

Right: Lawrence University's Colin Vize (4) '11 executes a slide tackle on Macalester College's Reid Usedom during a nonconference match in St. Paul, Minn., on Aug. 31. The Scots defeated Lawrence 1-0 on a penalty kick in overtime.

Lawrence University's Beth Larson '12 hits a return in her No. 1 singles match against St. Norbert College's Kelly Van Handel on Sept. 23 at the Lawrence Courts. Larson won 6-2, 6-1, and the Vikings beat the Green Knights 5-4.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

The last time the Lawrence University women's tennis team was this good, most of the current team was still in diapers. The Vikings captured the No. 1 singles championship and posted a second-place finish at the Midwest Conference Championships. It was Lawrence's best finish since 1988. The Vikings also won the No. 6 singles title and took the No. 3 doubles championship.

Freshman **Beth Larson '12** became Lawrence's first No. 1 singles champion since **Anita Salzberger '91** won the crown in 1987. The Vikings now have the top players in the league on both the men's and women's side because Ryan Dunn '10 is the reigning men's No. 1 singles champion. Larson won in convincing fashion, dropping only one game in two matches before beating Beloit College's Hannah Perwin 6-3, 6-2 in the championship match.

Emma Kent '09 took the title at No. 6 singles with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 victory over Grinnell College's Curran Johnson. Kent won her first two matches in straight sets. The championships were the first of any kind in singles since **Anne Lundberg '96** won the title at No. 4 back in 1992. It was the second title of the weekend for Kent, who teamed with fellow senior **Emily Dalton '09** to win the crown at No. 3 doubles. Kent and Dalton beat Grinnell's Jill Akiyama and Kelsey Picken 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 in the title match.

The Vikings went 4-0 to win the conference's North Division title and earn a spot in the four-team conference team tournament. Lawrence, which went 13-5 in dual matches, beat Monmouth College 5-1 in the tournament semifinals before falling to Grinnell 5-1 in the championship match.

During the regular season, the Vikings posted a pair of big victories. Lawrence beat St. Norbert College 5-4 for the first win over the Green Knights since 1998. The Vikings also beat Grinnell 5-4 to hand the Pioneers their first loss to a Midwest Conference opponent since 2003.

FOOTBALL

Lawrence finished a season marred by injury with a 21-13 victory over the University of Minnesota-Morris. The Vikings finished 1-9, and four players were named to the All-Midwest Conference team. Running back **Craig Ebert '09** was named to the first team after leading the conference in rushing at 89.9 yards per game. A native of New London, Wis. Ebert ran 181 times for 899 yards for a healthy 5.0-yard average and caught 36 passes for 334 yards and four touchdowns.

Junior tight end **Matt Hintz '10**, junior linebacker **Brian Janssen '10** and senior safety **Sam Laes '09** all received honorable mention on the all-conference team. Hintz caught 20 passes for 196 yards and

two touchdowns. Janssen paced the Vikings with 72 tackles and had 11 tackles for loss. Laes led the team with four interceptions and made 54 tackles.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lawrence continued its recent move up the Midwest Conference standings with a 5-4 finish in league play and a fifth-place finish. The Vikings went 7-11 overall.

Sophomore forward **Sarah Ehlinger '11** was named to the All-Midwest Conference team for the second consecutive season. Ehlinger, a second-team selection, led the Vikings with six goals and five assists for 17 points. Junior goalkeeper **Lindsey Ahlen '10** also was named to the second team. Ahlen had a 2.39 goals against average and .728 save percentage.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Vikings returned to the Midwest Conference Tournament with a fourth-place finish in the league standings. The Vikings went 5-3-1 in league play and finished with a 6-12-1 overall mark. Lawrence fell to conference champion Carroll University 6-1 in the tournament semifinals.

Three Vikings were chosen for the all-conference team. Defender **Nico Walker '10** was a first-team selection, and midfielders **Nick Dufficy '09** and **Tristan Lipe '09** made the second team. Walker was selected to the team for the second consecutive season.

VOLLEYBALL

The Vikings had a tough season filled with close losses, as Lawrence finished with a 3-27 overall record and a 1-8 mark in Midwest Conference play.

Outside hitter **Melissa Schnettler '10** was the lone Lawrence player named to the All-Midwest Conference team. Schnettler led the team with 284 kills and 2.65 kills per game. She was second on the squad with 253 digs and 2.36 digs per game.

GOLF

The Vikings played three tournaments during the fall season, with a top finish of third place at the Lawrence Fall Classic at Eagle Creek Golf Club.

Tom Vyskocil '10 led the Vikings with an 81.5 stroke average during the fall season. A highlight for the Vikings was the first career hole-in-one by **Jon Mays '11** during the Lawrence Fall Classic. ■