: UW-L is 58-17 (.773) under head coach Larry Terry when scoring at least 20 points in a game, including 2-0 this year. The Eagles were 3-2 last year when finishing with at least 20 points in a game.

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

POINTS PER GAME: UW-L is averaging 38.5 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 and 49 in a win (49-24) over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

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

The team has scored at least 25 points in 50 of their last 81 games dating back to the 2001 season.

SPREADING THE WEALTH: Eight different players have caught a pass this season for UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. Sophomore **Alex Maxinoski** leads the team with nine catches for 104 yards while senior **Dan Sellers** has eight receptions for a team-leading 113 yards. Sellers also has a team-high two touchdown catches.

Junior **Jacob Boegel** has three catches for 60 yards while junior **Kyle Steffen** has two for 15 yards. Juniors **Travis Bordeau**, **Ben Sturomski** and **Jason Church** along with sophomore **Lee Lauters** each have one reception in 2009. Bordeau caught a 21-yard touchdown pass against Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

ANKER: Junior quarterback **Nick Anker** is 26-of-47 for 331 yards with three touchdowns and one interception this season. He finished 15-of-30 for 196 yards and one touchdown in UW-L's 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and 11-of-17 for 135 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

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

Anker Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	INT
at ETBU	30	15	196	1	0
<u>Azusa Pacific</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	47	26	331	3	1

RUSHING YARDS: UW-L is averaging 204.0 rushing yards per game in 2009. The Eagles finished with 163 yards on 45 attempts in their 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and 245 yards on 57 attempts in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

UW-L is averaging 4.0 yards per attempt in 2009 while rushing for six 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 November 8. UW-L also had a season-high five rushing touchdowns. The team had a season-low minus seven yards in a 21-7 loss at UW-Stevens Point November 15. The Pointers had six sacks in the game.

UW-L averaged 3.9 yards per attempt last season after averaging 5.6 in 2007. The Eagles averaged 182.1 rushing yards per game in 2007.

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

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

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 runs of 48-yards in the third quarter and three-yards in the fourth.

The two rushing touchdowns in each game tied a career-high for Oldenburg.

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

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

Oldenburg Rushing Game-by-Game in 2009:

Opponent	No.	Yds.	TD	LG
at ETBU	24	139	2	48
<u>Azusa Pacific</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>27</u>
Totals	57	345	4	48

LAUTERS: Sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** is second on the team in rushing with 20 carries for 76 yards. He had 10 carries for 46 yards in the Eagles' 28-13 victory at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and 10 rushes for 30 yards in UW-L's 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

Lauters also has two kickoff returns for 61 yards (30.5 average) this season.

TOTAL OFFENSE: UW-L is averaging 369.5 yards of offense this season, including 204.0 rushing and 165.5 passing. The Eagles totaled 359 yards of offense in their 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5, finishing with 163 yards rushing and 196 passing. UW-L had 380

yards in its 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12, finishing with 245 rushing and 135 passing.

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

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

The team averaged 435.9 yards of offense in 2007, including 182.1 rushing and 253.8 passing. UW-L finished with at least 400 yards of offense in six of nine contests.

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

DID YOU KNOW?: UW-L is 51-15 (.773) 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 21-6 in the second quarter; 14-10 in the third and 28-7 in the fourth. The Eagles and their opponents have both tallied 14 points in the first quarter.

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

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

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

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

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

INTERCEPTIONS: UW-L has five 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**, junior free safety **Phillip Minja** and freshman cornerback **Ben Morrison** each have one interception this season. Morrison returned his interception 78-yards for a touchdown in the Eagles' 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** had three interceptions last season while junior **Billy 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 51 in its last 69 games overall. The Eagles are 50-22 (.694) 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 14 tackles this season, including eight solo. He tied for the team lead with six tackles (all unassisted) in UW-L's 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and then recorded a team-high eight tackles in the Eagles' 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

Senior cornerback **Matt Winney** is tied for fourth with seven tackles this season while senior cornerback **Derek Dreher** is tied for sixth with six tackles. Winney recorded 41 tackles, three interceptions and five pass break-ups in 2008. He ranked fifth on the team in tackles and second in interceptions and pass break-ups.

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

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

JOHNSON: Senior linebacker **Aaron Johnson** is third on tackles this year with nine, including seven solo. He finishing 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 had a season-high 11 tackles at UW-Stout November 1 and UW-Stevens Point November 15. He finished with 10 tackles at Azusa Pacific University September 20. Johnson also had one forced and one recovered fumble in 2008.

ROEMER: Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** is second in tackles this year with 11. He leads UW-L with four tackles for loss and is tied for the team lead with 1.5 quarterback sacks.

JONES: Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** is tied for fourth with seven tackles in 2009. He is tied for the team lead with 1.5 quarterback sacks and ranks second with three tackles for loss.

SACKS: UW-L recorded three quarterback sacks in its season-opening 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5. Senior defensive end **Derek Jones** and senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** each had 1.5 quarterback sacks.

The Eagles finished with a season-high seven sacks in its 37-6 win over UW-Platteville Oct. 18, 2008. The seven sacks were the most for the Eagles since totaling six against UW-Stevens Point October 21, 2000. Senior linebacker **Blake Roemer** had three sacks against UW-Platteville.

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

THIRD-DOWN: The Eagles are 14-of-31 (45.2%) 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 and seven-of-12 (58.3%) in a 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

OPPONENTS: Opponents are eight-of-27 (29.6%) 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%).

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

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

Opponents are one-of-five (20.0%) on fourth-down this season. Opponents were 11-of-18 (61.1%) on fourth-down last year.

RED-ZONE: UW-L is six-of-nine (66.7%) 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 and four-of-five (80.0%) in a 49-24 win over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

The Eagles finished 20-of-31 (64.5%) in red-zone chances last year with 17 touchdowns and three field goals. The team was 14-of-18 in the red-zone in its last five games (12 touchdowns, two field goals).

OPPONENTS' RED-ZONE: East Texas Baptist University did not have a red-zone opportunity in UW-L's 28-13 victory Sept. 5, but Azusa Pacific finished four-of-five (80.0%) in the Eagles' 49-24 win Sept. 12. The Cougars had three rushing touchdowns and one field goal.

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 288.5 yards of offense per game this season, including 107.5 rushing and 181.0 passing. East Texas Baptist University was held to 200 yards (80 rushing; 120 passing) in UW-L's 28-13 win Sept. 5 while Azusa Pacific finished with 377 yards (135 rushing; 242 passing) in the Eagles' 49-24 victory Sept. 12.

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

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

After allowing 22.7 points per game in 2008, UW-L is averaging 18.5 after the first two games this year.

PENALTIES: UW-L has 14 penalties for 139 yards this season, an average of 69.5 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. The Eagles had 53 penalties for 474 yards last season, an average of 47.4 yards per game.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior **Dylan Rude** is 11-of-11 on extra-point attempts this season. He was four-of-four in UW-L's 28-13 win at East Texas Baptist University Sept. 5 and seven-of-seven in the Eagles' 49-24 victory over Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) Sept. 12.

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

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

For his career, Rude is now 51-of-55 in extra-point attempts and four-of-13 in field goal attempts.

PUNTING: Freshman **Christian Hallingstad** is averaging 39.7 yards on 10 punts this season. He has a long punt of 47 yards with two punts inside the 20-yard line.

RETURNS: Freshman tailback **Tyler O'Kane** has three kickoff returns for 35 yards this season (11.7 average) while sophomore tailback **Lee Lauters** has two for 61 yards (30.5 average). O'Kane also has two punt returns for 13 yards (6.5 average) in 2009 while senior **Reid Oldenburg** has two punt returns for 11 yards (5.5 average). Oldenburg led UW-L with 20 kickoff returns for 525 yards (26.2 average) last season with a long of 59.

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

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

TIME OF POSSESSION: UW-L has a 32:24 to 27:36 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, Sept. 26

Missouri Science & Technology at UW-La Crosse, 4 p.m.

Ohio Dominican at UW-Oshkosh, Noon

Puget Sound (Wash.) at UW-Whitewater, Noon

Alma (Mich.) at UW-River Falls, 1 p.m.

Eureka (Ill.) at UW-Stout, 1 p.m.

UW-Stevens Point at Azusa Pacific (Calif.), 8 p.m. (CT)

2009 WIAC STANDINGS:

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-La Crosse	2	0	77	37	0	0	0	0
UW-Oshkosh	2	0	71	29	0	0	0	0
UW-Stout	2	0	59	21	0	0	0	0
UW-Whitewater	2	0	96	3	0	0	0	0
UW-Eau Claire	2	1	100	87	0	0	0	0
UW-Platteville	2	1	55	61	0	0	0	0
UW-River Falls	1	1	44	45	0	0	0	0
UW-Stevens Point	1	1	42	39	0	0	0	0

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

Saturday, Sept. 19

UW-Eau Claire 52, at Hope (Mich.) 45 (ot)

at UW-Oshkosh 31, Huntingdon (Ala.) 13

at Augustana (Ill.) 31, UW-Platteville 12

UW-River Falls 20, at Northwestern (Minn.) 17

UW-Stevens Point 21, at Missouri Science & Technology 17

NEXT UP: UW-L opens up Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) play Saturday, Oct. 3 hosting UW-Oshkosh. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex.