

1985 - THE CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR IN REVIEW

Augustana 21, North Park 7 on September 14 in Chicago, Illinois...Coming into the game as the two time defending NCAA Division III champions, the Vikings got off to an inauspicious start with a 21-7 victory on the road against North Park. Augustana lost three fumbles, including two on the first two series of the game. When they finally figured out how to hold onto the football, the Vikings drove 85 yards on 12 plays with Bob Guerrieri taking it over from five yards out early in the second quarter. Fullback Shane McCormick scored on a six yard run with 6:05 left before halftime and Matt Krull's second straight extra point made it 14-0. However, North Park's David Bridges returned the ensuing kickoff 86 yards to the Augustana 10 and two plays later quarterback Mike Coglianese hit Todd Love with an 11 yard scoring pass and Mark Nelson's extra point made it 14-7. Guerrieri scored his second touchdown of the day on a six yard run with 7:00 left in the third quarter and Krull's kick made it 21-7. The next two Augustana drives ended in turnovers, one fumble and one pass interception and the Vikings would score no more on this afternoon. Defensively, Augustana gave up just 180 yards of total offense with just 13 of those coming on the ground. Brad Price led the rushing attack with 153 yards on 22 attempts as the Vikings ground out 383 yards on 78 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Viking"	0	14	7	0	21
North Park "Vikings"	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Bob Guerrieri 5 run (Matt Krull kick) 13:26 2nd
 AUG – Shane McCormick 6 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:05 2nd
 NPU - Todd Love 11 pass from Mike Coglianese (Mark Nelson kick) 5:13 2nd
 AUG – Bob Guerrieri 6 run (Matt Krull kick) 7:00 3rd

Augustana 50, Carroll 0 on September 21 at Ericson Field...If the season opener looked a little ragged, the second game certainly had a much cleaner feel to it, if you were an Augustana fan that is. The Vikings used a total of 18 ball carriers to roll up 343 rushing yards in a 50-0 route of the Pioneers. Scoring early and often, Augustana led 28-0 at halftime. Shane McCormick got things started with a one yard run with 5:22 left in the first quarter. Brad Price's 15 yard run made it 14-0 early in the second quarter and Kirk Bednar scored on an 11 yard run and Dennis Fraikes busted a 59 yarder to make it 28-0 at intermission. The Viking defense was outstanding once again, limiting North Park to just 102 yards of total offense, including just five on the ground. Kevin Cmiel and Mike Gray each had interceptions and defensive tackle Lynn Thomsen blocked a punt in the third quarter that bounced out of the end zone for a safety. Dennis Fraikes led the rushing attack with 83 yards on just five attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Carroll "Pioneers"	0	0	0	0	0
Augustana "Vikings"	7	21	9	13	50

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Shane McCormick 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:22 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 15 run (Matt Krull kick) 11:18 2nd
 AUG - Kirk Bednar 11 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:36 2nd
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 59 run (Matt Krull kick) 3:34 2nd
 AUG - Kirk Sanders 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:55 3rd
 AUG - Safety - Lynn Thomsen blocked punt out of end zone 3:24 3rd
 AUG - Dan Duffy 9 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 9:15 4th
 AUG - Ed Bauernfreund 19 run (kick blocked) 6:55 4th

Augustana 26, Wheaton 14 on September 28 in Wheaton, Illinois...An unexpectedly tough contest at McCully Field in Wheaton, Illinois ended with the Vikings on the winning side of a 26-14 score. The defense limited the Crusaders to negative seven yards rushing and survived another passing onslaught by Wheaton. A year earlier the Crusaders filled the air with 75 passes and on this afternoon quarterback Keith Bishop put the ball up 55 times. He completed 30 of those for 255 yards. However, the Vikings were in control throughout, taking a 10-0 lead at halftime and 13-0 after three quarters. Matt Krull kicked a field goal late in the first quarter and Shane McCormick scored on a four yard run midway through the second period to make it 10-0 at intermission. Krull's 32 yard field goal with 4:13 left in the third quarter made it 13-0. After Rick Benware's seven yard run put Wheaton on the board on the first play of the fourth quarter, McCormick sealed things with touchdown runs of 17 and two yards. He would finish the day with 73 yards on 16 carries. Bob Guerrieri led the team in rushing with 100 yards on 16 attempts and Brad Price added 79 yards on 29 carries. Augustana piled up 323 yards rushing on 76 attempts. The defense came up big when it had to and Troy Westerman's third quarter pass interception led to Krull's second field goal. There was a negative on the day, and that was the season ending knee injury to starting quarterback Kirk Bednar in the first

quarter. Senior Troy Bex came in when the game was scoreless and helped engineer the victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	3	7	3	13	26
Wheaton "Crusaders"	0	0	0	14	14

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Matt Krull 27 field goal 1:12 1st
 AUG – Shane McCormick 4 run (Krull Kick) 8:54 2nd
 AUG – Matt Krull 32 field goal 4:13 3rd
 WHE – Rick Benware 7 run (Dave Cabral Kick) 14:49 4th
 AUG – Shane McCormick 17 run (Run Failed) 12:11 4th
 AUG – Shane McCormick 2 run (Krull Kick) 4:43 4th
 WHE – Jim Jorden 2 pass from Keith Bishop (Dave Cabral Kick) 2:33 4th

Augustana 30, Illinois Wesleyan 7 on October 5 at Ericson Field...Brad Price broke loose for 169 yards on 23 carries as the Vikings hook off a sluggish first half and routed the Titans 30-7 on an overcast day. With starting quarterback Kirk Bednar gone for the season, Bob Reade tabbed Troy Bex to be the starter in this game but sophomore Greg Wallace saw time as well. After a scoreless first quarter the Vikings scored on Bob Guerrieri's eight yard run early in the second quarter. Matt Krull's extra point made it 7-0 with 12:23 before halftime. Defensive tackle Scott Francis recovered a Wesleyan fumble at the Titan 21 two plays later. Augustana drove to the one but Price was turned away on fourth and goal. On the next play the Vikings broke through and tackled quarterback Doug Moews in the end zone for a safety to make it 9-0. The score stayed that way until halftime. Price's 31 yard scamper for a touchdown capped the opening drive of the third quarter to make it 16-0. A Terry Lovekamp one yard touchdown run provided the only points for the Titans with 6:47 left in the third quarter. Augustana got touchdown runs by Kirk Sanders and Bob Hoffman in the fourth quarter to finish out the scoring. Led by Price's 169 yard effort, the Vikings rolled up 353 yards rushing. The Augustana defense was solid once again as Wesleyan was limited to just 118 yards of total offense (24 rushing and 94 passing).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois Wesleyan "Titans"	0	0	7	0	7
Augustana "Vikings"	0	9	7	14	30

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Bob Guerrieri 8 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:33 2nd
 AUG - Safety, Doug Moews tackle in end zone 9:13 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 31 run (Matt Krull kick) 11:22 3rd
 IWU - Terry Lovekamp 1 run (Brett Robinson kick) 6:47 3rd
 AUG - Kirk Sanders 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:49 4th
 AUG - Bob Hoffman 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:34 4th

Augustana 38, Carthage 8 on October 12 in Kenosha, Wisconsin...The Vikings rolled up 400 yards rushing in a workman-like 38-8 victory over Carthage. Shane McCormick led the way with 92 yards on 16 attempts while scoring two touchdowns while Brad Price added 79 yards on 14 carries with a pair of scores. After stopping the Redmen on the first drive, Augustana took over at its own 49 and marched 51 yards on just six plays with McCormick scoring on a one yard run. The extra point was blocked and with less than four minutes gone in the game the Vikings led 6-0. A pair of fumble recoveries by linebacker Mark Lovdahl stopped Carthage drives and at the start of the second quarter the offense went on a classic Augustana drive. Lovdahl's second fumble recovery came at the three yard line. The Vikings went 97 yards on 22 plays, all of them on the ground with Price scoring from five yards out with just 2:27 left before halftime. The drive ate 12:33 off the clock and Troy Bex ran for the two point conversion to make it 14-0, which is the way the half ended. Augustana scored 17 points in the third quarter with Price breaking free from 23 yards out and McCormick scoring on a 35 yard run. Krull added a 27 yard field goal to make it 31-0 with 4:36 left in the third period. Dennis Fraikes scored on a seven yard run to end the Vikings scoring early in the fourth quarter. Carthage got on the board on an 11 yard pass from Rick Haaland to Keith Wenckowski with 7:52 left in the game. The Augustana defense intercepted two passes, one by Carleton Beasley and one by Dave Torri and recovered three fumbles.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	21	13	13	9	56
Carthage "Redmen"	0	0	0	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG – Shane McCormick 1 run (kick failed) 11:17 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 5 run (Troy Bex run) 2:27 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 23 run (Matt Krull kick) 11:20 3rd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 35 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:34 3rd

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AUG - Matt Krull 7 run 4:36 3rd
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 7 run (Matt Krull kick) 13:42 4th
 CAR - Keith Wenckowski 11 pass from Rick Haaland (Rick Haaland run) 7:52 4th

Augustana 9, Millikin 3 on October 19 at Ericson Field – It rained all day but a homecoming crowd of 4,000 still showed up and watched the Augustana defense put the clamps on Millikin with a 9-3 win. The Vikings limited the Big Blue to just 82 yards of total offense (34 rushing and 48 passing) and completely controlled the game. Augustana forced four turnovers (one interception and three fumbles) and only allowed the visitors three first downs for the entire game. It wasn't until the first possession of the second half that Millikin was able to generate its initial first down in the game. By that time Augustana led 9-0. Big Blue quarterback John Cardamone completed just three of 19 passes on the muddy Ericson Field turf. With Greg Wallace getting the first start of his career at quarterback, the Vikings went to work after the opening kickoff, driving to the Millikin 15 before the drive stalled. Matt Krull came on and kicked a 32 yard field goal and with less than five minutes gone in the game Augustana led 3-0. Early in the second quarter Troy Westerman recovered a Tom Kreller fumble at the Millikin 15 yard line. Three plays netted a negative two yards and on fourth and 12 from the 17 head coach Bob Reade rolled the dice. Figuring that the wet turf and slippery ball had pushed Krull out of field goal range, the Vikings went for it. It turned out to be a good move as Wallace eluded a fierce Millikin pass rush, rolled to his right and hit Eric Welgat in the back of the end zone for a 17 yard touchdown. Krull's extra point was no good and with 9:11 left in the second quarter Augustana led 9-0. In the third quarter Millikin recovered a fumble by Brad Price at the Viking 22 but the defense held and Andy Hastings kicked a 31 yard field goal to trim the lead to 9-3 with 10:25 left in the stanza. There was not much offense the rest of the way and with less than a minute to play in the game Mark Long sealed the victory when he intercepted Cardamone's pass at the Augustana 23. Despite the terrible field conditions, the Vikings gained 197 yards rushing with Price leading the way with 79 on 27 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Millikin "Big Blue"	0	0	3	0	3
Augustana "Vikings"	3	6	0	0	9

SCORING SUMMARY
 AUG – Matt Krull 32 field goal - 10:55 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 27 pass from Greg Wallace (kick failed) 9:11 2nd
 MIL - Andy Hastings 32 field goal - 10:35 3rd

Augustana 28, North Central 0 on October 26 in Naperville, Illinois...For the second consecutive season the Vikings defeated North Central by a score of 28-0. This one was never in doubt as Augustana raced to a 28-0 lead by halftime and then turned things over to the defense. The first score was an easy one, thanks to the defense and special teams. John Leighton boomed a 53 yard punt that rolled dead at the Cardinal two yard line. On the second play North Central fumbled and Troy Westerman fell on it at the five. On the first play Shane McCormick blew through the line from five yards out and Matt Krull's kick made it 7-0. In the second quarter it was all Augustana as the Vikings scored on all three possessions and only allowed the Cardinals to run three plays from scrimmage. Brad Price scored from three yards out and Krull's kick made it 14-0 at 10:02. After North Central gained just seven yards on three plays the Vikings took over with 8:02 left before halftime. The Cardinals would not see the ball again until the 10:28 mark of the third quarter. Dennis Fraikes scored on a three yard run at 3:24 and Krull's kick upped the lead to 21-0. On the ensuing kickoff North Central return man Rick Loden fumbled and Augustana's John Hintermeister pounced on it at the 26. McCormick scored from a yard away just as the horn sounded ending the first half and Krull's perfect placement out of Jay Hatch's hold made it 28-0. There was no scoring in the second half went deep into his bench. The Augustana offense picked up 218 yards rushing with McCormick leading the way with 64 yards on 15 attempts. Defensively the Vikings gave up 170 yards, the most so far in the season with 101 coming on the ground and 69 through the air.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	7	21	0	0	28
North Central "Cardinals"	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY
 AUG – Shane McCormick 5 run (Matt Krull kick) 8:52 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 10:02 2nd
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 3:24 2nd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 1 run (Matt Krull kick) :01 2nd

Augustana 41, Illinois Benedictine 3 on November 2 at Ericson Field...Brad Price returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and the Vikings bolted out to a 24-3 halftime lead en route to an easy 41-3 win over Benedictine in the lone non-conference game of the season. With Shane McCormick piling up 119 yards on just 10 attempts, Augustana rumbled for 302 yards rushing on 60 attempts with 15 different players carrying the ball. After Price's kickoff return, Illinois Benedictine went on a long 8 yard, 14 play drive then ended with Martin Daley kicking a 35 yard field goal with 1:38 left in the first quarter. The Vikings answered with a one yard touchdown run by McCormick. Eagle quarterback Matt Laurich was sacked by Augustana defensive tackle Brian King at the Benedictine 13 and Carleton Beasley fell on it. The drive stalled there but Matt Krull booted a 25 yard field goal with 6:26 left to make it 17-3. After a short Benedictine punt gave the Vikings the ball on the Eagle 42, quarterback Greg Wallace hit Eric Welgat with a 37 yard scoring pass three plays later and with 3:44 left before halftime the score jumped to 24-3. Price scored from three yards out in the third quarter to cap a 92 yard, eight play drive. Krull kicked a 33 yard field goal at 9:49 of the fourth quarter and then Mark Larson scored from 13 yards away with :20 left in the game. Paul Dunn booted the final extra point to make it 41-3. Once again the Augustana defense held firm, giving up a net of just six yards rushing on 34 painful attempts by the Eagles. Troy Westerman and Robert Woolridge both had interceptions for the Vikings.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois Benedictine "Eagles"	3	0	0	0	3
Augustana "Vikings"	7	17	7	10	41

SCORING SUMMARY
 AUG – Brad Price 98 kickoff return (Matt Krull kick) 14:47 1st
 IBC - Martin Daley 35 field goal - 1:38 1st
 AUG - Shane McCormick 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:27 2nd
 AUG - Matt Krull 25 field goal - 6:26 2nd
 AUG - Eric Welgat 37 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 3:44 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:22 3rd
 AUG - Matt Krull 33 field goal - 9:49 4th
 AUG - Mark Larson 13 run (Matt Krull kick) :20 4th

Augustana 35, Elmhurst 0 on November 9 at Ericson Field...On an overcast and rainy afternoon the Vikings blasted Elmhurst 35 to clinch fifth straight College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin championship and a fifth consecutive undefeated regular season. Shane McCormick scored three touchdowns and Brad Price ran for 107 yards on 18 attempts to lead the Augustana offense. Sloppy playing conditions made it tough for either offense but the Vikings did manage to gain 279 yards rushing on 66 carries. Elmhurst had no such luck as the Bluejays could manage just 92 yards of total offense (49 rushing and 43 passing) and three first downs. Field position was a factor in the first score as Elmhurst punted to Troy Westerman, who gathered it at the Bluejay 33 and returned it 15 yards to the 18. Six plays later McCormick banged over from the one and Matt Krull's extra point made it 7-0 with 6:03 left in the first quarter. On Elmhurst's next possession the Bluejays faced a fourth and one situation and went for it from their own 36. It proved to be an unwise decision as runningback Chris Stevens was stuffed for no gain and Augustana took over at the 36. Seven plays later McCormick was in the end zone from three yards away. On the extra point the snap was bad but holder Jay Hatch improvised and threw a perfect pass to Ed Herrera in the end zone and the score was 15-0 with 1:09 left in the first quarter. The third score was an 11 play, 83 yard drive with Price racing in from 36 yards away. Krull's kick upped the ante to 22-0 with 1:33 left before halftime. McCormick added his third score, a three yarder, in the third quarter after a 76 yard, 14 play drive to make it 29-0. The final touchdown was a three yard Bob Guerrieri run early in the fourth quarter that was set up when Tom Billups recovered an Elmhurst fumble at the Bluejay 10.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Elmhurst "Bluejays"	0	0	0	0	0
Augustana "Vikings"	15	7	7	6	35

SCORING SUMMARY
 AUG – Shane McCormick 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:03 1st
 AUG - Shane McCormick 3 run (Ed Herrera pass from Jay Hatch) 1:14 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 36 run (Matt Krull kick) 1:33 2nd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 4:27 3rd
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 3 run (kick failed) 10:44 4th

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Augustana 26, Albion 10 on November 23 at Rock Island Public Schools Stadium...It took a while before Augustana could gain control in this game as the Britons had the two time defending NCAA champion on its heels early. Albion took the opening kickoff and marched to the 34 before being forced to punt. After gaining one first down on their first possession the Vikings were forced to punt and John Leighton's punt was blocked and Albion recovered on the 18. The Augustana defense answered the challenge and forced the Britons to settle for a 30 yard field goal from Ken Haut with 5:46 left in the first quarter. Down 3-0, the Vikings marched 67 yards on eight plays with Greg Wallace connecting with Eric Welgat for a 14 yard scoring toss. The extra point was no good and with 2:03 left in the first quarter Augustana led 6-3. Good field position after a defensive stop inside the Albion 15 set the Vikings up at the Briton 43 on the next possession. Bob Guerrieri capped the 42 yard, 11 play drive with a five yard touchdown run and quarterback Greg Wallace scored the two point conversion on a keeper to make it 14-3 early in the second quarter. Albion got a 58 yard pass from quarterback Dave Yaw to Bob DeGood to put the ball on the Augustana 15 but on third down Rich Baumgartner sacked yaw to push the ball back to the 23 and Haut missed a 41 yard field goal. The Vikings went back to work and Kirk Sanders scored on a four yard run with 3:48 left before halftime. The extra point was no good and Augustana led 20-3. After a 33 yard kickoff return by A.J. Watson the Britons scored on a four yard run by tailback Lance Brown. Haut's extra point made it 20-10 with 1:30 left before intermission. At the start of the third quarter Albion drove to the Vikings five yard line and had first and goal from there. After three plays netted just one yard the Britons went for it on fourth down but blitzing linebacker Mark Lovdahl sacked Yaw for a loss of 11 back to the 15 to end that threat. Albion would gain just one more first down the rest of the game and Bob Guerrieri's 28 yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter made it 26-10 which was the final. Augustana rolled up 344 yards rushing and held a huge 38:52 to 21:08 advantage in time of possession. The Viking defense gave up just 46 yards rushing and 201 yards of total offense.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Albion "Britons"	3	7	0	0	10
Augustana "Vikings"	6	14	0	6	26

SCORING SUMMARY

ALB - Ken Haut 30 field goal - 5:46 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 14 pass from Greg Wallace (kick failed) 2:08 1st
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 5 run (Greg Wallace run) 10:06 2nd
 AUG - Kirk Sanders 4 run (kick failed) 3:48 2nd
 ALB - Lance Brown 4 run (Ken Haut kick) 1:30 2nd
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 28 run (kick failed) 11:48 4th

Augustana 21, Mount Union 14 on November 30 at Rock Island Public Schools Stadium...Everything was hard for the Vikings in the 21-14 win over Mount Union - defending Purple Raider quarterback Scott Woolf, moving the ball, even the ground in venerable Rock Island Public Schools Stadium was hard. This was not an easy victory and until Lynn Thomsen sacked Woolf for a 14 yard loss at the Mount Union 15 on the game's final play, the outcome was in doubt. Woolf gave the Augustana defense fits, completing 24 of 41 passes for 230 yards and one touchdown. The Vikings had the answer when they needed it most, however, intercepting him three times and scoring after each turnover. A snowstorm the night before dumped about seven inches of snow on the Quad Cities. Although the field was cleared, the 20 degree temperature made the playing surface hard and a strong wind made the conditions less than desirable. The game got off to a good start as far as Augustana was concerned when Robert Woolridge stepped in front of Woolf's pass at the Mount Union 16 and returned it 16 yards to the seven. Bob Guerrieri slashed into the end zone on the next play and after Matt Krull kicked the extra point the Vikings led 7-0 and the game was not yet five minutes old. It was obvious from the beginning that the Vikings were going to have trouble moving the football and they did not gain their initial first down until the second half. Meanwhile, Woolf got the Purple Raiders on the board when he hit John Erskine with a nine yard scoring pass with 12:49 left before halftime. The score was knotted at 7-7 at intermission and the Vikings 34 game winning streak was in serious jeopardy. Mount Union took the lead early in the third quarter when Tony Tarantino bulled his way over from two yards out. Later in the same stanza Mark Lovdahl intercepted Woolf's pass to give Augustana the ball on its own 31. The Vikings went on a 69 yard, 12 play drive with Brad Price scoring on a one yard run with 1:52 left and Krull's kick tied the score. Mike Gray intercepted Woolf at Augustana 44 early in the fourth quarter and two plays later Wallace found Price all alone behind the

defense along the left sideline for a 53 yard touchdown. With 9:33 left in the game Augustana led 21-14. Woolf had his team on the Vikings nine yard line in just three plays after Ken Knoll returned John Leighton's kickoff 43 yards to the Augustana 47. At this point the defense stiffened, throwing the Purple Raiders for losses of one, nine and six on the next three play. On fourth and goal from the 25 Woolf misfired and the Vikings took over with less than seven minutes to play. Mount Union would get the ball back twice more but never really threatened. Augustana was held to just 163 yards rushing and could generate only 11 first downs in the game. Freshman fullback Erik Burgwald came off the bench to lead the team in rushing with 61 yards on 10 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Mount Union "Purple Raiders"	0	7	7	0	14
Augustana "Vikings"	7	0	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Bob Guerrieri 7 run (Matt Krull kick) 10:09 1st
 MUC - Jeff Erskine 9 pass from Scott Woolf (Mike Collins kick) 12:49 2nd
 MUC - Tony Tarantino 2 run (Mike Collins kick) 10:55 3rd
 AUG - Brad Price 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 1:52 3rd
 AUG - Brad Price 53 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 9:33 4th

Augustana 14, Central of Iowa 7 on December 7 at Rock Island Public Schools Stadium...The Vikings raced out to a 14-0 lead at halftime and held on for a 14-7 victory over Central of Iowa. The win put Augustana into the Stagg Bowl for the fourth straight year. Brad Price scored on a three yard run midway through the first quarter. With the score 7-0, the Vikings began a drive with just 3:44 left before halftime. On fourth and goal with less than 30 seconds to play Price dove into the endzone but the ball popped out. In the scramble Augustana offensive tackle Jeff Widdop wrestled the ball away and the Vikings went ahead 14-0 after Matt Krull's extra point. On the first possession of the second half it appeared as if Augustana was going to break the game wide open when fullback Shane McCormick broke one up the middle from the 18 and was in the clear. He got caught from behind at the Central 17 and on the next play the Vikings fumbled it away. That seem to change the momentum and the Dutchmen cut the lead to 14-7 with 3:06 to play in the third quarter when Craig Hagen scored on a one yard run. Late in the game Central drove to the Augustana 15 but on third down a halfback pass from Hagen was intercepted by Mike Gray in the end zone to end the threat. The Vikings then ran out the clock and were back in the Stagg Bowl.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Central "Dutchmen"	0	0	7	0	7
Augustana "Vikings"	7	7	0	0	14

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Brad Price 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 8:53 1st
 AUG - Jeff Widdop 1 fumble recovery in end zone (Matt Krull kick) :18 2nd
 CEN - Craig Hagen 1 run (Matt Schulte kick) 3:06 3rd

AUGUSTANA 20, ITHACA 7 on December 14 in Phenix City, Alabama...Brad Price showed his stuff as he ran for 124 yards on 27 carries and the Vikings piled up 263 yards rushing on 73 attempts as the Vikings beat Ithaca 20-7 to win their third straight national title. Shane McCormick scored the first touchdown on a one yard run on the first play of the second quarter that capped a mammoth 21 play, 87 yard drive. The extra point attempt was blocked. On the kickoff the Vikings took Bomber return man Pete Minturn apart at the 23, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Rusty Glendenning. On the next play quarterback Greg Wallace hit Eric Welgat for a 23 yard touchdown to make it 12-0. Early in the fourth quarter Wallace scored from five yards out and then passed to Welgat for the two point conversion. Ithaca got on the board on a 22 yard pass from Mike Middaugh to Bill Lynch with 9:28 left on the game. Kevin Cmiel and Mark Long had interceptions to kill the next two Ithaca drives and secure the victory for the Vikings, the 37th straight dating back to a 14-0 loss to West Georgia in the 1982 Stagg Bowl.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ithaca "Bombers"	0	0	0	7	7
Augustana "Vikings"	0	12	0	8	20

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Shane McCormick 1 run (kick blocked) 14:58 2nd
 AUG - Eric Welgat 23 pass from Greg Wallace (two point conversion failed) 14:46 2nd
 AUG - Greg Wallace 5 run (Eric Welgat pass from Greg Wallace) 12:07 4th
 ITH - Bill Lynch 22 pass from Mike Middaugh (Bob Guerrero kick) 9:28 4th