

1983 - THE CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR IN REVIEW

Augustana 42, Carroll 14 on September 17 at Ericson Field...The Vikings pounded out 388 yards rushing on 59 attempts and rolled to a 42-14 win over Carroll in the season opener...Bob Barnes took the first offensive play of the year 70 yards for a touchdowns to start things off and Augustana never looked back...The score eventually reached 35-0 before Carroll scored twice in the fourth quarter...In what would be a pattern, the Vikings used 13 different running backs to carry the football.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Carroll "Pioneers"	0	0	0	14	14
Augustana "Vikings"	7	14	14	7	42

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Bob Barnes 70 run (Joe Mackay kick) 10:00 1st
 AUG – George Velasquez 55 run (Joe Mackay kick) 14:51 2nd
 AUG – Ron Nelson 11 run (Joe Mackay kick) 8:20 2nd
 AUG – Craig Allison 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 10:14 3rd
 AUG – Joe Kiesewetter 4 run (Joe Mackay kick) 2:21 4th
 CARR – Bratel 68 pass from Richson (Weber kick) 8:20 4th
 AUG – Dave Hedlin 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 4:00 4th
 CARR – Bratel 52 pass from Weber (Weber kick) 2:15 4th
 Attendance: 2,000

Augustana 47, Wheaton 12 on September 24 in Wheaton, Illinois...The Vikings answered a 318 yard passing assault by Wheaton quarterback Keith Bishop with a bonecrushing school record of 479 yards rushing on 78 attempts as Craig Allison scampered for 176 yards on 22 carries and scored three touchdowns...For good measure George Velasquez picked up 100 yards on 10 attempts with one touchdown...Augustana intercepted three passes and held a huge edge in time of possession – 38:20 to 21:40.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	6	28	7	6	47
Wheaton "Crusaders"	6	6	0	0	12

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Norm Singbush 30 pass from Jay Penney (kick failed) 6:49 1st
 WHE – Dave Plaep 12 run (kick failed) 6:10 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 5 run (Allison run) 13:40 2nd
 AUG – George Velasquez 7 run (kick failed) 11:40 2nd
 WHE – Steve Thonn 19 pass from Keith Bishop (pass failed) 9:15 2nd
 AUG – Craig Allison 3 run (Joe Mackay kick) 4:35 2nd
 AUG – Craig Allison 73 run (Joe Mackay kick) 2:19 2nd
 AUG – Jay Penney 7 run (Joe Mackay kick) 7:39 3rd
 AUG – Bob Barnes 4 run (kick failed) 10:51 4th
 Attendance 3,500

Augustana 21, Illinois Wesleyan 16 on October 1 at Ericson Field...In a strange game Augustana manhandled Illinois Wesleyan everywhere but on the scoreboard...The Vikings had three individuals go over the 100 yard rushing barrier and limited the Titans to just 180 yards of total offense but could never put the game away...Craig Allison gained 141 yards on 18 attempts and one touchdown while George Velasquez had 115 yards on 21 carries and Ron Nelson chipped in with 113 yards on 30 tries with two touchdowns...After Wesleyan scored with 4:32 left in the game the Vikings were in danger of having their long winning streak snapped but they were able to run out the clock thanks to 13 yard gain by quarterback Jay Penney on a third and eight situation.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois Wesleyan "Titans"	3	0	6	7	16
Augustana "Vikings"	0	14	7	0	21

SCORING SUMMARY

IWU – Brett Robinson 38 field goal 11:48 1st
 AUG – Ron Nelson 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 14:45 2nd
 AUG – Craig Allison 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) :17 2nd
 AUG – Ron Nelson 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 5:00 3rd
 IWU – Ed Winkle 11 pass from John Rooney (kick failed) :22 3rd
 IWU – Bob Murray 1 pass from John Rooney (Brett Robinson kick) 4:32 4th
 Attendance: 3,000

Augustana 28, Carthage 7 on October 8 in Kenosha, Wisconsin...The Vikings beat their Lutheran rival in the CCIW for the ninth straight time on a windy, crisp day in Kenosha...Craig Allison led off the scoring with a seven yard run in the first quarter and Norm Singbush took a 32 yard scoring toss from quarterback Jay Penney to make it 14-0 at halftime...George Velasquez led the rushing attack with 128 yards on 18 attempts...Defensively the Vikings allowed just 156 yards (97 passing and 59 rushing).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	7	6	8	7	28
Carthage "Redmen"	0	0	0	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Craig Allison 7 run (Joe Mackay kick) 6:34 1st
 AUG – Norm Singbush 32 pass from Jay Penney (kick failed) 11:00 2nd
 AUG – Ron Nelson 2 run (Jay Penney run) 2:51 3rd
 CAR – Mike Bulka 7 run (Lloyd Griffin kick) 8:39 4th
 AUG – Joe Kiesewetter 4 run (Joe Mackay kick) :36 4th
 Attendance: 3,500

Augustana 35, Millikin 14 on October 15 at Ericson Field...A homecoming crowd of 4,000 watched as Millikin held the Vikings to just 250 yards rushing, the lowest output since the 1982 Stagg Bowl...Augustana never trailed, however, jumping off to a 14-0 lead on a 53 yard halfback option pass from Craig Allison to Norm Singbush and a two year run by Allison...Although held to 250 yards rushing, Augustana did manage to pass for 139 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Millikin "Big Blue"	0	3	11	0	14
Augustana "Vikings"	7	7	7	14	35

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Norm Singbush 53 pass from Craig Allison (Joe Mackay kick) 7:05 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 2 run (Joe Mackay kick) 8:08 2nd
 MIL – Kevin McDonald 49 field goal 0:00 2nd
 MIL – Kevin McDonald 31 field goal 10:57 3rd
 AUG – Norm Singbush 10 pass from Jay Penney (Joe Mackay kick) 7:46 3rd
 MIL – Marc Knowles 24 pass from Jeff Fischel (Knowles pass from Ed Walker) 3:59 3rd
 AUG – George Velasquez 19 run (Joe Mackay kick) 13:55 4th
 AUG – Craig Allison 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 9:18 4th
 Attendance: 4,000

Augustana 26, North Central 6 on October 22 in Naperville, Illinois...Under the lights at Kroehler Field the Augustana defense came ready to play...Coming into the game North Central was averaging 300 yards per game rushing and ranked second in NCAA Division III in that category...When the final gun sounded the Cardinals had gained just a paltry nine yards rushing and 145 yards in total offense...Senior free safety Ben Pothast led the way with 12 tackles and was named CCIW "Defensive Player of the Week".

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	13	6	0	7	26
North Central "Cardinals"	0	0	6	0	6

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Craig Allison 9 run (Joe Mackay kick) 8:38 1st
 AUG – Norm Singbush 32 pass from Jay Penney (kick failed) 4:52 1st
 AUG – Bob Barnes 1 run (run failed) 5:31 2nd
 NCC – Tom Jenks 4 run (run failed) 1:23 3rd
 AUG – George Velasquez 4 run (Joe Mackay kick) 4:41 4th
 Attendance: 2,100

Augustana 56, Olivet Nazarene 7 on October 29 at Ericson Field...This contest was never in doubt as Augustana scored the first eight times it had the ball. The score was 42-0 at halftime as seven different players scored touchdowns. Head coach Bob Reade used 18 running backs to carry the ball and the Vikings rolled up 469 yards rushing.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Olivet Nazarene "Tigers"	0	0	7	0	7
Augustana "Vikings"	21	21	7	7	56

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Ron Nelson 8 run (Joe Mackay kick) 9:49 1st
 AUG – George Velasquez 33 run (Craig Allison run) 6:12 1st
 AUG – Norm Singbush 21 pass from Jay Penney (kick failed) 3:08 1st
 AUG – Ron Nelson 3 run (Joe Mackay kick) 13:40 2nd
 AUG – Shane McCormick 2 run (Joe Mackay kick) 6:30 2nd
 AUG – Bob Guerrieri 4 run (Joe Mackay kick) :28 2nd
 AUG – Joe Kiesewetter 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 6:43 3rd
 ONC – Ron Lance 3 run (Stafford kick) 2:01 3rd
 AUG – Dave D'Angelo 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 13:13 4th
 Attendance: 1,000

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Augustana 23, Elmhurst 16 on November 5 at Ericson Field...Jay Penney was the hero in what would become a common occurrence for the next four weeks as he brought his team from behind in the final seconds of the game...Ron Nelson scored on a two yard run on the Vikings second possession and Joe Mackay kicked a 28 yard field goal, his only one of the season, on the third to give Augie a 9-0 lead in the second quarter...Elmhurst got on the board with a 22 yard field goal by Frank Moore with just over a minute to play in the half...A fumble by George Velasquez was recovered at the Augustana 23 by Elmhurst as the Vikings were trying to run out the clock...On the final play of the half Bluejay quarterback Dion Rooney hit Frank Jaekel for a 20 yard touchdown and the extra point from Moore gave Elmhurst a 10-9 lead at intermission...Velasquez put the Vikings back in front with a nine yard run to cap a 74 yard, 11 play drive to open the third quarter...Elmhurst came back when Rooney hit Dave Guerrieri, who had two brothers on the Augustana team, with a nine yard scoring toss late in the third to make it 16-15...Elmhurst was in good shape and looked poised to end the Vikings winning streak at 29 regular season games when Penney gathered his troops at their own 46 yards line, out of time outs and only 1:46 showing on the clock...Penney was masterful in this final drive, however, accounting for all 54 yards himself, including five of five in the passing department...He hit Norm Singbush, his old high school teammate, for the winning score from seven yards out with just :26 left in the game...For the game Penney was seven of nine in the passing department for 123 yards and Craig Allison rushed for 80 yards on 15 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Elmhurst "Bluejays"	0	10	6	0	16
Augustana "Vikings"	6	3	6	8	23

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Ron Nelson 2 run (kick failed) 1:40 1st
 AUG – Joe Mackay 28 field goal 7:51 2nd
 ELM – Frank Moore 22 field goal 1:04 2nd
 ELM – Paul Jaekel 20 pass from Dion Rooney (Frank Moore kick) :09 2nd
 AUG – George Velasquez 9 run (run failed) 9:47 3rd
 ELM – Dave Guerrieri 9 pass from Dion Rooney (run failed) 2:40 3rd
 AUG – Norm Singbush 7 pass from Jay Penney (George Velasquez run) :26 4th
 Attendance: 3,500

Augustana 35, North Park 16 on November 12 in Chicago,

Illinois...The Vikings clinched their third straight unbeaten regular season and also their third straight CCIW championship. Craig Allison was the main cog on this day as he wrapped up the league scoring and rushing championships with four touchdowns and an extra point to go along with 153 yards on 22 carries. Norm Singbush prepped for a big playoff run with seven pass receptions for 111 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	7	14	14	0	35
North Park "Vikings"	10	0	0	6	16

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Craig Allison 2 run (Joe Mackay kick) 6:40 1st
 NP – Jeff Heath 22 field goal 3:12 1st
 NP – Barry Castrogiovanni 28 pass from Mike Coglianese (Jeff Heath kick) 1:49 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 13 pass from Jay Penney (pass failed) 13:58 2nd
 AUG – Craig Allison 6 run (Craig Allison run) 7:03 2nd
 AUG – George Velasquez 14 run (Joe Mackay kick) 7:07 3rd
 AUG – Craig Allison 47 run (Joe Mackay kick) :46 3rd
 NP – Dale Kaufman 5 pass from Mike Coglianese (pass failed) 8:04 4th
 Attendance: 1,500

Augustana 22, Adrian 21 on November 19 at Ericson Field...It was Jay Penney to Norm Singbush once again for the game winner in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III playoffs...On a muddy Ericson Field, the Vikings jumped out to a 14-0 lead with George Velasquez romping 52 yards to score late in the first quarter and Craig Allison going eight yards with 3:32 left in the second stanza...The Bulldogs from Adrian were far from out of it, however, and quarterback Steve Dembowski hit fullback Steve Motte with a 13 yard pass with only 1:31 left before halftime to cut the lead to 14-7...Dembowski hit Mike Johnson with a 20 yard touchdown in the third and Motte went over from five yards out early in the fourth to give Adrian a 21-14 lead...Penney then engineered a 62 yard, eight play drive with the payoff coming on a seven yard pass to Singbush crossing along the back of the end zone with 3:01 left in the game...Penney scored the decisive two point conversion on an option play to the left side.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Adrian "Bulldogs"	0	7	7	7	21
Augustana "Vikings"	6	8	0	8	22

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – George Velasquez 52 run (kick failed) 1:08 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 8 run (Nick Kasap pass from Jay Penney) 3:32 2nd
 ADR – Steve Motte 13 pass from Steve Dembowski (Farrell kick) 1:31 2nd
 ADR – Mike Johnson 20 pass from Steve Dembowski (Farrell kick) 6:41 3rd
 ADR – Steve Motte 5 run (Farrell kick) 12:46 4th
 AUG – Norm Singbush 7 pass from Jay Penney (Jay Penney run) 3:01 4th
 Attendance – 3,200

Augustana 21, Wisconsin-LaCrosse 15 on November 26 at Rock Island Public Schools Stadium...

Augustana jumped out to an early lead with George Velasquez sprinting 51 yards for the first score. Craig Allison caught a 34 yard pass from Jay Penney for the second touchdown and then dove over from a yard out. That was all in the first half as the Vikings took a 21-0 lead into the lockerroom at intermission. The Vikings shredded the Indians defense with 324 yards rushing as Velasquez gained a personal high of 171 yards on 18 carries and Allison chipped in with 118 on 27 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Wisconsin-LaCrosse "Indians"	0	0	0	15	15
Augustana "Vikings"	14	7	0	0	21

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – George Velasquez 51 run (Joe Mackay kick) 7:46 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 34 pass from Jay Penney (Joe Mackay kick) 3:56 1st
 AUG – Craig Allison 1 run (Joe Mackay kick) 14:28 2nd
 UWL – Ken Schmidt 5 pass from Bob Krepfle (Don Kindt pass from Bob Krepfle) 9:56 4th
 UWL – Mike Mahsem 11 pass from Bob Krepfle (Tom Hermes kick) 1:23 4th
 Attendance – 3,200

Augustana 21, Union 17 on December 3 in Kings Island,

Ohio...Jay Penney and Norm Singbush worked their magic once again and the Vikings had their national championship...In the early going it was all Union as the Dutchmen jumped out to a 10-0 lead before the game was five minutes old...Penney brought his team back, as he always did, hitting Nick Kasap with a 10 yard scoring toss at the start of the second quarter to cut the lead to 10-7...However, Union scored early in the third quarter to take command 17-7...Penney hit Singbush from 10 yards away with 9:30 left in the game to trim the margin to 17-14...All-American defensive back Doug McCoy then made a phenomenal play to trip Dutchmen receiver Winston Britton of the ball and linebacker Joe Wheeler fell on it at the Union 46 and the Vikings were back in business...Penney marched his team down the field and hit Singbush on a fourth and goal situation from the two with 3:09 to give Augustana its only lead of the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Union "Dutchmen"	10	0	7	0	17
Augustana "Vikings"	0	7	0	14	21

SCORING SUMMARY

UN – Greg Sticka 30 field goal 12:11 1st
 UN – Frank Kraft 45 pass from Dan Stewart (Greg Sticka kick) 10:52 1st
 AUG – Nick Kasap 10 pass from Jay Penney (Joe Mackay kick) 11:55 2nd
 UN – Rich Kellaher 24 pass from Dan Stewart (Greg Sticka kick) 10:29 3rd
 AUG – Norm Singbush 10 pass from Jay Penney (Joe Mackay kick) 9:30 4th
 AUG – Norm Singbush 2 pass from Jay Penney (Joe Mackay kick) 3:09 4th
 Attendance: 3,800