



UW-La Crosse Media Relations

Football Game Notes

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 7	Concordia College (Minn.)	W 21-14 (ot)
Sept. 14	Illinois Wesleyan University	1:05 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Dickinson State University (N.D.)	2 p.m.
Oct. 5	at UW-Platteville*	1 p.m.
Oct. 12	UW-Stout*	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 19	at UW-River Falls*	1 p.m.
Oct. 26	UW-Oshkosh*	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 2	at UW-Whitewater*	1 p.m.
Nov. 9	UW-Eau Claire*	11:30 a.m.
Nov. 16	at UW-Stevens Point*	1 p.m.

Home games in **bold**; * WIAC game

Sept. 14 - Band Day

Oct. 12 - Family Weekend/Shrine Game

Oct. 26 - Varsity Homecoming/Wall of Fame

Nov. 9 - Veterans' Day/Senior Day

Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 1:05 p.m.

Roger Harring Stadium at
Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex



#14 Ill. Wesleyan

(0-0)

at

#23 UW-La Crosse

(1-0)



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Live Stats:

<http://sidearmstats.com/uwlax/football/xlive.htm>

THE GAME: The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (1-0) hosts Illinois Wesleyan University (0-0) Saturday, September 14. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:05 p.m. at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. It is Band Day.

ON THE AIR: All of UWL's football games can be heard on WKTY Radio (580 AM/96.7 FM). **Drew Kelly** will call the play-by-play and **Matt Skradie** color commentary.

ON THE WEB/TV: KQEG-TV will broadcast Saturday's game live over the web. KQEG-TV will replay the game Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. on KQEG-TV channel 23, Charter Cable 5, Century Link 4 and Acentek Channel 12.

THE SERIES VS. THE TITANS: UWL leads the all-time series, 2-1, with Illinois Wesleyan. The Eagles earned a 34-31 victory over Illinois Wesleyan last season in Bloomington. The Titans earned a 35-31 win in La Crosse in 2002 while the Eagles picked up a 22-12 road victory in 2003.

LAST WEEK: UWL earned a 21-14 overtime victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7 in La Crosse. In the second-ever meeting between the two teams, the game was scoreless after the first quarter. The Cobbers took a 7-0 lead with 7:07 left in the second period on a 45-yard touchdown run. The Eagles quickly responded on their next drive, as **Evan Lewandowski** threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to **Jake Simuncak** to tie the game with 5:34 remaining in the half. The game remained tied, 7-7, at halftime.

UWL took its first lead with 2:23 left in the third quarter on **Jack Dwyer's** 42-yard touchdown pass to **Cole Spieker**. The drive went 86 yards in seven plays and 3:47 as Dwyer hit on all three of his passing attempts for 58 yards.

Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) drove to the UWL 26-yard line in the fourth quarter, but **Peter Kissling** recorded an interception at the Eagles' three-yard line. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) took over at UWL's 27-yard line with 1:13 left after its second blocked punt. The Cobbers tied the game on a 12-yard touchdown pass with :30 left.

The Eagles scored on their overtime possession with Lewandowski throwing a seven-yard touchdown pass to **Dominic Labellarte** on third-and-goal. On the first play of the Cobbers' possession, Kissling recovered a fumble to end the game.

UWL finished with 321 yards, including 70 rushing and 251 passing. Simuncak had 28 yards rushing while Lewandowski finished 13-of-28 for 190 yards and two touchdowns. Dwyer was four-of-seven for 61 yards and a touchdown. Simuncak caught eight passes for 124 yards and one touchdown. He finished with 231 all-purpose yards.

Joey Bolda led UWL with nine tackles, including 2.0 for loss. He also had one quarterback sack and two fumble recoveries. **Noah Schober** had seven tackles.

BAND DAY: It is the 9th Annual High School Band Day at UWL. Students representing Bangor (Wis.), Holmen (Wis.), La Crosse (Wis.) Central, Mayo (Minn.), Prairie du Chien (Wis.) and Tomah (Wis.) High School will play with the UWL Screaming Eagles at halftime.

OPENING GAME HISTORY: UWL improved to 64-32-11 (.650) in season openers with last week's 21-14 overtime victory over Concordia-Moorhead College (Minn.). The Eagles are 7-1 in their last eight season openers and have won their last six openers overall.

THE COACH: **Mike Schmidt** is in his fourth season as head coach at UW-La Crosse in 2019, compiling an overall career record of 21-10 (.677) and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) record of 12-9 (.571). UWL finished 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the WIAC in 2018, placing second in the league standings for the first time since 2006. Ten players were named to the 2018 All-WIAC Team. The Eagles received votes in the final 2018 D3football.com and American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25 Polls.

Schmidt led UWL to an 8-2 overall and 5-2 conference record in 2017. The Eagles' eight overall and five league wins were the most since finishing 9-2 overall and 6-1 in the WIAC in 2006. UWL placed third in the 2017 conference standings, its highest finish since second in 2006.

The Eagles are 9-1 (.900) under Schmidt in non-conference play.

Named the 2017 *La Crosse Tribune* Sportsperson of the Year, Schmidt

UW-La Crosse Quick Facts

Mike Schmidt (Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator)

Hometown: Menomonie, Wis.

Alma Mater: UW-La Crosse, 2008

Career Record: 21-10 (4th Season)

Assistant Coaches

Andrew McGlenn, '05

(Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator)

Mike Anderson (Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends)

Matt Janus (Defensive Coordinator)

Frank Tierney (Wide Receivers)

Steve King, '77 (Defensive Line)

Dylan Ramsey (Special Teams/Defensive Backs)

Brett Gardner (Social Media)

Jimmy Penzel (Fullbacks)

Louden Brown (Defensive Backs)

Ryan Weber (Safeties)

Brandon McKandes (Defensive Line)

Eric Graf (Defensive Line)

Jon Larson (Kickers/Punters)

Sam Chilsen (Running Backs)

Tanner Saustead (Quarterbacks)

Noah Risch (Linebackers)

Colton Nieman (Defensive Backs)

AJ Villarreal (Safeties)

Jeremiah Wait (Offensive Quality Control)

Joel Luedke (Head Athletic Trainer/Strength Coach)

Dr. Glenn Wright (Sports Performance Coach)

Roger Harring Stadium

at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex (Capacity: 6,250)

All-Time Record (since 2009): 25-29

led the Eagles to be ranked in the final two national polls of the 2017 season, finishing 24th on D3football.com and 25th in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

A total of 34 All-WIAC selections have been earned under Schmidt.

A native of Menomonie, Wisconsin, Schmidt served as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at UW-Platteville in 2015. Prior to arriving at UW-Platteville, he was the defensive coordinator and coached the linebackers and defensive backs at the University of Dubuque (Iowa) from 2011-14. Schmidt also served as the recruiting coordinator from 2009-14 at Dubuque (Iowa).

The 13th head coach in UWL history, Schmidt became the sixth coach in school history to win his opening game and first since Bill Vickroy in 1952 with the Eagles' 45-14 victory at Luther College (Iowa) September 3. **Carl Sputh** (1915), **Raymond Kellor** (1917), **Howard Johnson** (1930) and **Clark Van Galder** (1948) also won their first game at the helm of UWL.

Schmidt became the first coach to start 5-0. Sputh and Van Galder each won their first three games while Johnson started 4-0.

Selected the 2013 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) NCAA Division III Assistant Coach of the Year, Schmidt served as a graduate assistant coach at Minnesota State University Mankato in 2008, coaching the defensive line. A 2008 graduate of UWL, Schmidt was four-year football and baseball letter winner for the Eagles. He served as a two-sport team captain in 2007-08 while earning his bachelor's degree in marketing.

Named to the 2007 WIAC Honorable Mention Football Team as an all-purpose back, Schmidt was a 2008 all-conference honorable mention selection in baseball. Schmidt was also named to the 2008 All-WIAC



Mike Schmidt

All-Sportsmanship Baseball Team.

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY: After going 1-2 in non-conference play in 2014 and 2015, UWL is 9-1 under head coach **Mike Schmidt**. The Eagles' 3-0 finish in non-conference play in 2016 was their first since 2009, when it defeated East Texas Baptist University (28-13), Azusa Pacific University, Calif. (49-24) and Missouri University of Science of Technology (48-0).

UWL ROSTER: The Eagles' 2018 roster consists of 24 seniors, 19 juniors, 25 sophomores and 49 freshmen.

D3FOOTBALL.COM: UWL is ranked 23rd and Illinois Wesleyan 14th on this week's D3football.com Top-25 Poll. University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) is ranked first. UW-Whitewater is ranked fourth while UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stout are receiving votes.

ABOUT IWU: The Titans were picked to finish third in the 2019 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin preseason poll. Illinois Wesleyan has won back-to-back co-conference titles entering the 2019 campaign.

Illinois Wesleyan finished 8-2 overall and 8-1 in the CCIW a year ago with both losses coming at home, falling 34-31 to UWL and 38-20 to North Central College (Ill.).

The Titans return 38 letter winners from 2018, including seven starters on defense and 10 on offense.

Six players return in 2019 after earning All-CCIW honors, including **Brandon Bauer** (quarterback), **Jake Buhe** (offensive line), **Jack Healy** (wide receiver), **Michael Norwood** (offensive line), **Ryan Swift** (linebacker) and **Zach Walsh** (wide receiver).

Bauer went 269-of-400 (67.2%) last season for 3,234 yards and 24 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. Healy led the Titans in catches (67), receiving yards (1,137) and touchdowns (11) while Walsh was second in receptions (59), yards (726) and touchdowns (5). Healy averaged 17.0 yards per catch.

Swift finished with a team-leading 67 tackles last season with 33 unassisted. He had 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 quarterback sack and one interception.

TITANS' NOTES: Illinois Wesleyan is led by head coach **Norm Eash**, who begins his 33rd season at the helm in 2019. Illinois Wesleyan has won nine league titles under Eash.

Illinois Wesleyan averaged 34.4 points and 446.8 yards of offense last season, including 120.0 rushing and 326.8 passing. The Titans held the time of possession advantage over their opponents a year ago, 33:55 to 26:05.

SCORING: UWL is outscoring its opponents, 7-0, in the third quarter and overtime this season ... Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) outscored UWL, 7-0, in the fourth quarter September 7 ... Both teams were scoreless in the first quarter and each scored seven in the second quarter ... UWL outscored its opponents, 107-28, in the first quarter and 112-52 in the second quarter last season ... Opponents outscored the Eagles, 55-40 in the third quarter and 98-56 in the fourth quarter ... UWL held a 6-0 scoring advantage in overtime a year ago.

AT THE HALF: The Eagles are 1-0 when the game is tied at halftime this season ... UWL was 6-1 when leading at halftime, 0-2 when trailing and 1-0 when the game was tied last season ... The team is 32-11 when leading at halftime in the last 10 seasons while going 2-35 when trailing and 6-4 when tied ... UWL is 25-5 the last four years while leading at halftime and 0-16 when trailing.

HOME RECORD: UWL is 1-0 at home this season ... The Eagles finished 3-2 at home last season after it finished 4-1 in 2017 ... UWL is a 25-29 (.463) all-time at Roger Harring Stadium, which opened in 2009.

2019 WIAC Preseason Poll

1. UW-Whitewater	5. UW-Stout
2. UW-La Crosse	6. UW-Stevens Point
3. UW-Oshkosh	7. UW-Eau Claire
4. UW-Platteville	8. UW-River Falls

2019 WIAC Standings & Schedule

Team	Overall				WIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UW-Eau Claire	1	0	35	3	0	0	0	0
UW-La Crosse	1	0	21	14	0	0	0	0
UW-Oshkosh	1	0	20	19	0	0	0	0
UW-Platteville	1	0	38	30	0	0	0	0
UW-River Falls	1	0	45	7	0	0	0	0
UW-Whitewater	1	0	42	7	0	0	0	0
UW-Stevens Point	0	1	17	21	0	0	0	0
UW-Stout	0	1	7	14	0	0	0	0

Saturday, September 14

Illinois Wesleyan at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.
 UW-Oshkosh at Salisbury (Md.), 11 a.m.
 UW-Whitewater at Concordia-Moorehead (Minn.), Noon
 UW-Eau Claire at St. Norbert (Wis.), 1 p.m.
 Wabash (Ind.) at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.
 Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) at UW-Stout, 1 p.m.
 Bethel (Minn.) at UW-River Falls, 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 7

at UW-La Crosse 21, Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) 14 (ot)
 at John Carroll (Ohio) 21, UW-Stevens Point 7
 at UW-Oshkosh 20, Carthage (Wis.) 19
 at UW-Eau Claire 35, Loras (Iowa) 3
 at UW-Platteville 38, East Texas Baptist 30
 St. John's (Minn.) 14, at UW-Stout 7
 at UW-Whitewater 42, Dubuque (Iowa) 7
 UW-River Falls 45, at Minnesota-Morris 7

D3football.com Top-25 Poll

1. Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) (24)	15. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)
2. Mount Union (Ohio) (1)	16. Berry (Ga.)
3. UW-Whitewater	17. John Carroll (Ohio)
4. St. John's (Minn.)	18. Centre (Ky.)
5. North Central (Ill.)	19. RPI (N.Y.)
6. St. Thomas (Minn.)	20. Wheaton (Ill.)
7. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	21. Wabash (Ind.)
8. Muhlenberg (Pa.)	22. Wesley (Pa.)
9. Hardin-Simmons (Texas)	23. UW-La Crosse
10. Bethel (Minn.)	24. Ithaca (N.Y.)
11. Whitworth (Wash.)	25. Wittenberg (Ohio)
12. Linfield (Ore.)	() first-place votes
13. Delaware Valley (Pa.)	
14. Illinois Wesleyan	

UW-La Crosse Two-Deep

Offense

QB	#8	Evan Lewandowski (6-4, 195, So.)
	#5	Jack Dwyer (6-3, 200, Sr.)
RB	#1	Joey Stutzman (5-7, 175, So.)
	#24	Jalen Clark (5-10, 180, Sr.)
WR	#23	Dominic Labellarte (5-11, 165, Sr.)
	#2	Cal Mazur (6-1, 195, Sr.)
WR	#17	Cole Spieker (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	#86	Cameron Sorenson (6-4, 215, So.)
WR	#22	Jake Simuncak (5-8, 170, Jr.)
	#15	Ryan Beirne (6-0, 190, So.)
LT	#75	Alex Richardson (6-2, 265, Jr.)
	#76	Noah Coleman (6-3, 280, Fr.)
LG	#72	Mike Bertoia (6-3, 290, Fr.)
	#78	Markus Torpman (6-0, 270, Jr.)
C	#73	Alex Bongers (6-2, 275, So.)
	#70	Ben Hildebrand (5-10, 270, So.)
RG	#71	Cole Greco (6-3, 285, Fr.)
	#61	Keric Jackson (6-3, 320, So.)
RT	#66	Connor Berry (6-2, 280, So.)
	#64	Jesse Orak (6-3, 265, Sr.)
TE	#84	Zach McManus (6-2, 240, So.)
	#88	Matthijs Enters (6-2, 225, So.)

Defense

DE	#44	Zachary Zillmer (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	#92	Anthony Schumann (6-1, 230, Sr.)
DT	#94	Zach Abitz (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	#97	Zak Baudry (5-11, 265, Sr.)
DT	#90	Josiah Goerlitz (6-3, 250, So.)
	#95	Dan Graf (6-1, 250, Sr.)
DE	#46	Ryan Flathers (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	#96	Josh Dorschner (6-6, 265, So.)
LB	#59	Joey Bolda (6-0, 225, Jr.)
	#53	Aaron Benson (5-8, 205, Sr.)
LB	#4	Rusty Murphy (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	#51	Zach Wick (6-0, 215, So.)
LB	#37	Zach Pierce (6-0, 225, Sr.)
	#38	AJ Spychala (5-11, 225, So.)
CB	#27	Joey Roth (6-1, 190, So.)
	#25	Kyle Koelbl (5-8, 175, Sr.)
S	#41	Peter Kissling (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	#16	Elijah Alt (5-11, 185, So.)
S	#26	Noah Schober (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	#7	Trevar Helland (5-11, 180, Jr.)
CB	#31	Max Brower (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	#32	Nathan Clark (5-7, 165, Sr.)

Special Teams

K	#15	Ryan Beirne (6-0, 190, So.)
	#83	Michael Pakos (6-3, 200, Sr.)
P	#47	Sean Parker (6-3, 205, Jr.)
	#83	Michael Pakos (6-3, 200, Sr.)
LS/SS	#50	Connor Wears (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	#37	Zach Pierce (6-0, 225, Sr.)
H	#8	Evan Lewandowski (6-4, 195, So.)
	#36	Ezekiel Yaeggi (6-0, 175, Sr.)
KOR	#22	Jake Simuncak (5-8, 170, Jr.)
	#21	Brad Tobin (5-8, 165, So.)
PR	#22	Jake Simuncak (5-8, 170, Jr.)
	#23	Dominic Labellarte (5-11, 165, Sr.)

ROAD RECORD: UWL finished 4-1 on the road last year after finishing 4-1 in 2017 ... The Eagles are 21-28 on the road over the last nine seasons.

SCORING FIRST: UWL is 1-0 this season when the opponent scores first ... The Eagles were 6-0 last year when scoring first and 1-3 when the opponent scored first ... UWL was 6-0 in 2017 when scoring first and 1-2 when the opponent scored first ... The Eagles are 60-30 (.667) since 2003 when scoring first and 22-47 (.319) when the opponent scores first.

SCORING: UWL scored 21 points in its season-opening win (21-14) in overtime over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7 ... The Eagles averaged 32.1 points per game last year with a season-high 63 in its win (63-27) over UW-Stevens Point October 13 ... UWL scored 52 in its win (52-21) at Luther College (Iowa) September 1 ... It marked UWL's most points in a season-opener since scoring 54 in a victory (54-20) over Winona State University (Minn.) in 1996 ... The Eagles went on to finish 11-2 in 1996 and advanced to the NCAA Division III Semifinals ... The Eagles had a 2018 season-low seven points in their 30-7 loss versus UW-Whitewater September 29 ... It marked the team's lowest scoring game since a 52-7 loss at UW-Platteville to end the 2015 season ... UWL averaged 33.9 points in 2017 after averaging 36.0 points in 2016 and 15.3 in 2015 ... The Eagles scored at least 27 points in eight of 10 games in 2017, including a season-high 56 in a win (56-7) victory at UW-River Falls on November 11.

OFFENSIVE NOTES: UWL finished with 321 yards of offense, including 70 rushing and 251 passing, in its 21-14 win over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7 ... The Eagles averaged 384.8 yards of offense per game last season, including 135.0 rushing and 249.8 passing ... The Eagles had a season-high 554 yards (214 rushing; 340 passing) in their 63-27 win over UW-Stevens Point October 13 ... UWL's 340 yards passing was a season-high ... The team had a season-high 247 rushing yards in a 42-0 win at UW-Eau Claire November 10 ... The Eagles averaged 431.2 yards of offense in 2017, including 128.8 rushing and 302.4 passing ... The team recorded a season-high 584 yards, including 114 rushing and season-high 470 passing, in a 56-7 win at UW-River Falls November 11 ... The 470 passing ranks third in single-game school history ... UWL had a school record 538 yards versus UW-Platteville in 2016 ... UWL had 11 first downs against Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) ... The team averaged 18.3 first downs last year after it averaged 22.6 first downs in 2017, 25.0 in 2016 and 17.0 in 2015 ... UWL set a single-season school record with 29 passing touchdowns in 2017.

Total Offense Game-by-Game in 2019:

Opponent	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	70	251	321

LEWANDOWSKI: Evan Lewandowski finished 13-of-28 for 190 yards with two touchdowns in UWL's 21-14 win over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He set career-highs in completions (13), attempts (28), yards (190) and touchdowns (2). Lewandowski also had 20 yards rushing.

Lewandowski finished 19-of-34 passing last season for 235 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He had a season-high 99 passing yards at Luther College (Iowa) September 1, finishing six-of-10. Lewandowski recorded his first career touchdown pass against Dickinson State University (N.D.) September 15. He was nine-of-16 for 57 yards with an interception vs. UW-Stevens Point October 13.

Lewandowski Game-by-Game in 2019:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	INT
Concordia-Moorhead	28	13	190	2	0

DWYER: Jack Dwyer finished four-of-seven for 61 yards and one touchdown in UWL's 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Cole Spieker in the third quarter. Dwyer was making his first career appearance at quarterback for the Eagles.

Dwyer Game-by-Game in 2019:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	INT
Concordia-Moorhead	6	4	61	1	0

RUSHING: Jake Simuncak led UWL with 28 yards rushing on three carries in a 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He finished with 231 all-purpose yards. Along with the 28 yards rushing, Simuncak had 124 yards receiving, 61 kick return yards and 18 punt return yards.

Joey Stutzman and **Evan Lewandowski** each finished with 20 yards rushing against the Cobbers.

RECEIVING: Jake Simuncak led UWL with 124 yards receiving on eight catches in a 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He also caught a 73-yard touchdown pass. He finished with 231 all-purpose yards. Along with the 124 yards receiving, Simuncak had 28 yards rushing, 61 kick return yards and 18 punt return yards.

Cole Spieker finished with three catches for 87 yards and one touchdown (42-yards) against Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.). He led the Eagles in receptions (42), receiving yards (867) and touchdowns (10) a year ago. Spieker had a pair of touchdown catches in three different games last season. Spieker had a career-high six catches at Illinois Wesleyan University (119 yards) September 8, versus Dickinson State University, N.D. (87 yards) September 15 and UW-Stevens Point (103 yards).

He finished with a career-high 135 receiving yards on four catches with one touchdown at UW-Stout October 6.

Spieker had three touchdowns last year on blocked punt returns, coming versus Luther College (Iowa) September 1, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville October 27. He also blocked the punt for the touchdown against UW-Platteville.

Ryan Beirne had three catches for 23 yards vs. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.).

Dominic Labellarte caught one pass for seven yards versus the Cobbers with the reception coming for a touchdown in overtime. He was second for UWL in receptions (28), yards (555) and touchdown (7) a year ago. Labellarte had a career-high six catches and two touchdown receptions at Illinois Wesleyan a year ago. Labellarte tied his career-high with two touchdown catches versus UW-River Falls November 3 while finishing with a career-high 161 yards.

He caught five passes for 103 yards and one touchdown against Dickinson State, N.D.

DEFENSIVE NOTES: Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) had 241 yards of offense, including 155 rushing and 86 passing, versus UWL on September 7 ... Opponents averaged 387.0 yards of offense last season, including 130.0 rushing and 257.0 passing ... Opponents averaged 23.3 points per game with a season-high 35 by Dickinson State University (N.D.) September 15 ... Dickinson State (N.D.) had a season-high 532 yards (250 rushing; 282 passing) ... UWL held UW-Stevens Point to an opponent season-low 232 yards (41 rushing; 191 passing) October 13 ... The Eagles allowed a season-low 35 yards rushing by UW-River Falls November 3 ... The 35 yards are the fewest since Carroll University (Wis.) had 35 on September 24, 2016 ... Opponents averaged 15.1 points and 333.1 yards of offense per game in 2017, including 168.5 rushing and 164.6 passing.

MORE DEFENSE: UWL finished with 7.0 tackles for loss in its 21-14 win over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7 ... UWL had 82.0 tackles for loss in 2018, including a season-high 15.0 in its 42-0 win at

UW-Eau Claire November 10 ... It was the Eagles' first shutout since a 48-0 victory over Missouri Science & Technology September 26, 2009 ... UWL had 14.0 tackles for loss in its 29-14 victory over UW-River Falls November 3 last season and 11.0 in a 29-23 overtime win at UW-Stout October 6 ... The team had at least 6.0 tackles for loss in eight of 10 contests a year ago ... UWL had a season-high 7.0 quarterback sacks against UW-Stout and UW-River Falls.

Total Opponents' Offense Game-by-Game in 2019:

Opponent	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	155	86	241

LEADERS: Joey Bolda led UWL with nine tackles (seven unassisted) in UWL's 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He had 2.0 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and 1.0 quarterback sack.

Noah Schober finished with seven tackles (six unassisted) while **Rusty Murphy** had five (four unassisted). Murphy is the top returner in tackles from a year ago, finishing with 61 in 2018. He was third on the team in tackles for loss (8.0) and fourth in quarterback sacks (2.0). Schober was fifth in tackles last season (47) while **Max Brower** and **Zachary Zillmer** tied for sixth (44). Brower led UWL in interceptions (2) while Zillmer led the team in tackles for loss (13.0) and ranked second in quarterback sacks (5.0).

Ryan Flathers led the Eagles in quarterback sacks (9.0) last season and finished second in tackles for loss (12.0).

Peter Kissling recorded his sixth career interception against Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. His interception came at UWL's three-yard line with 5:47 remaining. Kissling then recovered a fumble on the Cobbers' overtime possession to secure the win.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Ryan Beirne converted all three of his extra-point attempts in UWL's 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He missed a 32-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter.

He was 36-of-38 in extra-point attempts and seven-of-13 in field goal attempts last season. Beirne connected on a 49-yard field goal in UWL's 52-21 victory at Luther College (Iowa) September 1, the fourth-longest field goal in school history. **Dewey Stendhal** had a school record 51-yard field goal vs. St. Norbert College (Wis.) in 1969. Beirne's field goal was the longest since **Justin Huinker's** 50-yard vs. Jamestown College (N.D.) on October 8, 2011.

Beirne made a pair of field goals in UWL's 34-31 victory at 21st-ranked Illinois Wesleyan last season. He made 32-yard field goal on the final play of the second quarter to give UWL a 24-10 lead and then hit the winning 20-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

He had a 24-yard field goal versus Dickinson State University (N.D.) September 15 and a 26-yard field goal against UW-Stout on October 6. Beirne made a pair of field goals in UWL's 29-14 win over UW-River Falls November 3, hitting from 26 and 34-yards.

Beirne averaged 56.5 yards on 53 kickoffs with seven touchbacks.

MORE SPECIAL TEAMS: Sean Parker averaged 37.3 yards on six punts in UWL's 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. He had a long of 41-yards with one inside the 20-yard line.

Parker averaged 37.5 yards on 48 punts last season with a long of 69-yards at Luther College (Iowa) September 1. The 69-yard punt is the ninth-longest in single-game school history. It was the longest since **Matt Van Druten's** 73-yard punt vs. North Central College (Ill.) October 14, 2013.

Parker had 17 punts inside the 20-yard line last year. He averaged 50.0 yards on three punts in UWL's 35-28 victory over UW-Platteville October 27 with a long of 64-yards. Parker had three of his seven punts inside the 20-yard line in UWL's 29-14 victory over UW-River Falls November 3.

He averaged 38.1 yards on 49 punts in 2017 with a long of 58-yards

at UW-River Falls. Parker had 20 punts inside the 20-yard line.

UWL had blocked three punts and returned them all for touchdowns last season. **Cole Spieker** had all three touchdowns, returning the first 43-yards against Luther (Iowa) September 1, the second for 12-yards in a 63-27 win over UW-Stevens Point October 13 and the third seven-yards in a 35-28 victory over UW-Platteville October 27. He also blocked the punt versus the Pioneers.

It marked the second straight season UWL returned a punt for a touchdown, recording one in a 45-14 win over UW-Eau Claire October 7.

RETURNS: Jake Simuncak finished with 231 all-purpose yards in UWL's 21-14 victory over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. Along with his 28 yards rushing and 124 receiving, Simuncak finished with 61 yards on three kickoff returns and 18 yards on three punt returns. He led UWL with 26 punt returns for 375 yards (14.4 aveage) and 34 kickoff returns for 770 yards (22.6 average) in 2018. His 1,145 combined return yards led NCAA Division III.

Simuncak's 770 kickoff return yards is second in single-season school history while his 375 punt return yards is fifth. **Jared Arn** had a UWL record 820 kickoff return yards in 1998 while **Matt Pekarske** had a record 599 punt return yards in 1986.

TEAM NOTES: UWL is now 10-8 all-time in overtime contests after its 21-14 win over Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) September 7. The Eagles earned a 29-23 victory at UW-Stout last season ... It was UWL's first overtime win since a 24-21 double overtime victory over UW-River Falls in 2013 ... The Eagles were seven-of-16 (43.8%) on third-down versus Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) ... UWL finished 53-of-143 (37.1%) on third-down and 12-of-18 (66.7%) on fourth-down last season ... UWL is one-of-two (50.0%) in the red-zone this year with one touchdown ... The team was 27-of-33 (81.8%) in the red-zone last year with 21 touchdowns (12 rushing; nine passing) and six field goals ... The Eagles had eight penalties for 80 yards against Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) ... UWL had 56 penalties for 525 yards last season (52.5 yards per game) ... Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) won the time of possession, 33:46 to 26:14, September 7 ... Opponents held a 32:58 to 27:02 time of possession advantage last season.

OPPONENTS: Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) was five-of-15 (33.3%) on third-down and zero-of-three on fourth-down in UWL's 21-14 victory September 7 ... Opponents were 59-of-162 (36.4%) on third-down and 16-of-26 (61.5%) on fourth-down a year ago ... Teams were 24-of-35 (68.6%) in the red-zone last season with 21 touchdowns (12 rushing; nine passing).

UP NEXT: UWL travels to Dickinson State University (N.D.) Saturday, September 21 in a 2 p.m. start.