

Rugby beats DePauw 29–5 in first Monon Keg in nine years

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash rugby team wrapped up an unbeaten fall season with a 29-5 win over rivals DePauw on November 16. In the first game between these two teams since 2013, the Little Giants kept hold of the Monon Keg, the game’s coveted prize.

As the game began, temperatures hit freezing and snow flurried the air. But even more chilling for DePauw was the onslaught of Wabash tries as the Little Giants established an insurmountable lead.

DePauw received the ball first, but Wabash quickly forced a turnover. Just one minute in, the Little Giants drew first blood when team captain Brayden Goodnight '23 picked the ball out of the scrum and ran 25 yards for a try.

From that moment on, the win never really looked in doubt. At the kickoff, Goodnight immediately regained possession and ran the ball in for his second try of the afternoon. Shortly thereafter, Thomas Gastineau '23 forced a fumble, and Goodnight once again wheeled away for a score.

The fourth score of the afternoon came through Filippo DeFrenza '23, who, after forcing a DePauw fumble, ran the ball all the way down to the try line in a moment of individual brilliance. Wabash capped off the half with yet another try, with Goodnight picking up a loose ball for his fourth and final score of the game. After all that, a chaotic first half came to a close with the score at 29-0.

“When we came out to kickoff after the third try, Gastineau smacked a kid in the mouth,” said DeFrenza, describing his try. “The kid lost control of the ball and luckily for me, it rolled right into my lap. I was pretty much in touch for the try. It was beautiful.”

In the second period, Wabash rotated their squad and took out most of the game’s starters. Early on, DePauw won the ball from a lineout deep in Wabash territory and finally worked their way into the try zone. The Tigers looked much stronger in the second half, but there was no further scoring, and the game ended 29-5.

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Aiden Orcutt '24

PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE

Monon massacre: Looking ahead from the rubble

Wabash 14, DePauw 49

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | MANAGING EDITOR • Most Wabash fans arrived in Greencastle on Saturday, November 12 expecting to see three things: a hard-fought battle for the Monon Bell, an NCAC title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. But they left Blackstock Stadium with the opposite, watching the Little Giants give up the most points out of all the 128 Bell games. The best offense in DIII was stopped in its tracks.

Coming in, DePauw had pitched four shutouts and outscored their opponents three-to-one. Still, Wabash underestimated them.

“We did not think they were as good as advertised on defense,” said Head Football Coach Don Morel. “Three of them were against absolutely horrible teams.” According to Morel, DePauw was as-advertised scheme-wise, with one crucial exception.

“Calling the timeout prevented the disaster that could [have been].”

-Coach Don Morel

“All year they had corner blitzed four times,” said Morel. “We got corner blitzed about eight times.”

Quarterback Liam Thompson '24 echoed that sentiment: “You probably saw it Saturday the same amount of times they’d done it nine games before that,” said Thompson.

Many Wabash fans felt some déjà vu in the early goings, as the Little Giants fell to a 21-0 deficit with just under three minutes to go in the first half. But, unlike last year, there was no heroic performance coming from Thompson and the Little Giants offense. Instead, the Little Giants were held scoreless in the first half for the first time all year.



WR Cooper Sullivan '24

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Just before the half, Giovanni Zappala '23 intercepted DePauw quarterback Wally Renie’s pass in the endzone, setting Wabash up at the 20 yard line with 15 seconds left. After an 11-yard run, the Little Giants neglected to push their luck with little time remaining, and they headed to the locker room. Morel cited previous disasters against Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan where they had pushed in that situation, and it ended in six points for the other team.

“We have learned to resist those temptations,” said Morel. Morel explained that the team went into the second half looking for and expecting the Wabash momentum swing that had come just a year earlier. At halftime, he told the team not to panic.

“The halftime environment was positive,” said Morel.

Coming out of halftime, Wabash fans may have expected that momentum shift, but all they saw was DePauw defense intercept the best quarterback in Division III and return it for a touchdown to put the Little Giants down four touchdowns with even less time remaining.

The Wabash offense responded with a strong drive to cut DePauw’s lead to 21, and

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Trump returns, students weigh in

Trump announces 2024 Presidential bid one week after lackluster midterm elections for Republicans

“Your country is being destroyed before your eyes... America’s comeback starts now.”



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Former President Donald Trump announces his third presidential campaign on the evening of November 15 at the Mar-a-Lago Resort in Florida.

TIERNAN DORAN '26 AND COOPER E. SMITH '23 | POLITICS WRITER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Former President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday, November 15 that he will be seeking re-election in 2024. Surrounded by American flags, Trump addressed a crowd at Mar-a-Lago to announce his third presidential campaign, seeking to become only the second U.S. President elected to two non-consecutive terms.

“There has never been anything like it, this great movement of ours,” said Trump. “Never been anything like it, and perhaps there will never be anything like it again.”

“As a Republican, I just can’t seem to back Trump... It’s time the Republican party moves on.”

-Jonas Akers '24

The announcement came exactly one week after the midterm elections, in which Republicans failed to win a Senate majority and appear to have won a House majority by the slimmest of margins. Across the country, several candidates endorsed by Trump were unable to win in key races, resulting in a historically-unusually-strong performance for an incumbent president’s party in the first midterm of his presidency.

Wabash students weighed in on Trump’s announcement.

“President Trump’s official return to politics came to nobody’s surprise this week,” said President of the Wabash College Republicans Jonas Akers '24. “We knew that after he lost the heavily debated 2020 elections to President Biden that it wouldn’t be the last time we saw him.”

But the lack of surprise, to Akers, does not necessarily mean that Trump is the right call for the GOP.

“As a Republican—and more importantly, an American—I just can’t seem to back Trump in his future campaign. I’m not saying that I don’t think another Trump figure could be beneficial to the country, especially to boost us economically, but it’s time the Republican Party moves on and recognizes that we need some younger figures fighting the good fight.”

Akers is not the only Wabash Republican to question whether this is the right moment for

Trump’s return. Student Body President Bryce McCullough '23, a former president of the Wabash College Republicans, also doubted whether Trump is the right candidate for the Republican party.

“Trump can do what he wants; history shows that he will,” said McCullough. “But key Republicans are already lining up to oppose his third presidential bid, including major donors and conservative media. Many argue this is DeSantis’s moment. I argue it’s a moment for the future, not for an unelectable 76-year-old Florida retiree who cost Republicans the midterms.”

“It would be a disservice to the Republican Party and the nation,” said Owen Bennett '24, a self-identified Republican. “Under President Trump, our nation witnessed a major social and political divide, resulting in a split in the Republican Party after the disastrous insurrection that took place on January 6, 2021... The Republican Party remains in critical condition as the party is split between Trump Republicans and Traditionalists, causing internal disruption that would most likely burst if the party endured another four years of Donald Trump... I believe it is in the United States and the GOP’s best interest to keep him far away from political office.”



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Supporters of former President Trump storm the Capitol to attempt to stop the certification of the 2020 election on January 6, 2021.

For some Wabash students who have previously supported Trump, it is not a question of if Trump is the right fit, but if he is currently electable.

“I am a Trump supporter,” said Gavin Patrick '23. “But I do not believe he is the best fit for the GOP. If he is selected to run for the presidency, you could put a fire hydrant in a hat, call it a Democrat, and the fire hydrant would win. People hate [Trump] so much that they would rather see anything win but him. I think if someone else were to run as the Republican candidate, it would make the election as a

whole smoother.”

Campus Republicans are not alone in criticizing Trump.

“If the GOP is looking for a candidate to run on important, real policy issues facing Americans today, it seems that a Trump candidacy is not the strategy that will deliver that,” said President of the Wabash College Democrats Carson Price '23. “As we have seen in the results of the midterm election, the GOP has experienced significant pushback against the ‘America First’ brand of Donald Trump-affiliated populism. Trump-endorsed candidates fared poorly in gubernatorial races across the country, losing key states including Arizona, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, as well as a tightly contested Senate race in Georgia that will go to a runoff in December.”

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-Bryce McCullough '23

During his announcement, Trump acknowledged his party’s midterms failures.

“Much criticism is being placed on the fact that the Republican Party should have done better,” said Trump. “And frankly, much of this blame is correct.”

Past comments have made it clear that Trump does not feel that blame should fall on him.

“I think if they win, I should get all the credit,” said Trump before the midterms. “And if they lose, I should not be blamed at all.”

Trump painted a disheartening picture of the current state of the country, citing “cesspools of violence,” and “blood-soaked streets.”

“Your country is being destroyed before your eyes,” said Trump. “America’s comeback starts now.”

Reporters questioned President Joe Biden about Trump’s announcement while he was attending a mangrove tree-planting ceremony as part of the G20 summit in Bali, Indonesia. When asked if he had a reaction to Trump’s announcement, Biden simply responded, “Not really,” before returning to the mangroves.

FEATURES

Dr. Sabrina Thomas wins Best First Book Award

PRESTON REYNOLDS '25 | STAFF WRITER • Dr. Sabrina Thomas, Associate Professor of History and Department Chair, has published her first book, *Scars of War: The Politics of Paternity and Responsibility for the Amerasians of Vietnam*. Thomas' book was recently awarded the Best First Book Award from Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.

Thomas' now award-winning book calls into question the politics of responsibility and our definition of "American." In a world where transcultural interaction is commonplace, it is critical to reevaluate international policy approaches.

Scars of War refers to how policymakers legally perceive paternity. Specifically, Thomas analyzes how this perception shapes our view of Amerasian children, who are of American father but not considered American citizens. Amerasians are defined by having American servicemen as fathers and Asian mothers. Sometimes referred to as G.I. Babies, Amerasians are not always American citizens and often reside in their birth country.

Thomas argues that the exclusion of citizenship was a component of bigger issues confronting the Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations: international relationships in the Cold War era, America's defeat in the Vietnam War and a history in the United States of racially restrictive immigration and citizenship policies against mixed-race persons and people of Asian descent.

Scars of War is a policy study incorporating social and cultural study. In it, Thomas looks at the perspective of policymakers who define the legal perspective on paternity. The question of how this shaped our perception of children of American fathers who are not considered American citizens.

"I wanted to write about Vietnam, [so] my advisor recommended a photo series on Amerasian children," said Thomas. "The photos were striking, I was embarrassed by my American reaction, and I wanted to know more about their story. This was my dissertation topic, I knew it."

The new release falls under a series of borderlands and transcultural studies, defined as anything in which culture migrates across borders.

"We're in a world now where everything is a transcultural or transnational interaction," said Thomas. "Borders are becoming more and more fluid, and there is a great deal of pushback on that."

The interaction between American servicemen and Vietnamese civilians constituted a transcultural interaction, resulting in more than twenty thousand Amerasians. Nominally, this "scar" has



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Dr. Rick Warner holds Dr. Sabrina Thomas' book, *Scars of War*, at the reception for her award-winning new book.

"healed," but the healing process has more reflected a "covering" comforting the American public.

Scars of War doesn't just consider the legacy of Vietnam, but the future of our armed forces abroad. Amerasians aren't limited to Vietnam, but also South Korea and the Philippines.

"We [as a country] must consider our military behavior in other countries," said Thomas. "The U.S. military is expected to conduct itself with democratic morality. Fathering children and leaving them behind is problematic for the military mission and the spreading of American values abroad."

In 1982, the U.S. Congress passed the Amerasian Immigration Act in an attempt to grant Amerasian immigration to the U.S. However, the Amerasian Immigration Act was not applied to Vietnamese Amerasians due to a lack of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Vietnamese government. Many Amerasians are still seeking citizenship.

Who is responsible and how much should be done to compensate? Dr. Thomas' release poses the question of responsibility regarding parentage. American servicemen are still largely protected from paternity abroad, contradicting the ideas of paternity and family values espoused by America.

Under the concerns of protecting our military, even children endorsed by their parents are blocked from immigrating. The issue has become complicated by the addition of female service members into the U.S. military, where parentage becomes more difficult to restrict.

"If you are somebody who believes in Pro-Life, this is another issue," said Thomas. "If you believe in pro-choice, know that other countries don't have the same options as Americans."

For further interest in the subject, Thomas recommends *Children of Reunion* and *Vietnamica*.

International students predict the 2022 Qatar World Cup

ANDREW DEVER '25 | OPINION WRITER • The 2022 FIFA World Cup kicks off on Sunday, November 20, with Qatar playing Ecuador at 11 a.m. ET. With an estimated global audience of over three billion people, the tournament will involve dozens of games that will culminate in the World Cup Final on December 18. *The Bachelor* spoke to numerous Wabash international students to hear their thoughts on their respective country's World Cup prospect.

What are your initial impressions of your country's squad?

Brazil, Pedro Almeida '26: "I honestly really like the team that was put together. The team is composed of many very young players who are in a very good phase of their careers."

Japan, Yuma Ozaki '24: "I think [the squad is] pretty reasonable because most of the players played [in the] Asia qualifying round. However, I was surprised that Genki Haraguchi and Yuya Osako are not in the squad even though they played well in the qualifying round and the last World Cup."

Mexico, Luis Sanche '24: "My impressions of the Mexican squad are bad, but Mexico is together facing every team hoping for the best for our players. Personally, I think there are better players that can represent Mexico."

England, Ben Bullock '23: "I can't help but be baffled at some of the talent England manager Gareth Southgate has left out of this team. How on earth Fikayo Tomori, the AC Milan center back, didn't make the team but perpetual laughing stock Harry Maguire did is beyond my comprehension. Overall, I think it's a pretty weak squad, but maybe Southgate can work his magic"

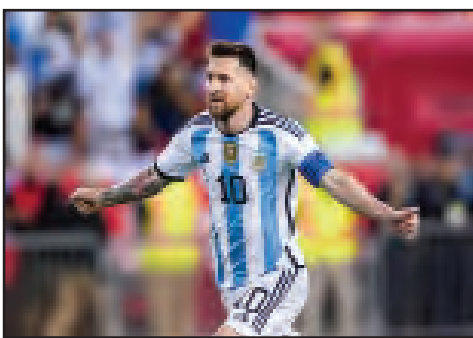
What are your thoughts about your country's preliminary group?

Brazil, Almeida: "I believe that the group Brazil is in (Switzerland, Serbia and Cameroon) is not very strong, historically speaking, so I think Brazil will advance and go to the round of 16 very easily"

Japan, Ozaki: "I think we are in a tough group: Germany, Spain and Costa Rica. Tons of Japanese supporters say that it is impossible to qualify, but I don't think so. The first game is always important and we are playing against Germany. In the last world cup, Germany was beaten by Korea, so we have a chance."

Mexico, Sanchez: "I think that with our draw, against Poland, Saudi Arabia and Argentina, we have a good chance to advance to the round of 16. However, the quality of our squad may make it more difficult for us to beat Poland."

England, Bullock: "I think England should win the group pretty comfortably.



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Lionel Messi celebrates a goal for Argentina as he prepares for the 2022 World Cup.

Only the USA poses a real threat to England's dominance, and many will recall the 2010 World Cup when England and the USA drew 1-1. But this is a much-improved England side, so hopefully the group doesn't pose too much of an issue."

What is your team's biggest weakness?

Brazil, Almeida: "I think that the weakness may be the presence of many youngsters who do not have much experience in such important games, but I believe in the potential of each one."

Japan, Ozaki: "I think Japan's weakness is its low scoring ability. As I mentioned earlier, strikers Osako and Haraguchi are out of the team, and Ueda, who was called up in their place, has not scored a goal in 10 games for the national team."

Mexico, Sanchez: "The weakness of the team is the bad administration of the coaches and how they are managing the Mexican selection."

England, Bullock: "Center backs. Maguire is a joke, Eric Dier is out of form and Kyle Walker is not fully fit. That leaves only John Stones and Ben White. If England are going to struggle anywhere, it will be on defense."

Final prediction; who wins?

Brazil, Almeida: "Even though we are competing against very qualified teams, I believe that Brazil will win the World Cup".

Japan, Ozaki: "I think Argentina will win the World Cup. Looking at the players selected for this World Cup, many members who won the Copa America last year have been called up. And for Lionel Messi, he will want to win this World Cup at all costs."

Mexico, Sanchez: "Argentina. I want to see Messi with the World Cup in his hands."

England, Bullock: "Argentina. Under the guidance of underdog manager Lionel Scaloni, I really think Argentina could go all the way. It would be a perfect way to cap off Lionel Messi's storied career."

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This week in sports

ELIJAH GREENE '25 | SPORTS COLUMNIST •

Football: DePauw disappointment

In heartbreaking and embarrassing fashion, the Wabash College Little Giants fell to DePauw in the 128th Monon Bell Classic by a score of 49-14 at Blackstock Stadium in Greencastle. In a game where DePauw dominated both sides of the football, the Wabash offense especially struggled handling the pressure of the #1 defense in the NCAC all game.

With continual blitzing and smothering coverage, the Tigers were able to keep Liam Thompson '24 and the Little Giants offense out of the endzone until ten minutes left in the third quarter. The Wabash offense would only score once more in the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

Defensively, despite giving up a matchup-record 49 points to the Tigers, the Little Giants performed almost exactly as they have all season.

Subtracting the two pick-sixes from the offense, the defense gave up 35 points, which is only one point more than their season average of 33.9 points per game. It also comes as no surprise that a run-oriented DePauw offense took advantage of a defense that on-average gives up 184 yards of rushing per game by running for a staggering 223 yards on the ground.

While it comes as a disappointing end to the season, the Little Giants will be back. Key returning fifth-year seniors and a full year without the Monon Bell will find a motivated and determined Wabash team next November at Little Giant Stadium.

Basketball: Undefeated start

In an astounding victory, the



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

The Wabash bench celebrates as the Little Giants maintain their lead over the 16th-ranked Washington University Bears on November 11, 2022.

Wabash basketball team defeated the Washington University Bears 70-67 on November 11 at Chadwick Court. Showing great tenacity and teamwork on defense, the Little Giants stifled the 16th-ranked Bears on multiple possessions, despite being heavily outmatched in height.

With both teams almost identical in their shooting percentages, free throws are what propelled the Little Giants to victory; none of which were larger than the two made by Sam Comer '24 with five seconds to go in the second half to close out the game. Comer was 4-4 on the day and Wabash was 82.4% from the line to edge them past the Bears.

Wabash then traveled to John Collier Arena in Hanover, IN to face off against the Hanover College Panthers. In a completely one-sided game,

Wabash dominated both halves of the game, winning handedly by a score of 79-69. Returning star Ahmoni Jones '24, who's been noticeably quiet so far this season, exploded for 24 points and eight rebounds to secure the win for the Little Giants. They now sit at 3-0 on the season going into this weekend's Great Lakes Invitational where they will take on Marietta College on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. on Chadwick Court.

Cross country: Redemption

Bouncing back from their disappointing performance in the NCAC Conference Championships, the Wabash Redpack finished 17th out of 38 teams at the DIII Great Lakes Cross Country Regional on November 12 in Holland, Michigan. A night-and-day turnaround from two weeks prior, the Wabash team posted

personal-bests from all seven of their runners. Brayden Curnutt '25 ran the fastest for the Little Giants in the competition, placing 49th out of 272 runners with a time of 25:20.4.

With this impressive end to their fall season, the Redpack are set now to begin their offseason training for their first indoor track meet on December 10 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Volleyball: Preseason begins

The Little Giants volleyball team returns to action for a preseason tournament on Saturday, November 19. The 2022 Indiana Challenge Cup will take place at the Ball Sports Academy in Angola, Indiana where Wabash will square off against the teams from Goshen College, Trine University and Purdue Fort Wayne.

Basketball to host invitational

ETHAN WALLACE '24 | BASKETBALL WRITER • Wabash College will host this year's 2022 Great Lakes Invitational over the weekend of November 18-19. This will be the first time Wabash has hosted the historically competitive event. The Little Giants will face off against Marietta College and Maryville College.

The invitational will feature eight of Division III's best basketball programs. Four of the teams playing in this year's tournament advanced to last year's NCAA Tournament. Last season, Keene State qualified for the tournament while Wabash and Marietta both advanced all the way to the semifinal round of the tournament. Baldwin-Wallace University won the Men's DIII Basketball National Championship.

Marietta is ranked 17th among DIII men's basketball teams this season and also saw a semifinal exit in the NCAA Tournament last season, placing them on the same level as the Little Giants.

But similar to Wabash, Marietta graduated the core of their team at the end of last year. Marietta graduated five seniors who combined to average 57.2 of Marietta's 84 averaged points per game. After graduating four seniors who averaged 58 of Wabash's average 89 points per game, the Little Giants are in a very similar situation. There's really no telling who will walk away with this one.

The second game against Maryville should result in a win for the Little Giants. Maryville did receive a handful of votes for a top-25 DIII team and defeated Roanoke College earlier this season. However, Wabash is first off the top 25 list and has already defeated 16th-ranked Washington University. Realistically, if Wabash has a solid showing in this game they will win.

Greene: Classic, smashmouth basketball

Little Giants defeat 16th-ranked WashU



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Vinny Buccilla '25 drives in for a contested layup against a much taller Washington University defender on November 11, 2022, at Chadwick Court.

ELIJAH GREENE '25 | SPORTS COLUMNIST • Pure poetry. That's what I witnessed from my seat below the net in Chadwick Court as the Wabash College basketball team upset perennial powerhouse Washington University in St. Louis.

On November 11, the Washington University Bears made the trek to Chadwick Court to play what they thought would be an easy victory against a seemingly depleted Wabash squad without graduated seniors Jack Davidson '22, Kellen Schreiber '22 and Tyler Watson '22. But to the Bears' chagrin, the new-look Little Giants team came out of the gate with fire in their bellies and a chip on their shoulders. They played with veracity for all four quarters, enough to carry them to a 70-67 victory over the 16th-ranked team in the nation.

What's this new recipe for Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett's young and fiery new team? Well, it's back to basics. This Wabash team has an entirely different play style from last year's team and even from Wabash teams of old, with their focus on an impenetrable defense and playing unselfish team basketball, a style that has almost become obsolete in the current offensively minded NBA and NCAA Division I.

"We spend more time working on having good defensive fundamentals and not giving up anything easy," said Brumett. "In basketball you're never going to shut anybody out. If we give up a basket, it was well earned [by the

opposition]."

This hard-nosed philosophy seems to be paying dividends, and it certainly doesn't lack any excitement from a spectator's view. From picking up the point guard on the opposing free throw line to almost telepathically jumping to the ball in the half court, this defense is quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Jostens-Trophy-sized hole left by Davidson, as well as dominant post play by Schreiber and consistent assists from Watson had to be reallocated to a multitude of Little Giants. There really is not a clear-cut scorer on this team, more of a communal effort put forth by both guards and big men alike.

One notable addition to the scoring has been Champ McCorkle '24. McCorkle, a newly minted junior, has been riding in the backseat of one of the greatest basketball graduating classes Wabash has ever seen. With no clearly identified center this season, McCorkle has been filling this role, impressing many by scoring double-digit points in both the games against Mount St. Joseph and WashU.

But this hasn't been an easy transition. At a self-proclaimed 180 pounds and standing at 6'5", McCorkle does not have the traditional build of a center at almost any level of basketball.

"I play a lot harder and I'm a lot tougher than the guys we play against, even without the

experience," says McCorkle.

"The coaches and I definitely butt heads a lot, but at the end of the day I'm just trying to figure out how to better fit within this role in the system."

When I asked about McCorkle's development in the center role, Brumett echoed the junior's hard-nosed sentiments.

"One thing that Champ [McCorkle] is doing a great job of is playing extremely hard and trying to be really physical," said Brumett. "He's going to have to play three inches bigger than his height."

It may sound cliché, but this sentiment extends to the entire team. No matter their size, this Wabash team is going to bang and scrape with just about anyone, regardless of height or weight.

To round out this multifaceted attack is the team's commitment to passing and assists that take basketball back to its roots, while also allowing anyone and everyone on the stat sheet.

"We have five guys on the floor at all times that have the ability to score," said Vinny Buccilla '25.

Buccilla, along with the other four guards that rotate in for the Little Giants, will all pass and shoot whenever the occasion arises. This sort of offense caters to finding the open shot, which they seem to be doing rather effectively, shooting 46.3% from the floor and 27.3% from three-point range against WashU. Their competitiveness during practice helps set the tone for this new fast-paced style of play on both sides of the ball.

"It's tough," said Buccilla on Wabash's practice routine. "We obviously love each other, but we are going to guard each other the best we can. We just want that competitive edge and if practice is like that, then we know what it's going to be like in the game."

This season, the Little Giants will look to defend their NCAC conference title in hopes of another berth to the NCAA DIII Tournament. Even with all the doubt surrounding them for this upcoming winter, the Little Giants are poised to defy all expectations and even exceed their own. I personally cannot wait to watch some more classic, smashmouth Little Giants basketball underneath the lights of Chadwick Court in this upcoming season.

Monon Bell heartbreak

Morel defends last-minute timeout

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it seemed that momentum was shifting. After a defensive stop to give the Little Giants the ball back, it felt like the 2021 Bell game all over again. That is, until Thompson threw another pick-six trying to avoid a sack on second down and one.

With the score at 35-7, and with three minutes left in the third quarter, the air left the Wabash stands. So did the fans. DePauw would add another two scores, and Wabash would tack on another in garbage time to avoid being held to single digits.

"Some of the things in the second half, the turnovers and interceptions, were me trying to force things just weren't there"

- Liam Thompson '24

As the clock ticked down, with DePauw fans amassed around the barricades on their side, Morel took a timeout to ensure that security and staff were in place to prevent the near-brawl that transpired in 2019, the last time Wabash was in Greencastle.

"Calling the timeout prevented the disaster that could [have

been]," said Morel. "There would have been fights because guys would have been isolated [in the crowd]."

The Bell game was undoubtedly the worst game of the year for Thompson, who finished 24 for 41 with 235 passing yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Thompson was sacked a season-high six times and fumbled the ball four times.

"Some of the things in the second half, the turnovers and interceptions, were me trying to force things just weren't there," said Thompson.

After a beating like that, even short bus drives, like the one from Blackstock Stadium home to Wabash, are painful.

"It's quiet," said Thompson. "It's disappointing for a couple of reasons. We had everything in front of us that we wanted to accomplish, and three hours later, it's gone. Especially for the seniors that aren't coming back, reality sets in in a way."

Despite the heartbreaking loss, the Little Giants are looking forward.

"Seeing our guys at the team meeting today, I know our future is bright," said Defensive Coordinator Mike Ridings on Twitter. "Back to work to build something special!"



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Ben Netting '24 (above) celebrates a Giovonni Zappala '23 (below) interception against DePauw on November 12, 2022, at Blackstock Stadium, Greencastle.

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EDREECE REDMOND II '24
Wabash guard

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2022 STATISTICS

PPG: 16 APG: 2
 RPG: 4 3PT%: 62.5

WABASH vs MARIETTA
Team field goal %:

Wabash College

49.7%

Marietta College

43.0%

JAC ALEXANDER
Marietta guard

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2022 STATISTICS

PPG: 12.5 APG: 3
 RPG: 2.5 3PT%: 33.3

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Monon Keg stays in Crawfordsville

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"This was an amazing way to end the season," said DeFrenza. "It was nice that DePauw was able to come out, we appreciate them coming. But our domination and the ambiance here—it couldn't have been better. There was no better way to end the year."

This was the rugby team's first and only home competition of the fall season. As such, even in the face of terrible weather conditions, a good number of Wabash fans turned out to watch the game.

"We've been looking forward to today since we found out about it in October," said Goodnight. "We had a lot of support today, so it's great to see everyone out here. The energy was amazing. I think the energy is what got us going, even in the freezing cold."

With the fall season wrapped up, the team now looks ahead to its spring season. Having lost in the



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The ball comes loose in a scrum as the Wabash and DePauw rugby teams battle for the Monon Keg.

conference semifinal last year, the club has its sights set firmly on reaching a national championship.

"We're just excited to get going with next semester," said Matthew Brooks '24, treasurer of the club. "We went 20-1 last year, and today is just the beginning of that again. We've got a really good lineup, so we need to get our heads down and keep working. We will be at the national conference in May."

One player who will be instrumental in Wabash's playoff charge will be Goodnight. He is one of the team's most prolific scorers and currently leads the team for tries. Against DePauw, he scored four tries and converted two of his five extra point attempts, making him by far Wabash's most valuable offensive player.

"I wasn't really concerned about [DePauw], to be honest," said Goodnight. "I know how we play our game. Not putting aside anything DePauw has accomplished, but we have played far better opposition."

The rugby team will return to action in the spring as they look to mount a playoff run. Though the date is yet to be confirmed, Wabash will host a home rugby tournament in the spring, and the club hopes to see a large contingent of Little Giants fans there when it happens.

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The Bell doesn't define our campus culture



Cole Bergman '24

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Of all the traditions held at Wabash College, the Monon Bell game must be my personal favorite. You will never see this campus more alive than the week before the Bell game. No matter how the school year is going, no matter what drama has occurred, no matter what grudges are held, every student is able to take part in this tradition. For that week, every student has the chance to feel pride in their college.

When the football team wins the Bell, the campus wins with them. When they lose the Bell, every person on campus feels the pain of that loss.

As a junior football player, I've now had the opportunity to experience Wabash winning and losing the Bell. Let me tell you, I much prefer the former.

Coming back to campus last Saturday, I was devastated. Every player on the team was devastated. I wasn't sure how I would be able to face my classmates again, knowing I had in part lost the very heart of this campus.

But the game ended. The sun rose the next morning. Most of us dragged ourselves off to our Monday classes. Life went on, and that's ok.

The Monon Bell works to unify us, both in our love for this college and disdain for the university down south. But the Bell game isn't something that defines us, however much we love hearing the ringing in the Allen Center.

A common turn of phrase I have heard this week is that the Bell belongs with the Wabash community. At the college down south, they keep it locked in a display case for most of the year, left only to be viewed. At Wabash, we let the Bell ring with pride, serving as a reminder to all of us what we are here working for: the victory and love of this college. The Bell doesn't determine our culture, but our culture is reflected onto the Bell.

The Wabash culture isn't something that is seen on many other

campuses. Each student is tried and tested as we all make this transition into adulthood together. But the bonds of comradery that form here, the sense of pride we feel when the students begin singing "Old Wabash" in the Chapel, is something that is tied to this college and something the college down south can never take away from us.

We know what we are capable of as a campus and a community. We saw this the entirety of the week leading to the game. For upperclassmen, we saw this after we had won the game in 2021. After the 2021 game, being able to finally ring the Bell and join in celebration with my brothers, I finally understood what it means to be a member of this community.

One of the selling points of this college (at least when it was being sold to me) was the #1 alumni network. But they never get into the reason their alumni network is so strong. Wabash College creates a brotherhood, one that is stronger than any mere friendship. This connection makes us all individually stronger and allows us all to do greater things than we ever thought we could as high school seniors.

This brotherhood comes at a cost, though. And no, I don't mean tuition. You must let YOURSELF become part of this brotherhood. That means committing to your classmates, your professors, and yourself. It means challengin yourself, and going the extra mile, not for yourself, but for the brother struggling next to you. That's the only way that we can celebrate together. But, that means we feel the losses together too.

Though the loss of our Bell will hang heavily on many of us until this time next fall, until that day, we need to embrace this culture and brotherhood we still have. Support the other 11 sports teams as they complete their seasons. Support fraternity philanthropy events. Support your brother, whether he is presenting at the Celebration of Student Research or speaking up in the classroom. If we support each other the way this campus supports our football team during the Monon Bell game, the power of the Wabash community and culture will never be questioned.

There are going to be more days ahead of us that will bring us down, whether individually or as a campus. But as the football team chants before every game:

But we'll never give up.
But we'll never give up.
'Cause Wabash Always Fights.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

THANKFUL FOR A FULL HEAD OF HAIR

Hi-Five to the tech-savvy members of our famiy who will have to edit Thanksgiving Day photos to give us a full set of hair. Say "cheese"!

MR. JOBS AND THE BIG STEPPERS

Hi-Five to whoever bought Steve Job's worn-out Birkenstocks for 218K. Our question: what on Earth are you going to do with them? On second thought, we don't want to know.

TRUST-BUSTING (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

Lo-Five to Taylor Swift fans for crashing Ticketmaster while getting tickets for her upcoming tour. Can't wait to fly to Glendale, AZ just to sit in the nosebleeds.

COLLECTING THE INFINITY STONES

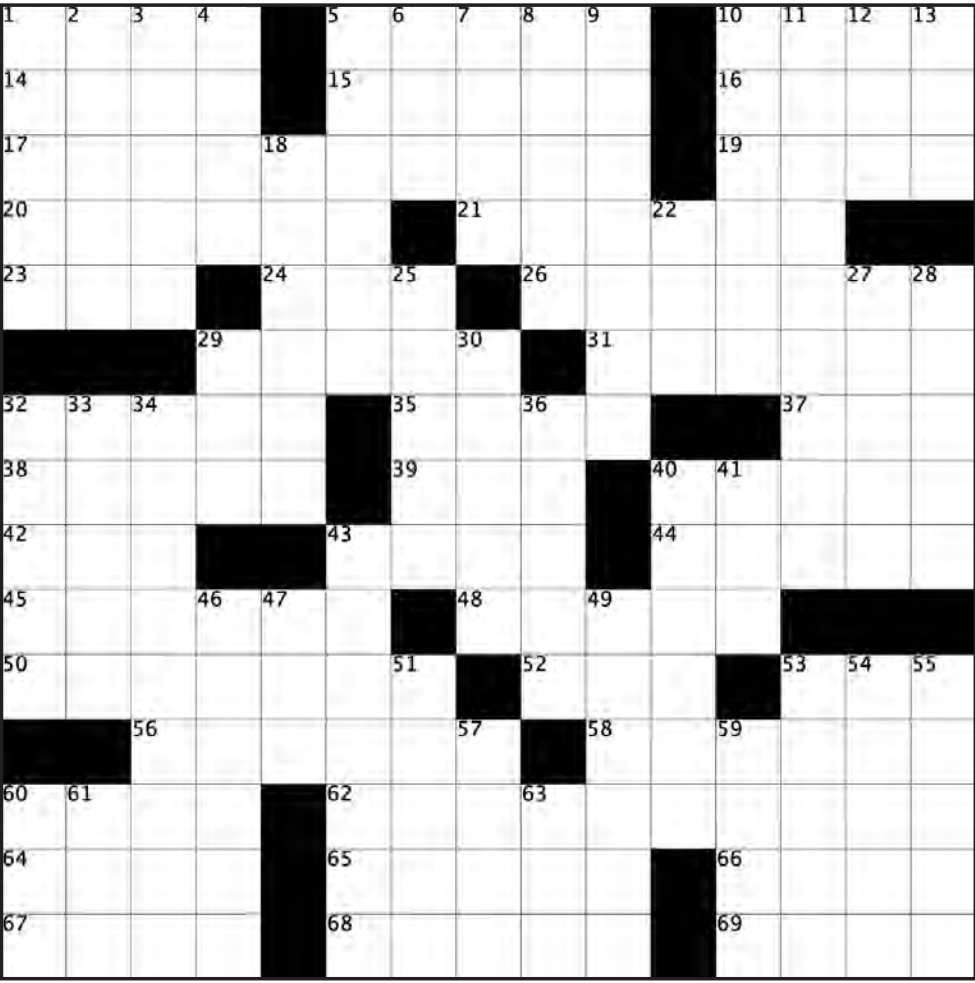
Hi-Five to Pete Davidson for going out with Emily Ratajkowski. Care to share your secret formula with some lonely Wabash men?

GRAND NEW PARTY

Lo-Five to Donnie for turning half the Republican party against him. Maybe he'll use this opportunity to resurrect the Whig party and rebrand it as the Toupee party.

'Save me a slice!'

Crossword by Logan Weilbaker '25



Down

- 1. Beach bring-along
- 2. Type of dress
- 3. Seat and Kuiper
- 4. Fountain fare
- 5. National flower of Mexico
- 6. Morn's opposite
- 7. Shakespeare, e.g.
- 8. Loses energy
- 9. Stealth
- 10. Tranquil
- 11. *Gold Bond offering
- 12. Retirement acct.
- 13. Ques. response
- 18. Step in a cootie shot procedure
- 22. Ink blot?
- 25. Window covering
- 27. Spooky
- 28. Kinds
- 29. Hot spot?
- 30. Exhausted, so to speak
- 32. Kind of acid
- 33. Spread
- 34. *Sill sight
- 36. Distracted Boyfriend and Surprised Pikachu, e.g.

- 40. Great fear
- 41. Bagel topping
- 43. Obstinate
- 46. Brags
- 47. Greek life organizing gp.
- 49. Midsections
- 51. Jewish feast
- 53. Cola choice
- 54. Sign of spring
- 55. Clocks in early, say
- 57. Ire
- 59. Lovers' quarrel
- 60. Word with chocolate or coat
- 61. Louisville slugger
- 63. Maisel's title



Scan for solution

Across

- 1. IOUs
- 5. IOUs
- 10. Branch of Islam
- 14. Butter alternative
- 15. To no ____
- 16. Net
- 17. *"Play That Funky Music" band
- 19. Genetic molecules
- 20. Involve
- 21. Like a used car, maybe
- 23. French article
- 24. Cleanse
- 26. Grave conversations?
- 29. Snowman's accessory, perhaps
- 31. Not mono
- 32. Not good at all
- 35. 2nd Amendment subject
- 37. Botch
- 38. "Winnie-the-Pooh" writer

- 39. *Thanksgiving dessert... or what follows the end of each starred clue
- 40. Braid
- 42. Swear words?
- 43. Consider
- 44. Great lakes mnemonic
- 45. Rookie
- 48. Cleanse
- 50. They won't happen again
- 52. Insulting acronym
- 53. Employee's benefit: Abbr.
- 56. More risqué
- 58. "Hamilton" refrain
- 60. Race parts
- 62. *Bump formed by the larynx
- 64. Tons
- 65. Opuesto de blanco
- 66. B-Boy connection
- 67. Iotas
- 68. Lock
- 69. iOS app that offers user advice