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Augustana 0, Elmhurst 0 on September 13 in Elmhurst, Illinois...

In a game that to this day has its participants shaking their heads in disbelief, Elmhurst tied the Vikings 0-0 in the 1986 season opener. Augustana was the three time defending national champion, had the nation's longest winning streak at 37 games and had won 49 straight regular season games dating back to October 18, 1980. Played under fairly nice weather conditions - 60 degrees and cloudy skies with a Northeast wind - this score sent shock waves throughout the nation. While not a loss, it did rock the Vikings and almost scuttled the attempt to win four straight national titles. The vaunted rushing attack just could not get anything going against an aroused Elmhurst defense, generating just 135 yards on 47 attempts for the day. Augustana generated just nine first downs and lost the time of possession battle by a wide margin of 33:23 to 26:37. Clearly it was the defense that prevented this from being a loss. While the Vikings struggled to move the ball on the ground, Elmhurst absolutely could not budge the Augustana defense. The Bluejays ended up with just 40 yards rushing on 35 attempts although quarterback Mike Wagner did manage to throw for 111 yards on 13 of 28. Although nobody could predict it at the time, a play early in the game helped salvage the tie. Elmhurst had recovered a fumble on the Vikings first possession and started a drive on the Augustana 11 before the game was three minutes old. On third and seven from the eight, Wagner dropped back to pass but he was sacked for a 12 yard loss by Viking strong safety Dave Torri. That put the ball back on the 21 and the Bluejays had to settle for a 38 yard field goal attempt from Greg Bajhusz. The kick was no good and that was as close as either team would come to scoring.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Viking"	0	0	0	0	0
Elmhurst "Bluejays"	0	0	0	0	0

Augustana 55, North Park 7 on September 20 at Ericson Field...

After the tie against Elmhurst, the Vikings needed to get back on track and North Park paid the price to the tune of a 56-7 thrashing in the home opener. With Brad Price gaining 128 yards on just nine attempts, the rushing game was in high gear. A total of 12 players carried the ball and battered North Park to the tune of 407 yards on 73 attempts. Dennis Fraikes got things started with a five yard touchdown run on the first drive and Bob Guerrieri made it 14-0 on a one yard dive with 4:13 left in the first quarter. After North Park scored on a 20 yard run by Otis Reese to trim the lead to 14-7, Augustana went to the air. Quarterback Kirk Bednar hit Eric Welgat with a 42 yard scoring toss to make it 21-7 as the first quarter ended. After a scoreless second quarter, the Vikings scored 34 points in the second half. Price ripped off a 62 yard run on the first play of the third quarter to make it 28-7. On North Park's next possession cornerback Troy Westerman intercepted a pass from quarterback Steve Cozza and returned it 48 yards for a touchdown. That upped the advantage to 35-7 and the rout was on. The defense intercepted three passes and held North Park to negative 35 yards rushing on 34 attempts. Cozza did throw for 144 yards but he only completed 12 of 32 passes.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Park "Vikings"	7	0	0	0	7
Augustana "Vikings"	21	0	20	14	55

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Dennis Fraikes 5 run (Paul Dunn kick) 10:49 1st
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 1 run (Paul Dunn kick) 4:13 1st
 NPU - Otis Reese 20 run (Kurt Notehelfer kick) 1:47 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 42 pass from Kirk Bednar (Paul Dunn kick) 0:00 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 62 run (kick failed) 14:25 3rd
 AUG - Troy Westerman 48 interception return (Matt Krull kick) 13:31 3rd
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 20 run (Matt Krull kick) 10:45 3rd
 AUG - Trevor Collie 2 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:24 4th
 AUG - Dan Etheridge 2 run (Matt Krull kick) 3:37 4th

Augustana 42, Carroll 7 on September 27 in Waukesha, Wisconsin...

Dennis Fraikes and Brad Price each scored two touchdowns and the Vikings rolled up 353 yards rushing in a 42-7 win over Carroll. In the first quarter Fraikes tallied on runs of 22 and 18 yards to stake his team to a 14-0 lead. Price added a two yard scoring burst midway through the second period to make it 21-0. Carroll got on the board just after Price's score when Greg Sims broke off a 53 yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 21-7. With :42 left before halftime Paul Malitto scored from 17 yards out to make it 28-7 at intermission. Price then returned the opening kickoff of the second half 93 yards for a touchdown and fullback Vince Hellem, who led the team in rushing with 76 yards on 15 attempts, tacked on the final score with a three yard run midway through the third quarter. The Viking defense intercepted six passes thrown by a total of

three Carroll quarterbacks with free safety Mike Gray getting two. Carroll only generated 121 yards of total offense and 53 of those came on the touchdown run by Sims. Take out Sims' run and the Pioneers gained just three yards net rushing on 27 attempts.

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

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Dennis Fraikes 22 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:06 1st
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 18 run (Matt Krull kick) 7:09 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 2 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:59 2nd
 CAR - Greg Sims 53 run (Gustafson kick) 6:50 2nd
 AUG - Paul Malitto 17 run (Matt Krull kick) :42 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 93 kickoff return (Matt Krull kick) 14:44 3rd
 AUG - Vince Hellem 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 4:47 3rd

Augustana 18, Wheaton 17 on October 14 at Ericson Field...

Matt Krull kicked a 20 yard field goal with just six seconds left on the clock to give Augustana a hard fought 18-17 victory over Wheaton before a Parent's Day crowd of 3,000. Krull's kick capped a 44 yard, 10 play drive that included two huge third down conversions by quarterback Greg Wallace. To set the stage, go back to when Wheaton took over on its own 10 with 6:05 left. The Crusaders led 17-13 at the time but three plays resulted in a loss of three yards and on fourth and 13 from his own seven, Wheaton head coach J.R. Bishop elected to take a safety. Quarterback Ernie Frey retreated seven yards and knelt in the end zone. That made it 17-15 Wheaton with 3:09 left in the game. On the ensuing free kick Dennis Fraikes returned the ball 20 yards to the Crusader 48. On third and five from the 43, Wallace kept the ball on an option and gained eight yards to the 35. Three plays later the Vikings faced third and seven from the 32 when Wallace evaded a fierce rush and hit a sliding Eric Welgat for a 19 yard gain to the Wheaton 13. Four plays after that the ball sat at the four and head coach Bob Reade called on Krull to boot the game winner. Augustana took a 7-0 lead when Bob Guerrieri scored on a 15 yard run with 9:22 left in the first quarter. That score was set up when Kevin Cmiel intercepted Frey's pass at the 15 and Guerrieri scored on the next play. The Crusaders got a 44 yard field goal from Ron Rittgers with 3:24 left in the second quarter and then took the lead on a 54 yard hook and ladder play with 2:10 before halftime. Frey hit Rick Benware 24 yards down the field and he lateraled to Keenan Cheung who went the rest of the way untouched to make it 10-7. Early in the fourth quarter Vince Hellem banged in from one yard out but Krull's kick was blocked and Augustana led 13-10. Carlton Beasley's fumble recovery at the three set up that short drive. Wheaton took the lead with 9:55 left when Frey's pass to his intended receiver was broken up but Brad Anthony, who was not in the pattern but was trailing the play, plucked the ball out of mid-air and romped in for a 77 yard touchdown reception. That set up Krull's last second heroics. The Augustana defense was tremendous all day, limiting Wheaton to -37 yards rushing and 215 yards passing. Of those 215 passing yards, however, 131 came on the two scoring plays. The Vikings gained 242 yards rushing with Price leading the way with 89 yards on 27 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Wheaton "Crusaders"	0	10	0	7	17
Augustana "Vikings"	7	0	0	11	18

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Bob Guerrieri 15 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:22 1st
 WHE - Ron Rittgers 44 field goal - 3:24 2nd
 WHE - Ernie Frey 54 yard pass to Rick Benware (24) & Keenan Cheung (30) (Cabral kick) 2:10 2nd
 AUG - Vince Hellem 1 run (kick blocked) 14:50 4th
 WHE - Brad Anthony 77 pass from Ernie Frey (Cabral kick) 9:55 4th
 AUG - Safety, Ernie Frey runs out of end zone 3:09 4th
 AUG - Matt Krull 20 field goal - :06

Augustana 44, Illinois Wesleyan 7 on October 11 in Bloomington, Illinois...

This game was never in doubt as Augustana blitzed the Titans with 37 first half points. The stage was set on the opening kickoff when Wesleyan fumbled and Brian Bateman recovered for the Vikings at the IWU 29. It took just five plays before Shane McCormick scored on a two yard run and the rout was on. Dave Torri intercepted a Doug Moews pass on the next Wesleyan possession and returned it 47 yards for the score to make it 14-0. The Titans got back in the game briefly when Moews hit Ken Anderson with a 51 yard scoring toss late in the first quarter. Augustana drove to the Wesleyan goal line and failed to get in early in the second quarter, turning the ball over on downs. Three plays later, however, Wesleyan botched the center snap and was forced to fall on the ball for a safety to push Augustana's lead

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to 16-7. Troy Westerman returned the free kick 26 yards to the IWU 39 and seven plays later Shane McCormick capped the drive with a three yard run to make it 23-7. Mike Gray intercepted Moews pass on the next Wesleyan drive and returned it to the 47. McCormick scored on a two yard run and the lead was 30-7. Just before halftime Paul Malito scored on an eight yard run to make it 37-7 at intermission. The Vikings rolled up 422 yards of total offense (262 rushing and 160 passing) and held Wesleyan to just 51 yards rushing on 28 attempts. Augustana intercepted Moews three times and also recovered a fumble.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	14	23	0	7	44
Illinois Wesleyan "Titans"	7	0	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Shane McCormick 2 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:53 1st
 AUG - Dave Torri 47 interception return (Matt Krull kick) 10:08 1st
 IWU - Ken Anderson 51 pass from Doug Moews (Barnes kick) 5:36 1st
 AUG - Safety when IWU's Brad Caldwell tackled in end zone 13:27 2nd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 10:11 2nd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 6:14 2nd
 AUG - Paul Malito 8 run (Matt Krull kick) 1:19 2nd
 AUG - Doug Bax 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 2:30 4th

Augustana 49, Carthage 0 on October 18 at Ericson Field – The Vikings scored 28 points in the first quarter and never looked back in trouncing Carthage 49-0 in front of a homecoming crowd of 4,000. The national media was honing in on Augustana at this time and reporters from *New York Newsweek*, the *Dallas Morning News* and *USA Today* were all in the Ericson Field press box to record the events. Troy Westerman set the stage when he returned the opening kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown. Brad Price added a 57 yard scoring run on Augustana's next possession and the third time the Vikings had the ball Greg Wallace went 18 yards on a quarterback keeper to make it 21-0 and 9:51 still remained in the first period. Dennis Fraikes scored on a 70 yard run as the horn sounded ending the first stanza and Augustana was comfortably ahead 28-0. Before the game was over a total of 17 players would carry the football and eight different Vikings scored points. The defense limited Carthage to just 100 yards of total offense (eight yards rushing and 92 passing). The score could have been much worse but the Vikings uncharacteristically lost four fumbles on offense. Brad Price led all rushers with 87 yards on just seven attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Carthage "Redmen"	0	0	0	0	0
Augustana "Vikings"	28	7	7	7	49

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Troy Westerman 87 kickoff return (Matt Krull kick) 14:49 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 57 run (Matt Krull kick) 13:02 1st
 AUG - Greg Wallace 18 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:51 1st
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 70 run (Matt Krull kick) 0:01 1st
 AUG - Tom Kula 25 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 3:49 2nd
 AUG - Shane McCormick 4 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:13 3rd
 AUG - Mike Pigford 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 1:34 4th

Augustana 12, Millikin 2 on October 25 in Decatur, Illinois...In a familiar setting, Augustana and Millikin met with the CCIW title on the line and once again the weatherman did not cooperate. For the third consecutive year these two teams were undefeated and also for the third straight season, it rained almost non-stop. With the field a muddy mess before kickoff this was a game of field position and defense. That was a game plan that Bob Reade-coached teams were always ready for and this was no exception. The Vikings received the opening kickoff and went right to work, driving 62 yards on 16 plays with Brad Price scoring from a yard out. Millikin hurt itself with a roughing the punter penalty early in the drive. The longest play on the drive was a nine yard run by Price. Early in the second quarter defensive end Kurt Kreiter recovered a fumble by the Big Blue's Conrad Givers at the Millikin 27. It took nine plays to go the 27 yards with Shane McCormick sliding over from the two yard line with 4:31 left before halftime. Augustana was unable to convert on either extra point and the score was 12-0 at intermission. In the fourth quarter the Big Blue got close several times but the Viking defense was more than up to the challenge. Millikin recovered an Augustana fumble at the Viking 32 early in the fourth quarter and on second down quarterback John Cardamone hit Mark Zwick with a 15 yard pass for a first down on the 17. Two plays later strong safety Dave Torri intercepted Cardamone at the five to thwart the threat. Augustana could not move the football, however and Paul Dunn was forced to punt from his own end zone. The ball squirted through his hands and was loose in the end zone before Dunn alertly punched it out the back for a safety. With 11:26 left in the game the score was now 12-2. Millikin received the free kick after the safety and a pass and a 15 yard penalty put the ball on the

15 yard line. The Big Blue drove to the three and had first and goal from there. A fumble by fullback Mark Leake was recovered by the Vikings with 8:57 left. The Augustana offense was unable to move the chains and Dunn was called on to punt. He got off a beauty and the ball traveled 43 yards to the 50. Millikin's Marc Daniels returned it five yards to the 45 and the Big Blue took over with 6:32 remaining. Two straight passes fell incomplete and on third down Cardamone's pass was intercepted by Gray at the 30 and returned five yards to the 35. The Vikings again couldn't move the ball and Millikin had one last chance when it took over after a botched center snap on a punt at midfield with 3:45 left. Two running plays resulted in losses of seven yards and two incompletions turned the ball over on downs. Price gained nine yards on a second and 11 play and a 15 yard penalty on Millikin gave the Vikings a first down at the 20 and they were able to run out the clock and preserve the win. Augustana held the Big Blue offense to just 60 yards of total offense, -21 rushing and 81 passing. Price managed to sash his way for 90 yards on 27 attempts to lead the Augustana rushing attack. Kevin Cmiel had two interceptions while Torri and Gray had one apiece.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	6	6	0	0	12
Millikin "Big Blue"	0	0	0	2	2

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Brad Price 1 run (kick failed) 5:39 1st
 AUG - Shane McCormick 2 run (kick failed) 4:31 2nd
 MIL - Safety, ball snapped out of end zone 11:26 4th

Augustana 56, North Central 0 on November 1 at Ericson

Field...Any thoughts of a letdown after the big road victory at Millikin the previous week were quickly dispensed as the Vikings scored 28 points in the first quarter and 42 in the first half en route to an easy 56-0 win over the Cardinals. Played under overcast skies with a stiff breeze from the west, Augustana's special teams and defense set the tone. On the opening kickoff the Vikings held North Central return man Darren Swisher to negative two yards and the Cardinals set up shop at their own 20. On the first play quarterback Marc Browning was sacked for a loss of nine yards, fumbled and the ball was recovered on the 11 by middle guard Brian King. Three plays later Bob Guerrieri bounced over from four yards out for the first touchdown and the rout had begun. King got in the act again when he blocked a North Central punt and recovered it on the 42. It took five plays before Greg Wallace hit Eric Welgat for a 21 yard touchdown to make it 14-0 and the game was barely five minutes old. Brad Price scored on a four yard run with 5:46 left in the first quarter and Paul Malito tallied from three yards out just before the first period ended to make it 28-0. Malito scored on a 35 yard run early in the second stanza and Wallace went over from six yards out just before halftime. Fullbacks Erik Burgwald and Vince Hellem scored on one and two yard runs respectively in the third quarter to finish the offensive outburst. The Vikings ran up 428 yards rushing with Malito leading the way with 114 yards on 12 attempts. The Augustana defense recovered three fumbles and blocked a punt while allowing North Central just 98 yards of total offense (39 rushing and 59 passing).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Central "Cardinals"	0	0	0	0	0
Augustana "Vikings"	28	14	14	0	56

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Bob Guerrieri 4 run (Matt Krull kick) 13:22 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 21 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 9:35 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 4 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:46 1st
 AUG - Paul Malito 3 run (Matt Krull kick) :13 1st
 AUG - Paul Malito 58 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:31 2nd
 AUG - Greg Wallace 6 run (Matt Krull kick) 2:59 2nd
 AUG - Erik Burgwald 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:40 3rd
 AUG - Vince Hellem 2 run (Matt Krull kick) :36 3rd

Augustana 42, MacMurray 6 on November 8 at Ericson

Field...The Vikings showed they were ready for another run at the Stagg Bowl with a convincing 42-6 win over MacMurray in the final regular season game. Brad Price got things started with a one yard run that capped a 12 play, 61 yard drive after the opening kickoff. MacMurray drove to the eight yard line late in the first quarter but Dave Torri recovered a fumble to end the threat. 92 yards and 12 plays later Paul Malito dove into the end zone from a yard out to make it 14-0 early in the second quarter. A 33 yard run by Bob Guerrieri midway through the period made it 21-0 and Dennis Fraikes returned a punt 80 yards for a score to bump the margin up to 28-0 with 6:44 left before halftime. Erik Burgwald made it 35-0 with a six yard run just 1:20 before intermission.

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The lone Viking score in the second half came when Brad Price bounced over from a yard out in the third quarter on a drive set up by Torri's interception and 15 yard return. MacMurray got on the board late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Vic Wildenradt hit Tom King with an 11 yard scoring toss. Augustana rushed for 285 yards on 61 attempts as a team with Guerrieri leading the way with 89 yards on 10 carries. The Viking defense limited the Highlanders to just 62 yards rushing on 29 attempts.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
MacMurray "Highlanders"	0	0	0	6	6
Augustana "Vikings"	7	28	7	0	42

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Brad Price 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 9:05 1st
 AUG - Paul Malito 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:03 2nd
 AUG - Bob Guerrieri 33 run (Matt Krull kick) 7:53 2nd
 AUG - Dennis Fraikes 80 punt return (Matt Krull kick) 6:44 2nd
 AUG - Erik Burgwald 6 run (Matt Krull kick) 1:20 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 4:43 3rd
 MAC - Tom King 11 pass from Vic Wildenradt (pass failed) 2:58 4th

Augustana 34, Hope 10 on November 22 in Holland,

Michigan...This was the Brad Price show as Bob Reade turned his star running back loose and the result was an NCAA Division III playoff record. Price gained 261 yards on just 17 attempts, a whopping 15.4 yards per carry. He scored four touchdowns on runs of 35, 81, 63 and 25 yards and the Hope defense had no answer. After the Dutch took a 3-0 lead on a 40 yard field goal from Doug Cooper, Price went to work. With 7:21 left in the first quarter he swept right and tiptoed down the sideline for a 35 yard score to make it 7-0. Later in the quarter he exploded for an 81 yard touchdown run and the extra point failed so the Vikings led 13-3. In the second quarter he went 63 yards and Mark Lanxon scored the two point conversion to make it 21-3. Defensive end Carlton Beasley intercepted a pass from quarterback Chris Mendels and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown with 4:34 left before halftime. Again the extra point was no good so it was 27-3 at intermission. In the third quarter Price scored on a 25 yard run to make it 34-3. Hope scored in the third quarter to make it 34-10 when Mendels hit Ken Trumble with a 10 yard pass. Augustana rushed for 422 yards on 63 attempts and the defense intercepted five passes with Mike Gray getting three. Beasley and Dave Torri had the others. The Vikings also recovered two fumbles and held Hope to just 53 yards rushing.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	13	14	7	0	34
Hope "Dutchmen"	3	0	7	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

HOPE - Doug Cooper 40 field goal - 9:40 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 35 run (Matt Krull kick) 7:21 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 81 run (kick failed) 4:44 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 63 run (Mark Lanxon run) 7:51 2nd
 AUG - Carlton Beasley 28 pass interception (kick failed) 4:34 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 25 run (Matt Krull kick) 7:11 3rd
 HOPE - Ken Trumble 10 pass from Chris Mendels (Doug Cooper kick) 1:49 3rd

Augustana 16, Mount Union 7 on November 29 in Alliance,

Ohio...In what is certainly one of the best defensive team efforts in Augustana history, the Vikings put a stranglehold on a Mount Union team that was averaging 445.0 yards and 31.1 points per game. Instead, this game belonged to the Augustana defense. With linemen Carlton Beasley, Lynn Thomsen and Brian King each recording seven tackles, Mount Union quarterback Scott Gindlesberger was under constant pressure. King, Beasley and linebacker Mike Ricketts, who led all tacklers with eight, all had two quarterback sacks. Mike Gray intercepted two passes and Kevin Cmiel one. The secondary recorded a total of seven pass breakups and Gindlesberger was limited to just 149 yards passing on 11 of 27. The Purple Raiders only gained a net of 21 yards rushing for a total offense of just 170 yards, way less than half their season average. In the second half Mount Union ran just 24 plays for a total of 68 yards as Augustana completely shut things down. The Purple Raiders took a 7-0 lead on a 15 yard pass from Gindlesberger to Bill Eyer early in the second quarter. The Vikings tied the game on a one yard run by Brad Price with just :33 left before halftime. In the second half Matt Krull, who had missed two extra points a week earlier, kicked three field goals after Augustana drives stalled inside the 20. Price gained 110 yards on 27 attempts and quarterback Greg Wallace completed seven of 12 passes for 110 yards with five of those receptions going to Eric Welgat for 90 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Augustana "Vikings"	0	7	3	6	16
Mount Union "Purple Raiders"	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

MUC - Bill Eyer 15 pass from Scott Gindlesberger (Mike Bottger kick) 9:42 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 1 run (Matt Krull kick) :33 2nd
 AUG - Matt Krull 29 run - 3:22 3rd
 AUG - Matt Krull 22 field goal - 10:49 4th
 AUG - Matt Krull 20 field goal - 6:03 4th

Augustana 41, Concordia 7 on December 6 at Rock Island Public Schools Stadium...

On the Quad City television stations the night before the game Concordia head coach Jim Christopherson commented that he thought the Vikings were "a little suspect at the corners on defense". Augustana senior Troy Westerman, who was a three year starter at cornerback, took offense at the remark and made the Cobbers pay. He returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. After the defense stopped Concordia on its first possession he then returned a punt 29 yards to the Cobber 30 to set up Brad Price's one yard run that made it 14-0. The defense stopped Concordia again and Westerman returned this punt 45 yards to the 10. Two plays later Price sliced off right tackle to make it 21-0. The game was less than seven minutes old and the Vikings had effectively stamped their ticket to a fifth straight Stagg Bowl. Westerman had touched the football three times and had accounted for 159 yards. He would end up the game with six total tackles (four solo, two assists), one tackle for loss and one pass interception. Augustana led 41-0 at halftime as Greg Wallace hit Eric Welgat with a pair of scoring tosses and Dave Torri returned an interception 34 yards for a score. The defense allowed just eight yards rushing and punished quarterback Dan Paladichuk all day long.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Concordia "Cobbers"	0	0	0	7	7
Augustana "Vikings"	27	14	0	0	41

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Troy Westerman 85 kickoff return (Matt Krull kick) 14:46 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 1 run (Matt Krull kick) 11:11 1st
 AUG - Brad Price 5 run (Matt Krull kick) 8:10 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 11 pass from Greg Wallace (kick failed) :01 1st
 AUG - Eric Welgat 19 pass from Greg Wallace (Matt Krull kick) 11:08 2nd
 AUG - Dave Torri 34 pass interception (Matt Krull kick) 4:35 2nd
 CON - Terry Horan 24 pass from Dan Paladichuk (Rob Ertle kick) 12:31 4th

AUGUSTANA 31, SALISBURY STATE 3 on December 13 in Phenix

City, Alabama...Brad Price set a Stagg Bowl record with 169 yards rushing on 32 attempts as Augustana won its fourth straight national title with a convincing 31-3 win over Salisbury State. He scored three touchdowns as the Vikings rolled up 371 yards rushing on 75 attempts. After a scoreless first quarter Price started the scoring with a three yard run early in the second period. Erik Burgwald made it 14-0 with 5:17 left before halftime when he powered over from three yards away. Salisbury scored its only points of the game on a 26 yard field goal from Frank Maurer just :31 in front of intermission. Price scored on a four yard run with 3:39 left in the third quarter to bump the advantage to 21-3. A Matt Krull field goal of 31 yards made it 24-3 with 6:08 to play in the game and Price finished things off with a three yard touchdown run with 4:25 remaining. The Augustana defense held Salisbury's Mike Coppa, who came into the game with over 1,600 yards rushing, to just 48 yards on 13 attempts. The Seagulls quarterback, Stan White, completed just six of 22 passes for 102 yards. Viking free safety Mike Gray intercepted three passes and cornerback Kevin Cmiel picked off one.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Salisbury State "Seagulls"	0	3	0	0	3
Augustana "Vikings"	0	14	7	10	31

SCORING SUMMARY

AUG - Brad Price 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 12:14 2nd
 AUG - Erik Burgwald 3 run (Matt Krull kick) 5:17 2nd
 AUG - Frank Maurer 26 field goal - :31 2nd
 AUG - Brad Price 4 run (Matt Krull kick) 3:39 3rd
 AUG - Matt Krull 31 field goal - 6:08 4th
 AUG - Brad Price 9 run (Matt Krull kick) 4:25 4th