



WARTBURG FOOTBALL

32 STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS

21 A-R-C CHAMPIONSHIPS

18 NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

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SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
9/6	MONMOUTH	W, 21-7
9/13	@ UW-STOUT	W, 16-0
9/20	@ SIMPSON*	W, 27-13
9/27	COE*	W, 17-7
10/4	@ LUTHER*	W, 36-3
10/11	DUBUQUE*	W, 33-7
	(HOMECOMING)	
10/18	@ LORAS*	W, 40-20
10/25	#14 CENTRAL*	W, 28-3
11/1	@ NEB. WESLEYAN*	W, 34-10
11/15	BUENA VISTA*	W, 63-20
11/29	WHEATON	12 P.M.

* - A-R-C GAME



NCAA DIVISION III - SECOND ROUND

WARTBURG KNIGHTS VS WHEATON THUNDER

SATURDAY, NOV. 29 | 12 P.M. | WAVERLY, IOWA | WALSTON-HOOVER STADIUM

10-0	..... Overall.....	9-2
8-0 A-R-C	..... Conference.....	8-1
5-0	..... Home.....	5-0
5-0	..... Away.....	4-2
W10	..... Streak.....	W7
Chris Winter	..... Head Coach.....	Jesse Scott
53-7 (5th Season)	..... Career Record.....	46-11 (6th Season)
Leo Dodd (1,416 yards)	..... Leading Passer.....	Mark Forcucci (2,488 yards)
Dawson Rud (698 yards)	..... Leading Rusher.....	Matt Crider (702 yards)
Justis Bachman (462 yards) Leading Receiver.....	Seth Kortenhoeven (828 yards)
Keenan Tyler (109 tackles) Leading Tackler.....	Zeke Harris (99 tackles)

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MEDIA INFORMATION

MID-WEEK INTERVIEWS: All interview requests for Winter and Knights players should be directed to Carter Bornemeier at carter.bornemeier@wartburg.edu or 402-867-4189.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS: After the NCAA-mandated 10-minute "cooling off" period, post-game press conferences for both teams will be available in Room 2006 inside the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS: Requests for media credentials should be requested via email, and can be picked up at the ticket booth in front of Walston-Hoover Stadium

KNIGHTS NEWS/NOTES

The Wartburg College football team is set to kick off its NCAA Division III playoff run, hosting Wheaton College in the Second Round at 12 p.m., on Saturday, November 29 at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

The Knights will make their fourth-straight, and 18th overall playoff appearance.

Wartburg rounded off its regular season with its fourth-straight American Rivers Conference title, perfecting a 10-0 overall record and riding a 34-game conference winning streak.

Saturday's meeting with the Thunder will be the first time the two teams have met in 94 years. Wheaton (9-2 overall) comes off a 76-14 blistering over Crown College in the opening round last Saturday. The Thunder's two regular season losses come by two of the top three nationally ranked teams in the country, Mount Union and North Central.

QUICK FACTS

INDIVIDUAL HONORS & AWARDS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Waverly, Iowa
Founded	1852
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Mascot	Knights
Colors	Orange and Black
Conference	American Rivers Conference
President	Dr. Rebecca Ehretsman
Athletic Director	John Cochran

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Director of Athletic Communications	Carter Bornemeier
Assistant SID	Ben Woods
Athletic Communications Graduate Assistant	Gabe Schlabaugh

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach	Chris Winter
Alma Mater	Wartburg College, '04
Record at Wartburg	53-7 (5th Season)
Offensive Coordinator	Matt Wheeler
Defensive Coordinator	Matt Tschetter
Offensive Line	Luke Summers
Defensive Line	Ethan Lape
Wide Receivers	Matt Buckner
Running Backs	Jawanza Holmes
Assistant Coach/Defense	Jeff Beck
Assistant Coach/Tight Ends	Paul Muga
Assistant Coach/Specialists	Steve Kingery
Assistant Coach/Linebackers	Alex Pollock
Assistant Coach/Tight Ends	Tom Butters
Defensive Analyst	Dakota Stevenson
Student Coach/Defense	Grant Halverson
Student Coach/Offense	Riley Richards

FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Season	1922
All-Time Record	508-317-9
Conference Titles	21
NCAA Playoff Appearances	18
AFC All-Americans	12
National POY	1
National COY	1
Cliff Harris Award Winner	1

2025 AMERICAN RIVERS CONFERENCE POSTSEASON AWARDS

A-R-C COACH OF THE YEAR	Chris Winter
A-R-C ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	Sam Heither
A-R-C DEFENSIVE MVP	Keenan Tyler

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE:

Jake Walker (DL), Conner McDonald (DL), Keenan Tyler (LB)

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:

Sam Heither (TE), Cole Hotz (OL), Dawson Rud (RB)

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST:

Jaxson Hoppes (PK), Dylan Swanstrom (RS)

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE:

Jason O'Boye, Jack Drahos (DL)

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:

Dylan Swanstrom (WR), Braden Plotz (OL), Cole Mahnke (OL), Leo Dodd (QB)

HONORABLE MENTION:

Austin Souhrada, Tyler Gayer, Drew Streb, Matt Dufoe

A-R-C PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Defense:

Keenan Tyler (Week 1)

Sam Roose (Week 2)

Keenan Tyler (Week 7)

Special Teams:

Jaxson Hoppes (Week 2, Week 3)

D3FOOTBALL.COM TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORS

Jake Walker — Defensive Tackle (Week 4)

Jaxson Hoppes — Punter (Week 3)

Sam Roose — Cornerback (Week 2)

Jack Drahos — Defensive Tackle (Week 8)

KNIGHTS NOTES



NCAA SECOND ROUND | Wartburg vs Wheaton

12 p.m. | Saturday, Nov. 29 | Walston-Hoover Stadium

KNIGHTS

Record: 10-0, 8-0 A-R-C

Last Game: vs Buena Vista (W, 63-20)

Head Coach: Chris Winter (5th Season) | 53-7 overall

All-time vs. Wheaton: 0-1 overall

THUNDER

Record: 9-2, 8-1 CCIW

Last Game: vs Crown (W, 76-14) *NCAA First Round

Head Coach: Jesse Scott (6th Season) | 46-11 overall

THROUGH THE AIR

At quarterback, Leo Dodd has completed 60.1% of his passes for 1,416 yards and 12 touchdowns. He posted a career-best 239-yard performance against Central on Oct. 25 and enters the weekend with a 138.1 passer rating. Josh Papesh has also contributed under center, appearing in eight games and completing 65.5% of his attempts for 385 yards.

IN THE BACKFIELD

Wartburg's offense continues to thrive with its balanced, power-run approach. Junior running back Dawson Rud leads the ground game with 698 yards and seven touchdowns on 122 carries, averaging 69.8 yards per contest. Joey Anderson adds a strong second option with 696 yards and eight scores, while Carson Bruns has chipped in 152 yards. Collectively, the Knights' backfield has combined for 22 rushing touchdowns this season.

GIFTED HANDS

In the receiving corps, Justis Bachman leads the way with 462 yards on 30 receptions, averaging 46.2 yards per game. He broke out for a career-high 124 yards and a touchdown versus Central. Jagger Schmitt follows with 24 catches for 350 yards and three touchdowns, while Dylan Swanstrom leads the team in receptions with 35 for 335 yards, adding two receiving and three rushing touchdowns. Sam Heither has been a reliable red-zone target, scoring a team-best six touchdowns on just eight receptions.

TOP-TIER DEFENSE

Defensively, Wartburg remains one of the nation's elite units, allowing just 260.7 yards per game. The Knights' run defense ranks fourth in Division III, surrendering only 43.2 yards per game on the ground.

The Knights' secondary has been equally impressive, totaling 14 interceptions, which ranks No. 23 nationally and second in the A-R-C. Wartburg has forced at least one interception in eight out of 10 games and has produced 17 total turnovers this season.

Linebacker Keenan Tyler leads the defense with 109 tackles, seven tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and five pass breakups. Mac Watts follows with 70 stops, 4.5 TFLs, and an interception. Up front, the Knights have tallied 66 tackles for loss, led by Conner McDonald (13) and Jake Walker (13). Both lead the team with seven sacks, while a team-high 12 quarterback hurries. Both rank among the A-R-C leaders in sacks.

EFFICIENCY ON SPECIAL TEAMS

On special teams, Jaxson Hoppes has been consistent, averaging 39.7 yards per punt with a long of 84 yards against Simpson. He has pinned opponents inside the 20-yard line 15 times and connected on 8-of-15 field goals, including six from 30–39 yards out.

In the return game, Dylan Swanstrom has totaled 260 yards on 19 punt returns (13.7 average) and one touchdown. Aidan Skoda leads the team in kickoff returns with 10 for 222 yards (22.2 average), highlighted by a 41-yard runback.

SCOUTING WHEATON

The Thunder storm into the Second Round after a 76-14 triumph over Crown last Saturday. Wheaton used 436 of yards on offense (286 yards passing, 150 yards rushing) to power past Crown in the opening round.

Wheaton converts on 55.2% on its 3rd Downs on offense, which is good for No. 6 in the nation. The Thunder offense have moved the chains a total of 258 times to rank just outside the top 10 in Division III. The Thunder scored quite often, average 48.5 points per game, just behind North Central in the CCIW and No. 6 nationally. With that, Wheaton thrives off the passing game with QB Mark Forcucci airing out nearly 250 yards per game. Forcucci has throw for a total of 31 touchdowns, as wideout Seth Kortenhoeven has hauled in nine of those.



KNIGHTS NOTES

HISTORIC SEASON CONTINUES

Wartburg has exemplified one of the most historic seasons in program history this year. The Knights' 33-7 homecoming with over Dubuque set a new conference record for the most-consecutive games won, which currently sits at 34. Wartburg snatched a league record set by Central's 1983-87 run.

The Orange and Black secured its fourth-straight A-R-C title last Saturday against Buena Vista, 63-20, that surpassed a conference mark that had stood since 1967 - 21st title in program history. The 2025 senior class had never lost a conference game, and went a perfect four-of-four in league titles.

WINTER'S WINNING LEGACY

Head coach Chris Winter secured his 50th career win in last week's victory over Loras, improving his record to 53-7. Wartburg has now won 32 straight conference games dating back to 2021. Winter currently ranks third among active Division III head coaches in winning percentage (minimum 50 games) and fourth all-time.

ALL-TIME WINNINGEST DIV. III HEAD COACHES (Min. 50 Games) – NCAA Statistics

- Brad Spencer (2022-23 – 2025-26) – North Central (Ill.) 54-1 Overall (4th Season)**
- Vince Kehres (2013-14 – 2019-20) – Mount Union 95-6 Overall (7 Seasons)
- Geoff Dartt (2022-23 – 2025-26) – Mount Union 66-4 Overall (6th Season)**
- Larry Kehres (1986-87 – 2012-13) – Mount Union 332-24 Overall (27 Seasons)
- Chris Winter (2021-22 – 2025-26) – Wartburg 53-7 Overall (5th Season)**

** - Indicates Active Head Coach

NCAA PLAYOFF HISTORY

The Knights have appeared in their 18th NCAA Playoff in program history with an 18-17 overall record. Wartburg has never made it to the Stagg Bowl in Canton, OH.

32 STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS

Wartburg secured its 32nd all-time winning season. Over the last nine years, the program holds a record of 94-18. The Knights' consistency ranks among the top programs across all NCAA divisions.

Longest Active Winning Season Streaks — All Divisions

- Linfield (Ore.) – 68 seasons
- Mount Union – 46 seasons
- Wartburg – 32 seasons
- Northwest Missouri State (DII) – 30 seasons

A-R-C DOMINANCE

Wartburg aims to become the first program since Central (1964-67) to win four consecutive A-R-C championships.

BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL

Wartburg led the A-R-C in multiple categories on both sides of the ball.

Offense

- 4th Down Conversion %: .706 (No. 10 in Div. III)
- Sacks Allowed: 1.50 (No. 78)
- Time of Possession: 32.41 (No. 23)
- Rushing Offense: 208.2 ypg (No. 32)
- Tackles for Loss Allowed: 5.30 (No. 101)

Defense

- Blocked Punts: 5 (No. 15)
- Fewest First Downs: 153 (No. 33)
- Rushing Defense: 43.2 ypg (No. 4)
- Scoring Defense: 10 ppg (No. 5)
- Total Defense: 269.1 ypg (No. 29)

OUT OF THE BACKFIELD

Joey Anderson and Dawson Rud have combined for 1,394 rushing yards in the backfield this season. Anderson's eight rushing scores rank second in the A-R-C behind Central's Jase Grunder's nine.

DODD DOTS CAREER-HIGH VS CENTRAL

Quarterback Leo Dodd threw for a career-high 239 yards on 18-of-34 passing (52.90%) and a touchdown against Central on Oct. 25.

BACHMAN BREAKOUT

Wide receiver Justis Bachman set a career high against Central with seven receptions for 124 yards. He leads the team with 462 receiving yards this season.

TYLER TAKEOVER

Keenan Tyler ranks third in the A-R-C with 10.9 tackles per contest, totaling 109.0 to lead the Knights this season. Tyler's tackle total ranks ninth in a single season.

KNIGHTS NOTES

TACKLES IN A SINGLE SEASON

1. 136 - David Devine (91-45) - 2000
2. 128 - Jason Lansing (59-69) - 2008
3. 126 - Blake Suckow (88-38) - 2010
4. 123 - Gunner Tranel (74-49) - 2014
123 - Rob Rottler (50-73) - 2017
6. 113 - Owen Grover (62-51) - 2023
7. 112 - Owen Grover (64-48) - 2022
8. 110 - Tony Anstoetter (52-58) - 2017
9. 109 - Keenan Tyler (63 - 46) 2025
10. 105 - Jason Shupp (58-47) - 2011

D-LINE PUMPIN' IT UP

The three-headed monster of Jake Walker, Jack Drahos, and Conner McDonald have combined for 36.5 tackles for loss and 18 sacks this season. Walker led the league with .80 sacks per game (32nd in Division III).

HOPPES' HISTORIC PUNT

Jaxson Hoppes recorded a school-record 84-yard punt in the win over Simpson, surpassing the previous 64-yard mark set in 2013. His effort earned A-R-C Special Teams Player of the Week and D3football.com Team of the Week honors.

NCAA Div. III Longest Punts

Yds.	Player, Team (Opponent)	Year
95	Austin Baker, Heidelberg (John Carroll)	2018
91	Gunnar Rastenburger, Maranatha Baptist (Presentation)	2014
90	Jake Baumgartner, Bluffton (Saint Vincent)	2021
90	Sean Lipscomb, Redlands (Pomona-Pitzer)	2002
90	Dan Heeren, Coe (Lawrence)	1974
88	Brooks Barker, Hardin-Simmons (Howard Payne)	2021
88	Steve Vagedes, Ohio Northern (Capital)	1999
86	Vicente Lyon, Hobart	2024
86	Kurtis Brondyke, Central (IA) (Loras)	2010
86	David Anastasi, Buffalo (John Carroll)	1989
86	Dana Loucks, Buffalo (Frostburg St.)	1987
86	John Pavlik, Wabash (Centre)	1978
85	Jeff Shea, Cal Lutheran (Azusa Pacific)	1996

With Hoppes' performance, he earned his second consecutive A-R-C Player of the Week award, as well as being named to the D3football.com Team of the Week as a punter in week three.

UNBEATEN TEAMS ACROSS CFB

The Knights remain unbeaten in the regular season for the last three-out-of-four seasons. Wartburg is one of five remaining unbeaten teams in Div. III, and one of 13 across college football.

Division III
Wartburg
Mount Union
North Central
Christopher Newport
Bethel (Minn.)

All Divisions
Ohio State (FBS)
Texas A&M (FBS)
Indiana (FBS)
Lehigh (FCS)
North Dakota State (FCS)
Ferris State (DII)
Harding (DII)
Kutztown (DII)
North Central (DIII)
Mount Union (DIII)
Bethel (DIII)
Wartburg (DIII)
Christopher Newport (DIII)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Wartburg bumped up a spot to No. 5 in both the AFCA Coaches and D3football.com poll - highest ranking of the season.

WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKING - AFCA

Preseason - No. 9
Week 1 - No. 10
Week 2 - No. 11
Week 3 - No. 9
Week 4 - No. 9
Week 5 - No. 9
Week 6 - No. 8
Week 7 - No. 7
Week 8 - No. 7
Week 9 - No. 7
Week 10 - No. 6
Week 11 - No. 5

KNIGHTS NOTES

WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKING - D3football.com

- Preseason - No. 9
- Week 1 - No. 10
- Week 2 - No. 10
- Week 3 - No. 7
- Week 4 - No. 8
- Week 5 - No. 8
- Week 6 - No. 8
- Week 7 - No. 7
- Week 8 - No. 7
- Week 9 - No. 6
- Week 10 - No. 6
- Week 11 - No. 5

AFCA D3 COACHES POLL - WEEK 11

- 1. North Central (52)
- 2. Mount Union
- 3. Bethel (Minn.)
- 4. UW-River Falls
- 5. Wartburg
- 6. St. John's (Minn.)
- 7. Christopher Newport
- 8. John Carroll
- 9. Salisbury
- 10. DePauw
- 11. Johns Hopkins
- 12. Hardin-Simmons
- 13. UW-Platteville
- 14. UW-Whitewater
- 15. Hope
- 16. UW-La Crosse
- 17. Randolph-Macon
- 18. Franklin & Marshall
- 19. Berry
- 20. Wheaton
- 21. Trinity (Tex.)
- 22. Cortland
- 23. Monmouth (Ill.)
- 24. Endicott
- 25. Alma

D3Football.com TOP 25 - WEEK 11

- 1. North Central (25)
- 2. Mount Union
- 3. UW-River Falls
- 4. Bethel
- 5. Wartburg
- 6. Christopher Newport
- 7. St. Johns
- 8. Johns Hopkins
- 9. John Carroll
- 10. UW-Platteville
- 11. UW-Whitewater
- 12. Salisbury
- 13. UW-La Crosse
- 14. Hardin-Simmons
- 15. DePauw
- 16. Franklin & Marshall
- 17. Berry
- 18. Hope
- 19. Wheaton
- 20. Randolph-Macon
- 21. Trinity
- 22. Susquehanna
- 23. Alma
- 24. Coe
- 25. Monmouth

FINAL A-R-C STANDINGS

- 1. Wartburg (C) - 10-0, 8-0 A-R-C
- 2. Coe - 9-2, 7-1 A-R-C
- 3. Central - 8-2, 6-2 A-R-C
- 4. Simpson - 6-4, 5-3 A-R-C
- 5. Dubuque - 4-6, 4-4 A-R-C
- 6. Loras - 3-7, 3-5 A-R-C
- 7. Buena Vista - 3-7, 2-6 A-R-C
- 8. Nebraska Wesleyan - 1-9, 1-7 A-R-C
- 9. Luther - 0-10, 0-8 A-R-C

PRESEASON POLL

Wartburg was selected to win the A-R-C in the 2025 Preseason Poll, receiving 61 total points and five first-place votes. Central was selected to finish runner-up with 58 points and three first-place votes, as Coe was chosen to finish third with 49 points with one first-place vote.



2025-26 Wartburg Football
Individual Statistics
All games

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dawson Rud	10	122	727	29	698	5.7	7	45	69.8
Joey Anderson	10	115	707	11	696	6.1	8	44	69.6
Carson Bruns	9	25	156	4	152	6.1	1	23	16.9
Leo Dodd	9	47	189	76	113	2.4	1	29	12.6
Levi Pingel	8	12	115	2	113	9.4	1	41	14.1
Dylan Swanstrom	10	15	103	5	98	6.5	3	27	9.8
Aidan Skoda	10	22	97	6	91	4.1	1	30	9.1
Jagger Schmitt	10	3	32	0	32	10.7	0	14	3.2
Dylan Marti	4	4	30	0	30	7.5	0	17	7.5
Cam Manary	2	1	25	0	25	25.0	0	25	12.5
Josh Papesh	8	13	39	21	18	1.4	0	10	2.3
Ethan Bibler	2	3	13	0	13	4.3	0	5	6.5
Justis Bachman	10	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.8
Titan Schmitt	1	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Tai Streets	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Henrik Nimley	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Team	10	9	8	15	-7	-0.8	0	0	-0.7
Total	10	395	2254	172	2082	5.3	22	45	208.2
Opponents	10	224	694	262	432	1.9	5	35	43.2

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dylan Swanstrom	19	260	13.7	1	68
Topher Bigalk	0	19	0.0	1	19
Titan Schmitt	1	18	18.0	0	18
Cam Stephens	0	16	0.0	0	16
Blake Janssen	1	6	6.0	0	6
Sam Heither	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jason O'Boye	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	24	319	13.3	2	68
Opponents	9	63	7.0	0	25

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Sam Roose	4	91	22.8	0	71
Jason O'Boye	3	0	0.0	0	0
Blake Janssen	2	25	12.5	0	25
Conner Grover	2	112	56.0	0	72
Tyler Gayer	2	47	23.5	1	38
Mac Watts	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	275	19.6	1	72
Opponents	9	127	14.1	0	34

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Leo Dodd	9	138.9	113-188-3	60.1	1363	12	64	151.4
Josh Papesh	8	109.7	41-63-6	65.1	438	1	28	54.8
Charlie Zimmerman	2	378.4	2-2-0	100.0	27	1	18	13.5
Dylan Swanstrom	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Justis Bachman	10	631.6	1-1-0	100.0	24	1	24	2.4
Total	10	134.9	157-255-9	61.6	1852	15	64	185.2
Opponents	10	106.9	262-415-14	63.1	2259	6	96	225.9

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Aidan Skoda	10	222	22.2	0	41
Carson Bruns	4	109	27.3	0	46
Joey Anderson	3	45	15.0	0	19
Levi Pingel	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jake Schulz	1	1	1.0	0	1
Dane Christiansen	1	26	26.0	0	26
Sam Heither	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	21	413	19.7	0	46
Opponents	26	438	16.8	0	31

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dylan Swanstrom	10	35	335	9.6	2	28	33.5
Justis Bachman	10	30	462	15.4	1	54	46.2
Jagger Schmitt	10	24	350	14.6	3	64	35.0
Matt Dufoe	10	17	164	9.6	1	25	16.4
Joey Anderson	10	10	83	8.3	0	24	8.3
Dawson Rud	10	9	53	5.9	1	12	5.3
Caleb Egesdal	9	8	86	10.8	0	17	9.6
Sam Heither	9	8	160	20.0	6	44	17.8
Cade Hughes	7	6	73	12.2	0	15	10.4
Simon Ott	8	5	33	6.6	0	14	4.1
Taylen Curry	4	2	35	17.5	0	29	8.8
Micah Holmberg	5	1	4	4.0	1	4	0.8
Ty Gardner	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Blake Ferris	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Total	10	157	1852	11.8	15	64	185.2
Opponents	10	262	2255	8.6	6	96	225.5

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jack Drahos	1	0	0.0	1	0
Cade Hughes	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sam Roose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	4	0	0.0	0	0



**2025-26 Wartburg Football
Individual Statistics
All games**

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Jaxson Hoppes	-	8-15	38-41	-	-	-	-	-	62
Joey Anderson	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Dawson Rud	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Dylan Swanstrom	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Sam Heither	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jagger Schmitt	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jack Drahos	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
Matt Dufoe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Leo Dodd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Micah Holmberg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Levi Pingel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyler Gayer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justis Bachman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Topher Bigalk	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Carson Bruns	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Aidan Skoda	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson Othmer	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Adam Link	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	41	9-17	38-41	0	0	0	0	2	315
Opponents	11	8-10	10-11	0	0	0	0	0	100

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Jaxson Hoppes	8-15	53.3	0-0	2-3	6-11	0-1	0-0	39	2
Jackson Othmer	1-2	50.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	25	0
Opponents	8-10	80.0	1-1	3-5	2-2	1-1	1-1	51	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Wartburg	Opponents
Monmouth (IL)	32,43,32	
Wis.-Stout	(32),(34),40,(25)	
Simpson		(19),(32)
Coe	(35)	20
Luther	(24),(26),37	(51)
Dubuque	(39),38,27	
Loras	(31),(34)	(22),(37)
Central (IA)		(42),(25)
Neb. Wesleyan	38	27,(28)
Buena Vista		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Leo Dodd	9	235	113	1363	1476	164.0
Dawson Rud	10	122	698	0	698	69.8
Joey Anderson	10	115	696	0	696	69.6
Josh Papesh	8	76	18	438	456	57.0
Carson Bruns	9	25	152	0	152	16.9
Levi Pingel	8	12	113	0	113	14.1
Dylan Swanstrom	10	16	98	0	98	9.8
Aidan Skoda	10	22	91	0	91	9.1
Jagger Schmitt	10	3	32	0	32	3.2
Justis Bachman	10	2	8	24	32	3.2
Dylan Marti	4	4	30	0	30	7.5
Charlie Zimmerman	2	2	0	27	27	13.5
Cam Manary	2	1	25	0	25	12.5
Ethan Bibler	2	3	13	0	13	6.5
Titan Schmitt	1	1	5	0	5	5.0
Tai Streets	3	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Henrik Nimley	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Team	10	0	-7	0	-7	-0.7
Total	10	650	2082	1852	3934	393.4
Opponents	10	639	432	2259	2691	269.1

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jaxson Hoppes	29	1151	39.7	84	3	8	15	4	0
Total	29	1151	39.7	84	3	8	15	4	0
Opponents	56	1900	33.9	55	2	6	8	5	3

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Jaxson Hoppes	59	3617	61.3	30	3			
Jackson Othmer	1	60	60.0	0	0			
Total	60	3677	61.3	30	3	26	40.1	24
Opponents	30	1566	52.2	6	1	20	32.1	32



2025-26 Wartburg Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	WAR	OPP
Scoring	315	100
Points per game	31.5	10.0
Points Off Turnovers	55	27
First Downs	213	153
Rushing	106	28
Passing	92	113
Penalty	15	12
Rushing Yardage	2082	432
Yards gained rushing	2254	694
Yards lost rushing	172	262
Rushing attempts	395	224
Average per rush	5.3	1.9
Average per game	208.2	43.2
TDs Rushing	22	5
Passing Yardage	1852	2259
Comp-Att-Int	157-255-9	262-415-14
Average per pass	7.3	5.4
Average per catch	11.8	8.6
Average per game	185.2	225.9
TDs Passing	15	6
Total offense	3934	2691
Total plays	650	639
Average per play	6.1	4.2
Average per game	393.4	269.1
Kick returns: #-Yards	21-413	26-438
Punt returns: #-Yards	24-319	9-63
Int returns: #-Yards	14-275	9-127
Kick return average	19.7	16.8
Punt return average	13.3	7.0
Int return average	19.6	14.1
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	7-3
Penalties-Yards	49-401	45-351
Average per game	40.1	35.1
Punts-Yards	29-1151	56-1900
Average per punt	39.7	33.9
Net punt average	35.6	29.1
Kickoffs-Yards	60-3677	30-1566
Average per kick	61.3	52.2
Net kick average	40.1	32.1
Time of possession / game	32:07	27:32
3rd-down conversion	58/124	52/150
3rd-down pct	47%	35%
4th-down conversion	12/17	10/27



**2025-26 Wartburg Football
Team Game-by-Game
All games**

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
09/06/2025	Monmouth (IL)	41	188	1	18	17	194	2	49	17	26	2	194	2	49	2	46	0	29	3	41	0	27	382
09/13/2025	at Wis.-Stout	51	119	0	11	19	225	1	29	19	36	1	225	1	29	0	0	0	0	5	52	0	25	344
09/20/2025	at Simpson	40	265	3	44	8	84	0	28	8	16	1	84	0	28	2	42	0	41	2	37	0	23	349
09/27/2025	Coe	41	130	1	13	12	143	0	24	12	20	1	143	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	273
10/04/2025	at Luther	42	207	3	35	23	223	1	24	23	33	2	223	1	24	2	44	0	34	1	1	0	1	430
10/11/2025	Dubuque	34	187	1	22	21	232	2	64	21	30	1	232	2	64	3	61	0	26	2	25	1	19	419
10/18/2025	at Loras	35	243	2	32	13	179	2	54	13	20	2	179	2	54	4	63	0	25	2	83	1	68	422
10/25/2025	Central (IA)	38	172	3	45	18	239	1	52	18	34	1	239	1	52	4	54	0	25	3	19	0	14	411
11/01/2025	at Neb. Wesleyan	32	120	3	19	17	181	2	20	17	25	2	181	2	20	2	31	0	23	4	43	0	16	301
11/15/2025	Buena Vista	41	451	5	41	9	152	4	44	9	15	1	152	4	44	2	72	0	46	2	18	0	18	603
Wartburg		395	2082	22	45	157	1852	15	64	157	255	9	1852	15	64	21	413	0	46	24	319	2	68	3934
Opponents		224	432	5	35	262	2255	6	96	262	415	14	2259	6	96	26	438	0	31	9	63	0	25	2691

Wartburg Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
10	5.3	11.8	134.9	19.7	13.3	494.1	393.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off			
		ua	a	total		tfl-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh		brup	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/06/2025	Monmouth (IL)	34	28	62	3.0-12	1-8	0	0-0	3-9	5	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	14	21
09/13/2025	at Wis.-Stout	19	24	43	6.0-13	1-3	1	1-0	3-111	7	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	16
09/20/2025	at Simpson	28	44	72	4.0-14	1-9	0	1-0	1-38	1	2	0	3-4	0	0	0	14	27
09/27/2025	Coe	31	28	59	9.0-39	5-26	1	1-0	2-25	4	1	1	2-2	0	0	0	3	17
10/04/2025	at Luther	22	36	58	10.0-27	3-14	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	0	4-4	0	0	1	0	36
10/11/2025	Dubuque	41	16	57	8.0-22	3-12	0	0-0	2-0	2	4	1	4-4	0	0	1	7	33
10/18/2025	at Loras	47	22	69	11.0-34	3-20	1	0-0	1-72	3	6	0	4-5	0	0	0	7	40
10/25/2025	Central (IA)	31	38	69	7.0-40	5-37	1	0-0	0-0	8	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
11/01/2025	at Neb. Wesleyan	41	30	71	8.0-30	2-15	0	0-0	1-20	0	1	1	4-5	0	0	0	7	34
11/15/2025	Buena Vista	39	32	71	6.0-31	3-23	0	0-0	0-0	4	5	1	9-9	0	0	0	0	63
Wartburg		333	298	631	72.0-262	27-167	4	3-0	14-275	34	38	4	38-41	0	0	2	55	315
Opponents		378	282	660	53.0-171	15-70	5	4-0	9-127	21	13	4	10-11	0	0	0	27	100

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/06/2025	Monmouth (IL)	4	136	34.0	46	0	0	2	0	3	0-3	0	0	4	250	62.5	1	0
09/13/2025	at Wis.-Stout	5	217	43.4	48	0	0	0	0	1	3-4	34	0	5	306	61.2	2	0
09/20/2025	at Simpson	6	266	44.3	84	0	1	3	1	3	0-0	0	0	5	293	58.6	2	0
09/27/2025	Coe	3	142	47.3	54	0	1	0	2	1	1-1	35	0	4	258	64.5	3	0
10/04/2025	at Luther	2	98	49.0	57	0	0	0	1	1	2-3	26	0	7	417	59.6	4	0
10/11/2025	Dubuque	1	30	30.0	30	0	0	1	0	1	1-3	39	2	6	386	64.3	4	0
10/18/2025	at Loras	1	30	30.0	30	0	0	1	0	1	2-2	34	0	8	518	64.8	7	0
10/25/2025	Central (IA)	6	196	32.7	46	0	1	1	0	3	0-0	0	0	5	308	61.6	0	1
11/01/2025	at Neb. Wesleyan	1	36	36.0	36	0	0	0	0	1	0-1	0	0	6	354	59.0	2	1
11/15/2025	Buena Vista	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	10	587	58.7	5	1
Wartburg		29	1151	39.7	84	0	3	8	4	15	9-17	39	2	60	3677	61.3	30	3
Opponents		56	1900	33.9	55	3	2	6	5	8	8-10	51	1	30	1566	52.2	6	1



**2025-26 Wartburg Football
Individual Game Highs
All games**

Wartburg - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	25	Dawson Rud vs Monmouth (IL) (09/06/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	147	Joey Anderson at Simpson (09/20/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Dawson Rud vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
LONG RUSH	45	Dawson Rud vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	36	Leo Dodd at Wis.-Stout (09/13/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	Josh Papesch at Luther (10/04/2025)
YARDS PASSING	239	Leo Dodd vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
TD PASSES	3	Leo Dodd vs Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
LONG PASS	64	Leo Dodd vs Dubuque (10/11/2025)
RECEPTIONS	7	Justis Bachman vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	124	Justis Bachman vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Sam Heither vs Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
	2	Sam Heither at Neb. Wesleyan (11/01/2025)
LONG RECEPTION	64	Jagger Schmitt vs Dubuque (10/11/2025)
PUNTS	6	Jaxson Hoppes vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
	6	Jaxson Hoppes at Simpson (09/20/2025)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	Jaxson Hoppes at Luther (10/04/2025)
LONG PUNT	84	Jaxson Hoppes at Simpson (09/20/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Jaxson Hoppes vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
	3	Jaxson Hoppes at Simpson (09/20/2025)
	3	Jaxson Hoppes vs Monmouth (IL) (09/06/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	68	Dylan Swanstrom at Loras (10/18/2025)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	46	Carson Bruns vs Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
TACKLES	20	Keenan Tyler at Neb. Wesleyan (11/01/2025)
SACKS	2.5	Jack Drahos vs Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Conner McDonald at Neb. Wesleyan (11/01/2025)
	3	Jack Drahos at Loras (10/18/2025)
	3	Owen Hatcher vs Coe (09/27/2025)

	WAR	OPP
4th-down pct	71%	37%
Sacks by-Yards	27-167	15-70
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	41	11
Field goals - attempts	9-17	8-10
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(33-42) 79%	(13-18) 72%
Red-zone touchdowns	(24-42) 57%	(8-18) 44%
PAT-attempts	(38-41) 93%	(10-11) 91%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	22228	7175
Games / Avg per game	5/4446	5/1435
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Wartburg	96	60	84	75	0	315
Opponents	7	33	30	30	0	100



2025-26 Wartburg Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	ua	Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
				a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
33	Keenan Tyler	10	63	46	109	7-27	1.5-12	.	5	1	.	1	.	.
40	Mac Watts	10	28	42	70	4.5-7	.	1-0	2	2	.	.	.	.
20	Conner Grover	10	28	25	53	0.5-0	.	2-112	7	.	.	.	1	.
15	Sam Roose	10	31	20	51	2-3	.	4-91	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
1	Jason O'Boye	10	29	19	48	1-1	.	3-0	5	.	.	.	1	.
55	Conner McDonald	10	24	16	40	13-40	7-25	.	.	5	.	.	.	.
34	Tyler Gayer	10	18	22	40	5-16	.	2-47	2	.	.	.	.	.
6	Blake Janssen	10	16	18	34	.	.	2-25	5	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jake Walker	10	18	12	30	13-64	8-57	.	5	12	.	1	.	.
90	Jack Drahos	10	10	18	28	10.5-41	4-28	.	1	5	1-0	2	.	1
97	Owen Hatcher	10	8	20	28	8.5-24	2.5-9	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
24	Adam Link	10	11	7	18	2-21	2-21	.	1	3	.	.	.	1
96	Cam Stalzer	9	6	4	10	2-15	2-15	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
13	Ryan Doyle	10	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Jack Heinberg	7	4	1	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Blake Davison	8	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Pryce Rochford	5	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Sam Conway	4	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Austin Souhrada	10	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Logan Jungling	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Aiden Maurer	4	.	3	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Declan Fortuna	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	McKade Munn	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Korbin Barck	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Dylan Swanstrom	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Alex Koch	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Sam Heither	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
2	Jack Wilson	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
26	Carson Bruns	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Grady Steele	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Tyge Lyon	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Topher Bigalk	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Preston Moriarity	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
61	Ethan Berding	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Indiana Ferguson	1	1	.	1	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Kellen Kpogli	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Seth Madden	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Zack Crawford	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Brady Petersen	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dylan Marti	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Jagger Schmitt	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.



2025-26 Wartburg Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
87	Cade Hughes	7	.	1	1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
47	Colin Snitker	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Joey Anderson	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Ryan Folkerts	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Matt Dufoe	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		10	333	298	631	72-262	27-167	14-275	38	34	3-0	4	4	2
Opponents		10	378	282	660	53-171	15-70	9-127	13	21	4-0	5	4	0



2025-26 Wartburg Football
Team Game Highs
All games

Wartburg - Game Highs

RUSHES	51	at Wis.-Stout (09/13/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	451	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	11.0	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
TD RUSHES	5	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	36	at Wis.-Stout (09/13/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	at Luther (10/04/2025)
YARDS PASSING	239	Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	10.1	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
TD PASSES	4	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	87	at Wis.-Stout (09/13/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	603	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	10.8	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
POINTS	63	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
SACKS BY	5	Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
	5	Coe (09/27/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	28	Buena Vista (11/15/2025)
PENALTIES	12	Dubuque (10/11/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	86	Dubuque (10/11/2025)
TURNOVERS	3	at Luther (10/04/2025)
PUNTS	6	Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
	6	at Simpson (09/20/2025)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	at Luther (10/04/2025)
LONG PUNT	84	at Simpson (09/20/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Central (IA) (10/25/2025)
	3	at Simpson (09/20/2025)
	3	Monmouth (IL) (09/06/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	68	at Loras (10/18/2025)



FOOTBALL

***First Round**
November 22

***Second Round**
November 29

***Third Round**
December 6

***Quarterfinals**
December 13

****Semifinals**
December 20

Stagg Bowl
Sunday, January 4, 2026

****Semifinals**
December 20

***Quarterfinals**
December 13

***Third Round**
December 6

***Second Round**
November 29

***First Round**
November 22



First-round, second-round, third-round and quarterfinal games will be played at noon local time on the campus of competing institutions or at a site approved by the Division III Football Committee.
 Semifinal rounds will be played at a time determined by TV and the Division III Football Committee.
 * denotes host