

# BEAT DEPAUW!

Why this headline? In many classic issues of *The Bachelor*, stemming back to the 1930s and 40s, every issue previewing the Wabash-DePauw football game was titled “Beat DePauw” or “Smash DePauw.”

## Exploding economics of the Bell game

Part 3 in a series: Athletics off the field

COOPER E. SMITH '23 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Like all major sports showdowns, the Monon Bell Classic may seem to be a major moneymaker for the host. With thousands of spectators traveling for a Division III rivalry, how could the Bell game not represent a boon to each school? The answer: the exploding costs of everything it takes to make the Bell game happen.

Global economic and supply chain pressures have caused the cost of the Bell game to skyrocket for whichever school is hosting. Far from a money-maker, the Bell game brings a host of ever-increasing expenses. Whether seating, security or porta potties, the already-costly Bell game is only becoming costlier.

DePauw recently came under fire from Wabash students for raising ticket prices for this year’s Monon Bell Classic from \$20 to \$35. On our campus, there have been endless jabs and jokes at DePauw’s expense. We at *The Bachelor* even ran an editorial cartoon mocking this phenomenon of “Danny-flation.”

But there’s more to the story. DePauw’s Director of Athletics and Recreational Sports Stevie Baker-Watson explained the economic pressures facing DePauw—and Wabash—as they prepare for the 128th Monon Bell Classic.

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## 128th Monon Bell Classic: Conference title on the line



Wabash and DePauw face off at the line of scrimmage at the 127th Monon Bell Classic in November 2021 at Little Giant Stadium in Crawfordsville.

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • When DePauw joined the North Coast Athletic Conference in 2011, many hoped for—and some dreaded—the tantalizing prospect of a conference-deciding Monon Bell game. And that is exactly what is lined up for the 128th running of the Monon Bell Classic. When Wabash travels to DePauw’s Blackstock Stadium on November 12, it will be for more than just pride, honor and a 300-pound railroad bell. This year, it will determine the conference title.

Wabash and DePauw will enter this game tied in the NCAC standings. With both teams boasting 6-1 conference records, this year’s Bell game takes on a whole extra layer of meaning. The victorious team will not only win bragging rights, but it will also secure the conference championship title and a place in the NCAA Tournament.

But for Head Football Coach Don Morel, the talk of NCAA playoffs is premature. This team’s aim first and foremost is—and always has been—to win the Bell game, conference-deciding or not.

“Nothing has changed,” said Morel. “I keep hearing ‘this is a big game,’ ‘you win it, you win a conference championship,’ ‘you go to the playoffs,’ but none of our players have mentioned any of that. In my first year as head coach in 2016, we lost to DePauw. But that day we also lost the conference championship and a trip to the playoffs. Nobody ever mentioned that—we just lost the Bell.”

As always, this year’s DePauw team will be a fierce opponent. The Tigers have an impressive 8-1 overall record that includes four shutout victories. In nine games, DePauw has put up 351 points on their opponents, averaging 39 points per game while allowing just 113.

The Little Giants defense will need to step up if they hope to overcome such a powerful offensive unit. It is no secret that the Little Giants’ struggles this season have been on the defensive side of the line of scrimmage. The team has allowed 41 touchdowns and an average of 32.2 points per game. Wabash’s defense, led since January 2022 by new Defensive Coordinator Mike Ridings, has looked porous at the best of times, especially on run defense.

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## Feature: Why do we call DePauw men ‘Dannies’?

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • Of all the jeering and derogatory terms we here at Wabash use for the “school down south,” the word “Dannies” is the one that has always fascinated me the most. Sure, both “Dannies” and the school-that-shall-not-be-named both begin with the letter D; but beyond that, the etymology of the word isn’t immediately obvious.

Well, it turns out that I am not the only one who has been lured into the trap of trying to figure out where the term comes from. And, in classic Wabash fashion, it really is a trap, for there appears to be no real record of its origin. Try as archivists and Wabash enthusiasts alike might, nobody as yet has been able to trace Dannies back to its root.

Let’s begin with what we do know. The first recorded use of the term appears in a 1956 issue of *The Bachelor*. Reporting on a Wabash-DePauw basketball game, John Pence '58 wrote that “by the end of the first 20 minutes of play, the ‘Dannies’ had maintained their 14-point lead with a halftime advantage of 50-36.”

It didn’t take long for the term to catch on in print. By November 1957, Bill McPherson '60, also writing for *The Bachelor*, was bold enough to include “Dannies” in his satirical DePauw fight song:

We are the Dannies,  
We have no spine,  
But we shall meet that  
Old Wabash line.  
If they should falter,  
That would be fine—  
But our backfield are  
Dannies, too.

What’s more, according to research conducted by Mike Warren '93, a “Danny” flyer

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## News Analysis: Early winners and losers of the midterm elections

TIERNAN DORAN '26 | STAFF WRITER • Rather than a referendum on President Joe Biden, Tuesday’s midterms seem to be a commentary on former President Donald Trump’s legacy in the Republican Party. Votes are still being counted, races are yet to be called and the Georgia Senate race is going to a runoff election. Despite a sea of unknowns, a few things have been made very clear.

**There was no red wave.** The red wave that many Republicans predicted would carry them to power in Congress was a no-show. Democrats seem to have held their own, and while it’s likely they will be demoted to a minority in the House, the Senate is still neck-and-neck. Democrats managed several wins in swing districts, including North Carolina’s 13th Congressional District, where Democrat Wiley Nickel beat out Trump-endorsed MAGA-Republican Bo Hines. Despite last minute polls showing Republican momentum, longtime Democratic strategist Simon Rosenberg predicted the lack of a red wave, pointing to an influx of Republican sponsored polls moving the polling average.

**Pennsylvania was a big win for Democrats.** Money can’t buy you love, or, in the case of Dr. Oz, a Senate seat, as he was defeated by Democratic Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman in the most expensive Senate race in the country. Oz wasn’t the only Trump-endorsed candidate to lose in Pennsylvania on Tuesday. Trump-backed Republican Doug

Mastriano lost the Pennsylvania Governor’s race to Democrat Josh Shapiro. This bears some significance because Pennsylvania is a battleground state in presidential elections. The Pennsylvania governor appoints the head of elections for the state, and Shapiro beat out an election denier. This seems to be a trend.



Senator-elect John Fetterman (D-PA)

**Election denying isn’t a great way to win elections.** Mastriano wasn’t the only election denier who lost out on Tuesday. Many Republican candidates who publicly supported Trump’s false claim that the 2020 election was stolen, including Tim Michels in Wisconsin, Tudor Dixon in Michigan, Dan Cox in Maryland and Darren Bailey in Illinois all lost their respective races on Tuesday. All of these candidates were endorsed by Trump. More on that later.

**Abortion rights won the midterms.** Though these midterm election results have seemed a bit of a toss-up for both Republicans and Democrats, abortion rights emerged as a clear victor. Voters in California, Vermont and Michigan approved, by large margins, ballot measures to

amend each state’s constitution to protect abortion rights. Michigan voters also favored incumbent Democrat Governor Gretchen Whitmer in her race against Republican Tudor Dixon. Whitmer ran on a platform that included a pledge to defend abortion access. Even in red Kentucky, voters rejected a proposal that would take away the right to an abortion in Kentucky. Republicans vastly underestimated the importance of abortion rights going into the midterms, banking on rising inflation and crime rates to get them into power.

**Far right candidates still hold sway.** A narrow Republican majority would give more power to extreme groups, such as Marjorie Taylor Green’s Freedom Caucus. Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, the favorite to become the next Speaker of the House, would have to contend with the power of the Freedom Caucus in order to obtain necessary votes. Greene and her group would have the ability to hold out on their support of Republican leadership in order to gain leverage to follow more extreme platforms.

**The stars of the Democratic party are changing.** Two former darlings of the Democratic Party, Stacy Abrams and Beto O’Rourke, suffered defeats on Tuesday. O’Rourke lost his challenge to Texas Governor Greg Abbott, marking the third time in a row he lost his elections. After three strikes, it’s difficult to imagine O’Rourke harvesting enough good will with his constituency to run again any

time soon. Stacey Abrams lost the Georgia governor’s race once again, failing to replicate the momentum she generated the first time around. After two strikes, it’s hard to see a viable path forward politically for Abrams. In the future, look to candidates like Josh Shapiro and Gretchen Whitmer to lead the Democratic Party. Shapiro carried himself as a charismatic and appealing candidate who appealed to voters in his swing state. Whitmer, who was a potential vice-presidential pick for Joe Biden in 2020, proved herself to be a strong force as she won a nearly 10-point victory over Tudor Dixon.

**It was a tough night for former President Donald Trump.** A number of the candidates that he had endorsed failed to win their respective elections, meanwhile two Republicans who had publicly drawn ire from Trump, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, won their reelection bids. Trump is getting visibly punchy as his influence on the Republican Party continues to slip, seemingly caring more about his own political career than the trajectory of the Republican Party as a whole. Trump went so far as to gloat when a Republican with whom he disagreed lost a Senate race, writing on his social media platform “Joe O’Dea lost BIG! MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!” Trump has also made disparaging comments about Florida Governor DeSantis, saying that DeSantis “could hurt himself very badly,” if he runs for president in 2024. Despite

his posturing and teasing of a 2024 run, it seems that his era may have come to an end. Tuesday demonstrates Trump’s fall from Republican kingmaker to court jester. If Republicans want a more successful future in American politics they need to leave Trump behind.

**Desantis is the way forward for the Republican Party.** While a generally disappointing night for Republicans, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis proved himself to be a formidable force, winning a second term and crushing Democratic challenger Charlie Crist by upwards of 20 points. DeSantis’ landslide victory, which he called a “win for the ages,” fuels speculation of a possible 2024 presidential run, with many Republicans viewing him as a better alternative to former President Donald Trump. DeSantis seems to be more palatable to voters, and, unlike Trump, has actually managed to win more than one election. DeSantis is notable for his harsh rebukes of Democratic social policies, calling Florida the state where “woke goes to die.” DeSantis’ appeal will likely bank on him convincing voters that he can do nationally what he’s done in Florida.



Fla. Governor Ron DeSantis (R)





Liam Thompson '24

## Previewing the 128th Monon Bell Classic

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comeback in last year’s Bell game at Little Giant Stadium. Down 21-0 at the end of the first quarter, the Wabash team lived by their mantra and fought back to win 42-35. It was a day that typified the magic of the Monon Bell and cast memories that players and fans alike will always remember.

“For our alumni, the game is a chance to reflect on tradition and history,” said Morel. “It’s a chance to think back to their Monon Bell experiences. And for our students, whether they’re football players or not, it’s a chance to have fun and experience it all.”

But the last time the Little Giants traveled to Greencastle, it wasn’t such a magical day for the Little Giants. Wabash will want to avoid a repeat of the events of 2019 when, at DePauw’s Blackstock Stadium, the Tigers emerged victorious. With Wabash up 13-10, DePauw’s quarterback Chase Andries connected on a 62-yard pass to Gavin Ritter in the final minute to win the game for the Tigers.

“I heard stories from the seniors that were there in 2019,” said linebacker Joe Rios ’24, who travels to Blackstock for the first time this week. “You can’t let the pressure get to you. At the end of the day, it’s just another game of football.”

Since the last Bell game at Blackstock, Wabash’s star quarterback Liam Thompson ’24 has done nothing but improve. Thompson’s stats speak for themselves. In his nine games played this season, he has thrown 227 passes for 3,353 yards—that’s almost a thousand more than Ryan O’Leary, the NCAC’s second-most prolific quarterback.

Thompson has won two NCAC Offensive Player of the Week awards in 2022, and, earlier this season against Hiram, broke the Wabash single-game record for passing touchdowns.

Thompson may be one the best—if not the best—quarterbacks in DIII, but he is helped all the way by Wabash’s exemplary receiving corps. Wide receivers Derek Allen Jr. ’24 and Cooper Sullivan ’24 lead the team for receiving yards with 849 and 709 respectively. Running back Penn Stoller ’24 also lead the team for receiving touchdowns with eight on the year so far. It will be critical for Allen, Sullivan and Stoller to fire on all cylinders this weekend to combat DePauw’s fiery defense.

“Just like every week, we’re planning to go in on Saturday and take care of business,” said Sullivan. “We’re gonna play our tails off and play to the best of our abilities, whatever the outcome is. We know we have the capability to go in there and come out with a W, so that’s the plan.”

Wabash has also had a successful year so far on the ground. Running back Donovan Snyder ’24 has rushed for a net total 589 yards and scored 11 rushing touchdowns. Quarterback Thompson has also demonstrated his prowess in the run game, averaging 4.8 yards per carry and scoring seven rushing touchdowns.

The Little Giants have the talent—there is no doubt about it. But the Bell game always brings about the unexpected. That is part of the reason it is such a time-honored tradition of this campus. It will be imperative, then, for the players to see past the noise.

“There will be more fans at this game than most DIII players will see in a career combined,” said Morel. “So, it’s about handling the moment. Yes, Wabash is a slog—it’s tough here—but Bell week gives every student a chance to celebrate and just have some fun.”



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

## Thompson looks to finish immaculate season with Bell game victory

BENNETT STRAIN ’26 | SPORTS WRITER • Liam Thompson ’24 has been historically good this year, putting together an offensive season to rival quarterbacks in Division I. With more than 3600 total yards and 39 touchdowns, Thompson is arguably the best in Division III. He hasn’t always been the best in DIII, but his learning curve has been narrowed, especially in the past two years.

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-Liam Thompson ’24

“I think my first two years here I definitely made some mistakes, trying to force things that just really weren’t there,” said Thompson. “And this year, Coach has done a really good job with me



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on the mental side of things, just trying to slow me down and let the game come to me more. Not trying to make plays that aren’t there.”

“The game has slowed down for him, concepts have become clearer. I don’t think he thinks anymore,” said Head Football Coach Don Morel. “He thinks conceptually—like we’re trying to stretch this team, horizontally or vertically or whatever. I think he thinks in terms of concepts, which is really what you want.” Two weeks ago against Hiram, Liam Thompson broke the Wabash passing touchdown record held by Matt Hudson ’10 and Jake Knott ’03, throwing for seven touchdowns and accounting for 447 yards of total offense in three quarters. This isn’t the first of Knott’s records that Thompson has broken and it will not be the last.

“I will enjoy watching any of our records fall with a smile on my face and a fondness in my heart as it takes me back to an incredible four years of my life.”

Knott said. “I would say and have said to Liam ‘Go break them all.’”

Thompson’s finest moment was leading the Little Giants back from a 21-0 deficit in last year’s Monon Bell Classic in the final three quarters. But this year’s team is not resting on the laurels of his incredible performance last year.

Thompson says the team is treating this like any other game this year, ensuring that they go through film, meetings and practice like every other game. But they recognize that this game has a special element, especially for the new members of the team.

“I think it’s important to get out there on the field early and just take it all in and really lock into the game itself, try to block out all those outside factors. Just trying to approach it like another week,” said Thompson.

This year’s Bell game will be another battle for the ages. With Thompson at the helm, Wabash knows that it can make up for any deficit, even 21-0.

## In conversation with Coach Morel

RYAN PAPANDRIA ’26 | SPORTS WRITER • The week that every Wabash student, alumnus and professor has circled on their calendar is finally here: Bell week. But perhaps no one on campus has Saturday, November 12 circled quite as largely and darkly as Head Football Coach Don Morel. His team currently holds a 7-2 (6-1 NCAC) record on the year and boasts the second best offense in all of Division III. Yet to him, none of that matters quite as much as the 300-pound red and gold hunk of metal that is the Monon Bell.

Each season, Morel sets out the same three goals for his team: win the Bell game, make the playoffs and win a national championship. This year, the first two are interconnected. Beating DePauw on Saturday will secure the Little Giants’ place in the NCAA Tournament, adding to the pressure of an already-tense matchup.

Morel’s philosophy on how to win is simple: “it’s just like every other game.” And Morel is true to his word. In the team’s preparations this week, there have been no major changes to the practice schedule, no overly-intense workouts and no hyper-sensationalizing the opponent. Instead, Morel has emphasized locking in exactly what the team always does. “We lifted weights at 5:30 in the morning, we had meetings at noon and we had practice in the afternoon,” said Morel. “We’ve been doing the same thing all year, and we’re doing it the exact same way this week.” Morel hears all the time how good his offense has been this season—and it is certainly true that the Little Giants have put up a lot of points on their opponents. But he also knows that DePauw is not the type of team to be intimidated by Wabash’s impressive scoring record. “It’s going to be a really good defense versus a really, really good offense,” said Morel. “They are the number one or number two team in the conference defensively, depending on how you look at it.”

On the other side of the ball, Morel recognizes that the Wabash defense will be stretched to its limits. One particular area Morel wants to ensure his Little Giants focus on this weekend is DePauw’s strong run game.

“Offensively, they have the mindset to run the ball like no one we have faced all year,” said Morel. “They have excellent players both out wide and through the run game.”

Morel hopes this game will not need the drama of the last. The 2021 Bell game was quite the spectacle; with Wabash down 21-0 at the end of the first quarter. And it took a miracle comeback, pioneered by quarterback Liam Thompson ’21, to seal the victory. Yet Morel envisions a very different game this year, one where consistency and steadiness will be the key to progress.

“For the fans, I think they are going to see a really well-played football game between two fine teams,” said Morel.

“Great teams have the ability not to get bored with consistency, and both these teams get up, lift, practice and repeat. We won’t be anything different this week.”

This year’s game will be played at DePauw’s Blackstock Stadium, the first Bell game in Greencastle since 2019. For many players on the Wabash team, it will be their first time at Blackstock, where they will be met by thousands of hostile Dannies. For Coach Morel, though, playing in Greencastle isn’t a worry. “It’s actually easier playing the away game because you don’t get the distraction of building the bleachers,” said Morel. “The last time we were there, the fans were pretty hostile. So, I hope our guys behave accordingly and have a good time.”

Coach Morel’s Monon Bell record sits at 3-2 ahead of this year’s edition. A win

would also secure Wabash’s first NCAC title and playoff berth since 2019. But that doesn’t matter to Morel. The only thing he cares about Saturday is beating the Dannies and securing the Bell for another revolution around the Sun.

A lot of people may wonder what a head coach might say to his team right before they take the field for one of the biggest games, if not the biggest game, of the season. And certainly, there are plenty of coaches that would plan a huge, theatrical, motivational speech. But not Don Morel.

“I honestly have no idea what I’m going to say,” said Morel.

Whether it be about Monon Magic, Chick-fil-a or something totally crazy, we can be sure that Morel will get his team ready to take the field and smash the Dannies on Saturday.



Head Football Coach Don Morel

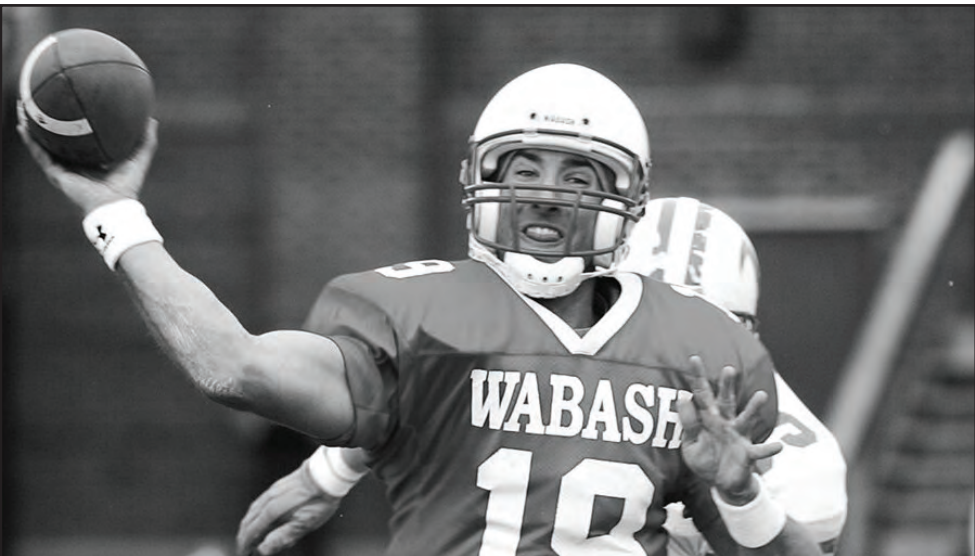


Head Football Coach Don Morel



# A letter to the Wabash football team

## Jake Knott ’03



Jake Knott ’03

This weekend, you will participate in the greatest tradition of our College. You are facing a formidable opponent in DePauw; anybody who says otherwise likely never played in a Bell game. Many this week will tell you that it’s only about whether you win or lose. In some ways it is, but there is much more to come from your few hours on the field. Those lessons will become part of who you are and part of who we are. The price you pay, or credit received, for stepping in the arena.

“Give ‘em hell and then some.”  
-Jake Knott ’03

You will learn how much your Wabash community cares about you. The notes, calls (probably texts now) and words of encouragement throughout the week will be proof of our unwavering support, one of the reasons you may have chosen to attend Wabash. Hopefully you are fortunate to play in four Bell games, but perhaps this is your last. As you step onto the field each year for this game, it becomes much less about hating those in front of you and much more about the love and respect for those behind you. You will learn how to deal with adversity. Though there are the fortunate few who win all four years, most of us have been on both sides of the result. Losing hurts, but I assure you that the world will not end. Like many events in your Wabash career, you will have an opportunity to fight back, try again and see if you and your teammates have it in you. You will learn about the importance of preparation. When it gets tough on Saturday, as the 100+ year history suggests at some moment it will, you will

meet squarely and face-to-face with the level of your training. Whether in the lab, the classroom, Mud Hollow or the field, Wabash prepares you to be ready and to execute when called upon. Sometime on Saturday, a teammate or coach will look you in the eye and you’ll realize they are depending on you, and you on them. In the future, it could be leading the big case, running a large firm, supporting your community, or possibly starting your own company. Experiences and lessons learned throughout your Wabash tenure will be often reapplied later in your life. But my favorite part about Bell game is that we get to find out who can really play, who can really handle it. Who was willing to spend hours by themselves over the summer in some empty field or weight room while no one watched to prepare for this moment? And importantly, who has full trust and belief in their teammates and coaches? Those who embrace the moment, and have prepared for it, have the opportunity to become part of Monon Bell lore.

“Have fun Saturday. Turn it absolutely loose. There is no reason it couldn’t be one of the best days of your college career, but you won’t be able to do it alone.”  
-Jake Knott ’03

Saturday could become this generation’s Mud Bowl, The Catch, or 47-0. Maybe it will snow and a late fourth quarter drive with the game’s only touchdown will win it. Maybe the smallest guy on the team will play the biggest, return the opening kickoff for

a score and never look back. Maybe a late field goal will push Wabash ahead and the crowd will storm the field. A QB sneak on our own 18-yard line, a freshman blocking his first punt, a four-year journeyman with a huge sack, or a well-timed stiff arm that brings a silenced crowd to its feet for the rest of the afternoon... You’ll get your ass knocked down, but we get back up. Our first term paper, first semester grades or the first depth chart, we fight back. Wabash isn’t different because it’s all-male. It’s different because it’s hard. Unique because of those of us who choose to take on the challenge. Saturday is the same. You know what’s on the line and the treasured prize for those willing to those willing to take the risk. So take it all in. The smells, the sights and sounds, find your parents or roommates in the crowd before the kick. The four Bell Game Saturdays will be days you never forget. Many will wish you luck this week, but I won’t. Luck wasn’t there at the 6 a.m. workouts in January. Luck didn’t drive two hours on Saturdays in the summer to throw with your receivers. Luck didn’t keep the defense in the film room an extra hour looking for that extra edge. And luck didn’t practice the same play every Friday just in case the game situation called for it. Have fun Saturday. Turn it absolutely loose. There is no reason it couldn’t be one of the best days of your college career, but you won’t be able to do it alone. During my favorite day in the fall, it’s not always a helping hand you might need; sometimes it’s just a little extra tip. Give ‘em hell and then some.



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Jake Knott ’03 and Ryan Short ’03 celebrate after “The Catch.”

# Exploding economics of the Bell game

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The cost of expanded bleachers is staggering, and it continues to rise. In 2019, the last time the Bell game was played in Greencastle, DePauw paid around \$86,000 for its visitor bleachers setup, labor included. This year, for the similar setup, DePauw paid \$310,000—over a 360% increase. “When I think about the expenses directly connected to the bleacher setups, there’s a lot of things that go into that costs that are cumulative,” said Baker-Watson. “You’ve got an increase in the cost of the materials. You’ve got an increase in the cost to get the materials to us. You’ve got an increase in the labor to actually put up the materials.” Security costs similarly represent a hefty fee. Baker-Watson explained that hourly rates for DePauw’s security staff have increased between 25 and 30%. The increased bleacher and security costs were the driving factor in DePauw’s decision to increase ticket prices. But even with the slight increase, DePauw will still likely operate the Bell game in the red. “The increase in ticket cost was to cover those additional expenses,” said Baker-Watson. “Still, if folks did the math right now, they would say ‘yeah, their expenses are gonna outpace their revenues, for sure.’”

“In the last 10 years... when we have hosted, we have come very close to balancing our revenues and expenses...But that is not it is not what we are expecting right now.”  
-Stevie Baker-Watson

This is not a DePauw problem; both schools are facing skyrocketing costs. Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness Matt Tanney explained that

a typical Bell game held at Wabash can reach around \$250,000 in net expenses. “Next year, when we host, that number could be \$350,000 or \$400,000,” said Tanney. “Costs have absolutely gone up since 2020.” Bleachers and security similarly represent some of the driving factors for the increase for Wabash as well. According to Tanney, Wabash typically hires two tiers of security for the Bell game: uniformed law enforcement and typical “yellow-jacket-type” security personnel. Both enjoy “fairly reasonable” hourly rates, which have increased in previous years, as at DePauw. Porta potties also represent a significant cost. Last year, Wabash paid \$4,000-\$8,000, a significant decrease from previous years thanks to the completion of Little Giant Stadium in 2021. The pandemic has exacerbated earlier pressures. Though the Monon Bell Classic has rarely been a moneymaker, both schools have typically come close to breaking even. “In the last 10 years that I have been here, when we have hosted, we have come very close to balancing our revenues and expenses,” said Baker-Watson. “It hasn’t been terrible. Sometimes you’re in the red a couple thousand dollars, sometimes you’re in the black a couple thousand dollars. But that is not it is not what we are expecting right now.”

Many of these costs, particularly the staffing costs, show no sign of decreasing in the near future. “I don’t think that we are going to find ways to go back on some of these costs,” said Baker-Watson. “Since we’re paying our safety, law enforcement and security personnel an increased hourly rate, we would have a hard time to come back and... go back to that pricing that we had three or five years ago. I don’t think we’re gonna go back that way.” These personnel costs seem uniquely sticky, and unlikely to decrease regardless of broader economic trends. “Will some of those costs go back

# Papandria: NCAC football power rankings

RYAN PAPANDRIA ’25 | SPORTS WRITER •  
**1. Wabash Little Giants (7-2, 6-1 NCAC)**  
Wabash thumped Kenyon 49-25 in a nice tune-up game for the biggest game on the schedule: the Monon Bell Classic. Wabash travels to Greencastle this weekend with plans to retain the Bell for another 365 days. Ding Ding.  
**2. DePauw Tigers (8-1, 6-1 NCAC)**  
The “School Down South” showed how classless they truly are last weekend when they showed no mercy to Oberlin, pounding them 72-0. The Bell-less Tigers host the win-or-go-home matchup against Wabash, ultimately deciding who goes to the playoffs this year.  
**3. Denison Big Red (7-2, 5-2 NCAC)**  
Denison’s outside NCAC title hopes are officially gone. Regardless, they are finishing the season strong and pulled off a convincing win last week on Wooster’s own turf. They host 3-6 Kenyon this week for their season finale.  
**4. Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops (5-4, 5-2 NCAC)**  
Ohio Wesleyan held off a late comeback attempt against below-average Wittenberg last week, sliding them to fourth in the power rankings. The inconsistencies have plagued the Battling Bishops all season. Now, all they can do is look forward to making a push for the NCAC crown next season.  
**5. Wooster Fighting Scots (5-4, 3-4 NCAC)**  
Wooster’s three-game win streak came to an end with a loss to Denison 28-14. This week, to finish off the average Wooster season, they face bottom-dwelling Oberlin to likely finish the season 6-4.  
**6. Wittenberg Tigers (4-5, 4-4 NCAC)**  
Disappointment after disappointment for the Tigers. They are currently on a three-game skid after their loss to OWU, but face everyone’s favorite placemat this weekend: the winless Hilbert College.  
**7. Kenyon Owls (3-6, 2-5 NCAC)**  
There was no expectation that Kenyon would give Wabash much of a challenge, and thus there was no surprise when the Owls lost by 24. A date with the Big Red gives Kenyon a prime opportunity to finish the season strong with an upset win.  
**8. Hiram Terriers (2-7, 1-6 NCAC)**  
Hiram is finishing the season surpassing any and all expectations they had coming into 2022. Finishing eighth instead of ninth in the conference and finding their second win of the season against none other than Hilbert College is a dream come true for the Terriers’ program.  
**9. Oberlin Yeomen (0-9, 0-7 NCAC)**  
In the wise words of Marshall Mathers: “You only got one shot, do not miss your chance to blow. This opportunity comes once in a lifetime.” This quote was naturally referring to the one chance that Oberlin has at winning a game this year. They host Wooster to close out what has been a thoroughly miserable season for the Yeomen.



THE WABASH CROWD CHEERS ON THE LITTLE GIANTS AT THE 127TH MONON BELL CLASSIC IN NOVEMBER 2021 AT LITTLE GIANT STADIUM IN CRAWFORDSVILLE. PREPARING FOR SUCH A CROWDED EVENT REQUIRES HIGH EXPENSES AND COORDINATION FROM THE HOSTING SCHOOL, AND PANDEMIC ECONOMIC PRESSURES HAVE CAUSED COSTS TO SKYROCKET.

down? Sure,” said Baker-Watson. “Increases due to gasoline prices or shipping costs, those might return. Gas prices might go down, so delivery costs are gonna go down. But again, I don’t know that anyone is going to go backwards on personnel costs. If they’re paying somebody \$20 an hour to erect a bleacher for us, I don’t know that they could go back to 15, 18 or whatever they were charging in the past.” As for financing student tickets to the Bell game, Wabash and DePauw employ different approaches—not from the administrations, but from the student governments. Both schools allow their students to attend the game for free during hosting years. But the difference lies when the other school hosts. The Wabash Student Senate typically buys tickets for students when the game is in Greencastle. Though the DePauw student government occasionally subsidizes ticket

prices for Bell games in Crawfordsville, it rarely-if ever-buys tickets for the student body. Whether at Wabash or DePauw, the Bell game represents a costly, coordinated effort that takes months of preparation. Exploding costs are but one of the factors shaping Wabash preparations for 2023. “We start preparations for the Bell Game six to eight months in advance, given all of the moving pieces,” said Tanney. “We’re already thinking about how the 2023 version will look here on campus. The logistics and scale of the game requires it.”



# Threat assessment: Profiling the Tigers

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The DePauw Tigers football team enters the 128th Monon Bell Classic with only one loss to Wittenberg in an excellent season that rivals their conference title winning effort from 2021. They come in with an offense that has truly dominated their opponents, outscoring them more than three-to-one, and a defense that has held NCAC opponents to just 14 points per game and shut out three of them. Save for best-in-Division III North Central, DePauw represents the Little Giants’ toughest test yet.

DePauw has faced injury issues at the quarterback position this year, with Wally (God, that’s ironic) Renie sustaining an injury early in October before returning last week in DePauw’s game against Oberlin. Previously filling in for him was sophomore Nathan Cahill, who could potentially see some time in the Bell game. But Renie returned, and he lit up Oberlin for three touchdowns in ten passing attempts before he was pulled. Renie is prolific with his legs and is more than capable with his arm.

No matter who plays quarterback for the Dannies this weekend, the story for DePauw’s electric offense is its rushing attack, which presents three rushers with more than 300 season yards: Gus Baumgartner, Drew Moore, and Renie (yes, the quarterback). DePauw runs the ball more than 44 times a game on average, and 16 players have rushed the ball for the Tigers—six of whom have more than 100 yards rushing. The most shocking stat of all is that



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

**The Wabash defense tackles a DePauw rusher during the 2021 Bell game. This year, the Wabash defense will need to find a way to stop DePauw’s rushing attack, which is the best in the conference.**

DePauw’s offense has more rushing yards than passing yards in the year, a feat nearly unthinkable in an era of football dominated by quarterbacks and the passing attack.

DePauw does not rely on a boring rushing playbook. The Tigers run the ball through reverses, sweeps and quarterback draws just as much as they line up and run the ball down their opponents’ throats with power and trap plays [see Figures 1 and 2]. Wabash’s defense has struggled against the run

all year, so the Little Giants will look to play its best game yet against this potent rushing attack.

In the passing game, DePauw looks to stretch the field and make splash plays in the passing game. Renie and Cahill have more than 1,900 yards passing between the two of them, and they have averaged more than seven yards per pass, quite a feat. The Tigers’ receiving corps is just as multi-headed as its rushing attack, with six players receiving more than 10 catches and over 100 receiving yards.

Trey Shawn leads the DePauw receivers’ room in yards with 423, and Robby Balentine leads that group with seven touchdowns through the air.

DePauw’s offense puts up a lot of points, but that three-to-one margin came on the back of a defense that pitched four shutouts—three of which were against NCAC teams—and forced 16 turnovers. DePauw’s defense is fantastic, and it’s partially due to a set of defensive formations that the Tigers employ to keep quarterbacks from reading their defense. DePauw comes to the line of scrimmage most often in a 4-3 set, with one cornerback up, one cornerback deep and two deep safeties. This formation allows them to drop into either cover three or cover four on most plays [see Figures 3 and 4], denying offenses the chance at deep passes, especially with a pass rush that has 24 sacks in nine games and gets consistent pressure. Sophomores Jake Comer and Jonathan Bruder lead the Tigers in tackles, each with more than 45, and Brevon Gude leads DePauw in sacks with five.

DePauw spent some time in the Top 25 this year before losing to Wittenberg, and they more than earned that ranking. This defense is simply great. You can’t shut out four teams, even if they are bad, without being great. Starting quarterback Wally Renie is back in time for the Bell game, and this DePauw offense that averages nearly 250 rushing yards per game looks to take advantage of a weak Wabash defense that gives up more than 200.

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



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## Dueling predictions: 128th Monon Bell Classic

### The Bachelor

### The DePauw

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 |

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The stakes could not be higher for the 128th running of the Monon Bell Classic. With DePauw and Wabash ranked first and second respectively in the North Coast Athletic Conference, this Saturday’s game at Blackstock will decide the conference championship. Whoever emerges victorious will clinch the NCAC title and book themselves a place in the NCAA DIII playoffs. The pressure is well and truly on. I give the edge to the Little Giants in this matchup—but barely.

There can be no denying that, regardless of the outcome, either of these teams would be worthy champions. Wabash had a shaky opening to the season, losing two of their first four games to North Central and Denison. But the Little Giants have shown remarkable character to turn things around and win their last five games. DePauw, meanwhile, has fired on all cylinders for most of the season. The Tigers have lost just one game, a 7-30 defeat to Denison being the only spoiler on an otherwise perfect record.

The big question mark over this game will be whether the Wabash defense can hold back a fiery Tigers offense. Even under the leadership of new Defensive Coordinator Mike Ridings, the Little Giants have really struggled out of possession, allowing 41 touchdowns and an average of 32.2 points per game.

One particular area I expect to see DePauw exploit is Wabash’s poor rushing defense. In their most recent game against Kenyon, the Little Giants allowed 273 rushing yards to a team that averages just 166 per game. DePauw, then, with their average of 219 rushing yards per game, will look to capitalize on the Little Giants’ shortcomings. As such, it could be a fruitful weekend for running backs Gus Baumgartner and Drew Moore.

However, even if the Little Giants continue to struggle on defense, one should never discount the resilience of this Wabash team. As evidence, one only need look back to last

year’s Monon Bell game. At the end of the first quarter, DePauw led 21-0 and looked to be on a certain road to victory. But Wabash Head Coach Don Morel rallied his troops and pulled off a spectacular comeback, with Wabash walking away 42-35 victors.

At the helm of that heroic comeback was none other than quarterback Liam Thompson ’24, a name that should instill fear in every DePauw player’s heart. Thompson’s accolades are too great to list in a single paragraph. He currently leads the NCAC in passing yards (3,353), total offense (408 yards per game) and touchdowns (32 passing, seven rushing). With Thompson in the driver’s seat, Wabash has averaged 557.6 yards per game and scored 58 touchdowns, making them by far the most powerful offense in the conference.

Yet if any defense is capable of stopping Thompson and his crew, it’s DePauw. The Tigers have the first-ranked defense in the NCAC, allowing an average of just 12.6 points per game. They work phenomenally well together as a unit, and picking out just a few leaders is hard enough in itself. Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Bruder leads the defense with 54 total tackles and 1.5 sacks, while Brevon Gude leads the team for sacks with five for 31 yards.

This game, then, will be a bitter fight to the death: the NCAC’s best defense against its best offense. The Bell game is always a close-fought affair, but the tension is only heightened with so much on the line.

For that reason, I’m expecting points, and lots of them. DePauw’s defense is great, but Liam Thompson is, in my opinion, more than up to the challenge. And he’ll need to be. The Little Giants’ defense is porous, so it’s hard to envision a game in which either side will be low scoring. Either way, this one is sure to be a thriller—but who will prevail?

**PREDICTION**  
**Wabash: 45**  
**DePauw: 42**

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**Overview**  
In 2021, DePauw was indisputably the best team in the NCAC. Having beaten other rivals like Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster and Wittenberg, the Tigers were coasting into Crawfordsville undefeated in conference play with charismatic confidence. The Wabash scoreboard read 21-0 at the end of the first quarter in favor of the Tigers. DePauw’s high-powered offense was looking crisp, the defense forced a few early fourth downs, and the Tigers appeared completely in control.

Then, the Wabash Little Giants, eliminated from postseason contention through losses from Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster and Wittenberg, stormed their way back. Their offense took control of the game in the second quarter, and their defense stifled the Tigers through the remaining minutes. DePauw surrendered the Monon Bell and returned to Greencastle with a 42-35 loss, thoroughly souring an otherwise remarkable season for DePauw football.

Despite the team winning a playoff game and an overcharged offense setting new team records, DePauw fans remember losing to Wabash more. Forget playing well. Forget moral victories. Forget the rest of the year. Hell, forget wanting to win. This is the one game that both teams can’t lose. No matter how well either team has played up to this point in the year, every snap of the season seems to lead to this particular 60 minutes. Almost like an exclusive Super Bowl, meant only for these two teams, current and former students cannot deny the rich and undeniable rivalry that is celebrated every year. For Ohio State, it’s Michigan. For Notre Dame, it’s USC. For Tennessee, it’s Alabama.

For DePauw, it’s Wabash. For Wabash, it’s DePauw. **Key Factor**  
Nathan McCahill (DePauw offense)  
McCahill’s journey as a

quarterback at DePauw is only beginning. The sophomore has thrown for 865 yards and nine touchdowns, all career highs, with only one truly bad performance this year. Despite throwing five interceptions this season, four of those came in one game (where he was taken out for injury). He’s proven himself a scrambling threat, adding more than 200 yards on the ground.

To say this is McCahill’s biggest game would be an understatement. He will need to be sharp from the first whistle and not force down-field throws. As a scrambler, he trusts himself enough to get the first down, but where his confidence lacks is his arm. Coming off his best performance against Kenyon, he threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns. If he can throw the ball with accuracy and efficiency against the Little Giants, it will open the run game up and DePauw will be very difficult to stop.

**Why Wabash will win**

With the best passing offense in the conference and the third-best rushing offense in the conference, the question won’t be if Wabash scores, but how many and at what times. Led by senior Liam Thompson, who’s thrown for 28 touchdowns to only five interceptions, this Little Big offense is just as efficient as it was last year, at least in terms of the rest of the conference. Three receivers have notched over 500 yards as well. This offense can hurt teams at unexpected and critical times. The unsung heroes, of course, are the Little Giant offensive linemen, who’ve limited total season sacks allowed to eight.

Don’t drop eight men back in coverage just yet. Four different players have rumbled their way past 300 yards this year, meaning Wabash forces teams to stack the box and then burn them in the secondary. This offense is powerfully balanced, led by experienced players who create explosive plays. However, they’re facing the best run defense in the conference.

If Wabash’s receivers win one-on-one matchups on the outside,

that will force DePauw to place an extra corner or an extra safety in place of a linebacker. Those little mismatches will create enough chaos for the defense and disrupt their aggression, forcing the game into a shootout, in which case, Wabash’s offense will overpower DePauw’s.

**Why DePauw will win**

DePauw’s offense won’t have an issue scoring on Wabash’s defense if they prioritize the run early. Wabash will need to stack the box against the Tigers if they are to stop the one-two punch in senior Gus Bumgartener and junior Drew Moore, both of whom have rushed over 300 yards this season. McCahill has tacked on 215 yards on the ground as well. Overall, those three threats present a bad matchup for a Wabash defense that allows almost 170 rushing yards per game.

The Tiger defense, led by a powerful linebacker core and consistent secondary, has performed tremendously better from last season. With three players tallying two interceptions each, DePauw has intercepted the ball nine times this season, and two linebackers have reached over 25 solo tackles each. But one can easily overlook the defensive line. DePauw leads the league in sacks, totalling 22 as a team. Junior Brevon Gude alone has five. As good as this line has played this year, they will need to be better than the best offensive line in the conference.

If DePauw’s offense can score four touchdowns and burn a lot of clock in the process, their defense will have more than enough space to breathe. McCahill will have options to spread the ball across the field to senior Trey Shaw and sophomore Jaylon Smith, so if the playmakers make plays, the run game will shred the Wabash defense.

**PREDICTION**  
**DePauw: 31**  
**Wabash: 28**



# Ninety years of the Monon Bell

PRESTON REYNOLDS '25 | SPORTS WRITER  
• The Monon Bell, the most prestigious 300-pound locomotive bell in the world, will be turning ninety this Saturday. Our pilgrimage to Greencastle will be more than a celebration of football, representing the age-old traditions that make the Wabash experience so unique. For the sake of defending our beautiful Bell, we must consider its history.

The story of Wabash football goes back more than a century. Decades before the Bell, Wabash's first football game, played under association (i.e., soccer) rules, was against Butler University in 1884. It wasn't until 1887 that the first game was played under the gridiron rules we know today.

In 1904, we earned our title as "Little Giants". In the 1904 season, we closed out Hanover 81-0, Bulter 51-0 and Earlham 35-0; head coach at the time Francis Cayou told the team that they played like "Little Giants". It was also in this season that Wabash's second African American player, Walter "Bill" Cantrell, started as right tackle. Many games were canceled, with opposing teams



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refusing to play any team with an African American.

In pre-Bell football, one event has etched itself into our history. In 1910, Ralph Lee Wilson, a 19-year-old player starting as halfback, fractured his skull in a game against Washington University. Slipping in and out of consciousness, Wilson asked "Did Wabash win?" He died hours after his injury. Those words still mark the home locker room in the Allen Center, a reminder of why Wabash always fights.

Wabash and DePauw first crossed swords on November 22, 1890, where DePauw secured a sham victory of 34-5. At this point, the game was simply called "Wabash-DePauw", not the most marketable title. For the next eleven years, DePauw dominated the rivalry with an 8-3 record. That was until 1903 when Wabash began a nine-year shutout performance.

The only thing better than Wabash winning, is DePauw losing. The most illustrious pre-Bell record must be from 1921 to 1927 when Wabash recorded a seven-year streak. Some credit must be given to the Sphinx Club, whose founding in 1921 must have been instrumental in Wabash's morale. Even in these pre-Bell days, tradition was alive and well in football. Yet, the gentlemen of Wabash were beginning to earn a reputation as "cavemen", a title that stuck for the better part of five decades.

November 18, 1932 was the fateful day. The Monon Railway, which serviced Purdue, Wabash, DePauw, Indiana University and Butler, presented, quote, "THE BELL," a new trophy to intensify the rivalry. General Superintendent Frank Lewis presented the 300-pound bell to be mounted on a wagon and presented to the winning team.

But emotions were so high that Saturday that not a single player could score a point—the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Neither team would walk away with the Bell, no doubt emboldening future conflict.

The most extraordinary manifestation of this "Bell spirit" must be the myriad of attempted heists littered throughout the last century. The Bell has been successfully reappropriated by Wabash and stolen by DePauw nine times. "Operation Frijoles" stands out from the crowd, being one of the most



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creative reappropriations. Jim Shanks '67 successfully disguised himself as a representative from the U.S. Information Service in Mexico City, tricking DePauw president William Kerstetter into revealing the Bell's location. Despite being made to return the Bell, Wabash would take it back in the 1965 game, winning 16-6. Other notable heist attempts include the 2012 "snatching," which resulted in the breaking of the Bell's handle, the 2017 "bi-partisan" heist including rubber masks of Barack Obama and Donald Trump and the "false start" where the bell was successfully

stolen, but the getaway vehicle wouldn't start.

Despite being an unremarkable railway tool, the Monon Bell has become an unmistakable part of Wabash culture. In the same way, our College makes boys into men and we have made the Bell something worth fighting for. Since 1932, Wabash has played 89 games with a record of 44 victories, 39 losses and six ties. Personally, that isn't a comfortable enough margin for me, so let's go out this Saturday and show DePauw that we aren't willing to give up our Bell. Win or lose, Wabash Always Fights.

## Etymology of 'Dannies'

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was produced for the 1957 Monon Bell game. However, this artifact appears to have been lost over time, and no known copies remain.

This, sadly, is where the certainties end. Though the remaining evidence would seem to suggest that "Dannies" first arose in the mid-1950s, some alumni believe the term was around before the publication of Pence's article.

"The origin of the term 'Dannies' for DePauw[s]' male students pre-dates 1956," William Reinke '52 said in a letter to former Wabash archivist Beth Swift H'22. "I am quite sure about this statement because during a visit recently with my brother, Judge Robert Reinke '55, [we] agreed the term was well in vogue at the time of our matriculation at Wabash in the early 1950s."

But none of this gets at why the name came about. And there is a reason for that: we simply do not have much information. Reinke was not able even to recall a theory:

"Neither of us is quite sure as to why a DePauw guy was referred to as being a 'Danny,'" said Reinke. "But rest assured, the word was not intended as a compliment."

One popular theory, put forward by Greg Miller '83, is that "Danny" is a variation of the word "dandy," referring to a man who places particular emphasis on his appearance. This would make some sense; it gently prods fun at the perceived lack of traditional masculine traits among DePauw men. But "dandy," even by the 1950s, was already a rather antiquated word; why, then, would it have emerged

in the time it did?

An answer to that question can be found in another theory, one proposed to me a while back by an alumnus whose name I have sadly forgotten (alas, I seem

to be perpetuating the longstanding Wabash tradition of oral histories). In World War II, it was common to refer to British and German soldiers as Tommies and Jerries, respectively. It is possible, then, that the word "Dannies" is a post-war variant of those monikers, taking the D in DePauw and making it into a wartime-sounding name. It's not exactly clear, however, how or why this would have come about.

There are a multitude of other theories, too. James Miller '80, for example,

suggested that the name derives from "O Danny Boy," the ballad set to the tune of Irish folk song "Londonderry Air." According to Miller, the ditty "mimics the masculinity of DePauw men."

Yet another theory contests that the name evolved because of a cigarette advertisement. In the mid-1950s, The Bachelor ran a series of ads featuring "Danny Drew," a tattooed bodybuilder noted for his strength and appeal to women. Why this would have become associated with DePauw I do not know, but Reinke's suggestion that "Dannies" has been around since the early 1950s seemingly disproves the idea anyway.

Why, then, do we call DePauw men "Dannies"? For now, it remains a mystery. If you have any information, or want to submit a theory of your own, The Bachelor would be delighted to help definitively answer what makes a "Danny" a "Danny."



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### Monon Bell History Dates To 1932 Railroad Gift

The eighteenth renewal of the Monon Bell classic will be continued tomorrow as the Wabash Little Giants go against the DePauw University Tigers. This will be the fifty-second meeting of the two schools on the gridiron.

The Monon Bell is the symbol of victory for the winning team.

For many years, the Monon Bell was carried on a locomotive which ran between Crawfordsville and Greencastle. It was stripped from the old locomotive and presented to the Colleges by the Monon Railroad on November 19, 1932. The first game with the bell at stake resulted in a 0-0 tie, each team keeping the bell half a year.

It wasn't until 1934 that the Cavemen gained full possession of

the bell, winning 7-6 in one of the most thrilling and hard-fought games of the series. The Cavemen, 14 point underdogs in the contest, made their only touchdown on a pass from Berns to Snyder with Mueller kicking the decisive point. The Tigers flashy Fribley was to make the only touchdown for DePauw and miss the extra point himself by trying to plunge through the Wabash line.

Since then the Cavemen have won the bell seven times, lost it eight times, and tied for it twice. Last year Wabash had to give the bell back to DePauw, losing it by an 8-0 score.

Over the years Wabash has defeated DePauw 26 times and lost 25.

### DePauw Tigers Seek To Rectify Poor Season's Record In Last Game

Wabash College's Little Giants will carry a record of four wins, two losses and a tie into their season finale Saturday (Nov. 12) against DePauw University's Tigers at Greencastle.

The Scarlet, top-heavy with sophomores, annexed its fourth straight victory last Saturday, downing Illinois College, 28-12. DePauw's Tigers absorbed their sixth defeat of the season, bowing to Illinois Wesleyan, 27-12. Their only victory was a 41-6 run-away over Lake Forest.

Dissatisfied with some aspects of the performance against the Blue Boys, Coach Glen Harmeson prepared to give his squad a lot of work before meeting DePauw.

"We haven't had a good 60-minute team performance yet this season," he commented. "Naturally, we hope it comes against

DePauw." Only the tackling in last Saturday's game with the Blue Boys pleased Harmeson. The rest of the play, notably passing offense and defense, was spasmodic. Only one of eight attempted aerials was completed.

The ground game was effective, however, with Norm Buktenica of Chicago and Joe Dooley of Muncie grinding out 7.3 yards a crack.

On the basis of last Saturday's performance, Don Shepherd of Crawfordsville probably will be a starting guard against the Tigers.

Frank Roman of Gary, a senior whose quarterbacking was a highlight of the Illinois game, will be working this week with a backfield comprised of Chuck Gainer of Danville, Ill., and Jim Swope of Indianapolis at halfbacks and Buktenica at fullback.





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The Wabash and DePauw teams battle for the ball as snow lines the field in the 104th Monon Bell Classic on November 15, 1997, at Blackstock Stadium, Greencastle.

# 25 years ago: Wabash loses in snowy shootout

From The Bachelor, November 20, 1997

**CHRIS CUNNINGHAM '25** • As the clock slowly ticked to zero in the 104th Monon Bell Game, the Wabash College Little Giants were once again left with the heartbreaking sound of the Bell in the hands of the DePauw Tigers.

In a game played in blizzard conditions, Wabash came up on the short end of a 14-7 score to our dreaded rivals to the South. Missed opportunities and poor special teams play plagued the Little Giants last Saturday afternoon and all of the heart in the world was unable to prevent our second straight Monon Bell defeat.

The biggest story of the morning was the superb shape of DePauw's Blackstock Stadium. Just two years earlier, in the famed ice bowl, Blackstock Stadium resembled an ice rink much more than a football field.

DePauw's ground crew was so poor that Wabash's then Sports Information Director, Jim Amidon, was forced to try and clear one of the endzones with a snow shovel before the game. However, last Saturday's field was in immaculate condition when the Little Giants arrived at 10:30. The snow that had blanketed Central Indiana earlier in the week had been cleared, the sun was shining and all looked positive.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature must hate Greencastle as well, because when the teams emerged from the locker room following their pregame warmups they felt a close relationship to the Wizard of Oz's Dorothy. It was as if a tornado had transferred the field to a different world. The snow had returned and winds approaching 20 mph were whipping it around in near blizzard-like conditions. Visibility was minimal as the Little Giants settled in for another crappy afternoon in Greencastle.

It didn't take long for the snowy field and wet ball to cause tragedy. On its second play from scrimmage, quarterback Brandon Armstrong delivered a beautiful pass to halfback Jamie Bowers. As Bowers took off down the field, he was stripped by DePauw's Austin Johnson. Tiger linebacker Matt Cunningham recovered the ball and Wabash's 25-yard completion was erased.

Later in the half, the stingy Little Giant defense held firm and forced a Tiger punt. Wabash, though, was unable to move the football and forced into another Wilhelm

punt from his own 32. Tragedy was on the horizon.

Junior long-snapper David Whitaker delivered a perfect snap, but DePauw's Durriell Brown blocked the punt. DePauw's Chris Ulerick recovered the pigskin on Wabash's 13-yard line giving the Tigers an excellent opportunity to take the lead.

Three plays later, they did just that. Facing a third down from the six yard line, Haskins delivered a high arcing pass just over the outstretched hands of two Little Giant defenders. The pass found its home in the arms of teammate Tyler Kelley in the corner of the endzone. Place kicker Brian Hurey added the extra-point to spot DePauw a 7-0 lead.

The second half brought much better weather and the hope, by both offenses, of putting some more points on the board. It didn't take long for the Little Giants to be given an opportunity to do just that.

Following a Wabash punt on its first drive of the half, DePauw took over on their own 13. Attempting to move out of poor field position, Haskins offered a second down pass over the middle. Freshman Kyle Case proceeded to make one of the biggest and best interceptions of the decade for the Little Giants. Fully outstretched, Case, not only made an outstanding one-handed catch, but maintained his footing to return the pick to DePauw's 20 yard-line.

The next big play of the game came from DePauw's Haskins. Following an interception by cornerback Patrick Whinnery, Haskins romped 19-yards on the Tiger's first play from scrimmage to give DePauw a 14-0 lead with three minutes left. However, Wabash refused to give up. Holding true to the motto that "Wabash Always Fights," the Little Giants marched down the field and scored on a 23-yard pass from Armstrong to junior Frank Serge. But, on the ensuing on-sides kick, DePauw recovered, ending Wabash's hope of bringing the Bell back to Crawfordsville.

In a game tainted by the weather, explaining the outcome is simple. DePauw took advantage of their breaks and Wabash did not. Snow impeded the offenses of both teams, but DePauw took advantage of their field position to score twice, while Wabash got nothing out of their opportunities.



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Wally Wabash and the Sphinx Club look on as the weather worsens.



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The Wabash offensive line readies themselves for DePauw to snap the ball.



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The Wabash starters line up ready to take the field as the snow falls.



# Candid conversations with the Dannies

SAM BENEDICT '25 | FEATURES EDITOR • The Monon Bell game is oftentimes where boys become men and men revert to their boyish ways. In the spirit of journalistic integrity, The Bachelor made the dangerous trek to Greencastle to understand what the Bell game means to DePauw students.

“It’s just a lot of fun,” said DePauw student Matt ’24. “I love Bell week. Everyone’s super happy. Everyone’s energetic. It’s just a great time.”

This year’s matchup features two excellent teams who both play in high scoring affairs. According to a confident student at DePauw, the over/under line has been set at 77.5 points. However, DePauw students seem to think that this is the result of their high powered offense and a weak Wabash defense.

“DePauw is going to smack Wabash this year. I’m expecting it to be at least 150-0 in favor of DePauw,” said Depauw student Carter ’25.

After talking with 26 students in fraternities, sororities, and randomly on campus, The Bachelor was unable to find a single DePauw student that believed Wabash wouldn’t lose by at least three touchdowns. When talking with Wabash students, the scores were tighter, but, unsurprisingly, Wabash came out victorious.

“Like everyone else, I’m hammering the Wabash moneyline this Saturday and could not be more stoked to be on the track supporting our fellas on the field for my last Bell game as a Wabash Student,” said Ian Rollins ’23. “I’m predicting a 21-0 Wabash win.”

The main concern that The Bachelor staff had before traveling to DePauw was the verbal assault and hatred towards Wabash students that we have come to expect after decades of tension and stories that have been passed down from student to student. Fist fights breaking out on the field, property damage and bottles being thrown at opposing sides have become legend and lore on both campuses. However, our

reporters were surprised to find that the trip ended up being a positive experience. There was friendly banter, such as creatively making fun of our single sex education model as well as thoughtful questions about our sexuality, but it never escalated to a genuine hatred. We were followed once, as we entered the library in bright red “WABASH COLLEGE” jackets, but then explained why we were there and talked with those students for over 10 minutes. Originally, these students were concerned that we would try to steal the Monon Bell, before we reminded them that the Bell was in Crawfordsville.

Following the experience at DePauw, the main takeaway is that while we are rivals, we have less distaste towards each other than each side knows. The Bachelor staff left campus with two invites to specific fraternity tailgates and we were told that we are welcome to stop by the Phi Gamma Delta house at any point in the future. While the invite to the latter is appreciated, we could end up there even without an invite considering that every door on the first floor was unlocked.

However, there are key differences between these institutions. Wabash is often critiqued for caring about the Bell game and our rivalry with DePauw significantly more than DePauw does. This week, in preparation for the game, the Bell has been ringing non-stop, constantly has 30+ students guarding it and travels from the Chapel to the football field for practice.

“On my first Wabash visit, I slept on a couch right next to the Monon Bell,” said Bryce McCullough ’23. “I didn’t know at the time how significant that was. Now I know the Wabash community is the most united during Bell week. And we are even more united after bringing it home. This is an opportunity to come together, show our Wabash spirit and experience the greatest tradition in Indiana college football.”

Unity is oftentimes associated with the Bell because it’s something everyone at Wabash



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The coveted Monon Bell awaits to travel to the pressure plate in Greencastle or return to sit on top of the Allen Center doors.

cares about. Furthermore, the rest of the day and even the weeks after are determined by the outcome of the Monon Bell game.

“At Wabash, the Bell is a symbol of campus unity and the Wabash spirit,” said Brayden Lentz ’23. “Yes, the Bell is ultimately won or lost on the field and we understand this, but that doesn’t mean the entire campus community doesn’t play a part. From the open display of the Bell above the Allen center doors, establishing our athletic superiority and reminding our athletes what they work so hard for, to its incessant ringing from 8 am to 11 pm in the week leading up to the event, the Bell belongs to us all. Yes, we need players like Liam Thompson, Derek Allen and so many more to play their part on the field, as they consistently do, but we also require the rest of the community to buy in as well. And it is evident to even the most unaware observer from our rugged haircuts and dyed mustaches to the crews guarding that Bell and rocking it steadily day in and day out, that this is already the case. Unlike at DePauw, where victory or defeat rests solely on the shoulders of their football team, and the campus has little practical stake in acquiring the Bell (since it will ultimately be locked up in

some case beyond their reach). At Wabash, the fight belongs to us all. We are all proud of our team and our school, and when we hear that bell ringing into the wee hours of the night on Saturday, we will be reminded where these efforts take us.”

“After a win, especially a home win, most of campus ends up at the same fraternity to celebrate,” said Evan Miller ’24. “Lots of the football guys come through and everyone just enjoys a good night after a good win. If we lose, sad, lonely beers will be involved.”

At DePauw, Bell week is drastically different. “We party either way. Win, lose or tie, I’m just trying to get a keg back to the house,” said DePauw student Jack ’23. This sentiment held true for most students, especially those in Greek life.

Looking ahead to the Monon Bell game on November 12, Wabash students can expect to have slurs rain down on them, as students cram into the only tailgate spot that Wabash was granted. DePauw students can expect to hear yells stemming from their “Wabash sucks” chant and will most likely hear who their boss will be. Both campuses are prepared for battle, and battle they will receive.

## The art of guarding the Bell

### Photo essay by Elijah Greene ’25

Elijah Greene ’25 | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For this special Monon Bell issue, I decided against a traditional documentation of the guarding of the Bell because it would not represent the special place that this ritual holds in the hearts of Wabash men. The Bell is a physical embodiment of all the values that this campus holds most dear. The drama and reverence associated with guarding the Bell inspired me to recreate several famous and classical paintings with the models being the students who were guarding the Bell, hoping to capture those same raw emotions from the past and portray them in the present.





# Monon mullets, mutton chops and mustaches

Photo essay by Jake Paige '23



Tradition, culture and pride are common themes thrown out in association with the Monon Bell game. Alumni and current students hold the Bell in the highest esteem. If there has ever been any doubt, then look to the floor of a fraternity bathroom on the Sunday night before Bell. Hair litters the ground as students risk their mothers' love for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day photos. The only thing stronger than a mother's wrath is the Monon Bell haircut tradition. Some students shave the middle of their head, and others elect for a three-part haircut that shows off their willingness to do anything for the Bell. These haircuts bring energy to campus and forever live in infamy, until they go all in and shave their head next week.



## Wabash Club of Indianapolis debuts name change to expand sense of community

Sarvik Chaudhury '25 | NEWS EDITOR

The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men, an institution that has been serving the largest concentration of Wabash men — making up about 2000 alumni or 20% of all alumni — for about a hundred years, officially voted to change the name to “Wabash Club of Indianapolis.” With this change, Indianapolis joined the many other towns with regional “Wabash Clubs.”

A few years ago, the college undertook a study to better engage and utilize the regional alumni groups and created a task force consisting of members from the IAWM, as well as other alumni throughout the United States. With the help of this study, the school ended up establishing about 13 official alumni groups throughout the nation, and helped build alumni groups in places where there were already loose associations of Wabash alumni getting together, but nothing official.

“I think that Wabash Club of Chicago was one of the first groups to adopt the ‘Wabash club moniker’ and the college endorsed this idea,” said president of the Wabash Club of Indianapolis, Jim Dyer '83. “They thought it was what they wanted to be and had a desire to be a consistent brand.” Soon, many other alumni groups in places like St. Louis and Evansville started to change their names followed by almost

all the alumni groups throughout the nation. “This year we were approached by Michelle Janssen, the Dean of Advancement, and she asked us if we would consider changing our name to align with the name of other regional groups,” said Dyer. “So this is where the idea to change our name came from.”

Two of the main reasons that IAWM thought that changing the name was a good idea, said Dyer, was because first, the original name was comparatively too long and second, “it sounded so formal that a lot of people thought that they had to formally do something in order to join the group because it sounded so official.”

“Another challenge that we had over time was making non-alumni like wives and parents know that they are always welcome to our events, because when they get an invite from the ‘Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men,’ they automatically think that it is only for Wabash alumnus who live in Indianapolis,” said Dyer. “So our discussion has been going on for years, but this year the College said now is a really good time to think about changing the name, and now the invitations target a much bigger constituency of wives, kids, parents, and other family members.”

The IAWM (as formerly known), has had a longstanding affiliation with *The Bachelor* and has provided advertisements for almost every issue. This will be

the first issue that will be with an ad from the “Wabash Club of Indianapolis.” The club has changed their name on all of their social media platforms and will

soon send out flyers to alumni informing them about the name change as well as their plans for the year 2023.

### Wabash Club of Indianapolis

### Hey, DPU, Ring a Bell?



[facebook.com/groups/wabashclubofindianapolis](https://facebook.com/groups/wabashclubofindianapolis)



# Joint Statement from Wabash and DePauw Athletic Directors Matt Tanney '05 and Stevie Baker-Watson

Saturday will be another great chapter in the history of the Monon Bell Classic. We embrace the great tradition of this series between our institutions and salute the hard work of our student-athletes and coaches leading up to this game. The enthusiasm and passion for the Monon Bell makes it one of the best rivalries in all of college sports. On Saturday, we ask that our students, fans, parents, and communities support our teams from the stands, and remain off the field after the game to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. Thank you.

# Bell game telecast parties allow Wabash men to reconnect

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | MANAGING EDITOR

• Thousands of Wallies and Dannies will make a pilgrimage to a frosty Blackstock Stadium on November 12 to watch 128th Monon Bell Classic. Even more Wabash men and their counterparts from DePauw will gather around the country and the world at a telecast party to watch this year's edition of The Bell Game.

Each year, Wabash and DePauw purchase extra seating to accommodate the massive demand to see the Bell game. Yet still, not everyone can make it back to Crawfordsville or Greencastle for the game. So, Wabash men and DePauw grads organize telecast parties to watch the Bell game and reminisce about their time at each school.

Nearly 100 Wallies and Dannies will gather at Oak'd BBQ in Dallas, Texas to watch the Bell Game. Logan Kleiman '18 who is hosting that event, said that these telecast parties are a fantastic opportunity not just to watch the game, but to meet and share stories with fellow Wabash men.

“It’s another touch point for us all connect to Wabash and trade stories. And we’ve got a very diverse group of alumni down here. Some who were born and raised in Texas, some born and raised in DFW and then obviously there’s people from all over the country in Dallas,” said Kleiman.

Scott Nigh, who is hosting a party at Sun King Brewery in Sarasota, Florida said the same. He said that there would be Wabash men from classes as old as 1958 and as recent as 2022, representing more than 60 years of Wabash grads watching the Bell game together.

Nothing can compete with the gameday environment at either Blackstock or Little Giant Stadium, but according to Kleiman, these telecast parties can still be competitive.

“I don’t think anything can really replace really what goes on in Crawfordsville or Greencastle. We really try and have that rivalry going. I mean we e try and keep it as civil as possible. But we obviously want to see our both of our sides win,” said Kleiman.

Still, there are some moments, especially those most dear to Wallies, that cannot be replicated.

“You can’t get the feeling of the swings in the momentum and, when Wabash, takes that bell, especially like last year when we were taking the bell back and hearing it ring in person coming across a field and seeing the Danny fans you know, exiting down the railroad tracks. Yeah, you don’t get that watching it on TV,” said Greg Birk ’77, who is hosting a telecast party at his home in Switzerland.



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**Greg Birk ’77 serves Kleiner Riese beer—which translates to Little Giant at his watch party in Switzerland.**

These telecast parties are held all over the country and the world, with events in 21 states, DC and the EU. Chris Roman ’18 who is hosting at Q’s Billiard Club in Los Angeles, California, said that one of his biggest hopes is that these events strengthen the Wabash alumni clubs all over the country, especially in places with fewer Wabash alumni.

The Monon Bell Classic is one of the most cherished traditions at Wabash and DePauw and while many Wallies and Dannies cannot return home for the Bell game, these telecast parties allow them to celebrate this rich rivalry from far away.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE WARREN '93

**All around the globe, groups of Wabash men meet annually to watch the televised Monon Bell Classic. Above, alumni meet in Washington, D.C. Below, alumni meet in Los Angeles.**



# Behind enemy lines: Wade '12 tells all

HAYDEN KAMMER '24 | STAFF WRITER

• “I grew up right next to DePauw’s campus—relative to Wabash, I lived right at Trippet Hall,” said Tyler Wade ’12, Associate Director of Regional Admissions and Director of Pre-College Programs. “But I didn’t really want to go to either school. I was involved with DePauw’s Alpha Program, which allowed high school juniors and seniors to enroll in DePauw classes. I figured out fairly quickly that the school’s vibe was not right for me. But as I was looking at colleges, I quickly ruled out Wabash. I was pretty adamant on not going, but my mom forced me to come on a visit. And, as she predicted, I fell in love with it.”

Wade came to Wabash in 2008 and quickly got involved on campus. He became a brother of FIJI, Sphinx Club President and eventually the Student Body Vice President.

“I’ve realized that I’m somebody that doesn’t ever want to just be involved in something,” said Wade. “If I’m gonna do it, I’m gonna do it to the nth degree. And honestly, the caliber of education we provide to the community that we have here is something that I feel really strongly about and want to introduce to other people.”

But he was always operating behind enemy lines. As he continued to immerse himself in Wabash’s community, he also faced backlash in his Greencastle community back at home.

“My family was never one to hang up flags, but our cars had the Wabash College license plates,” said Wade. “We had hecklers yell at us occasionally, but nothing too over the top. But, pretty recently, I went out to dinner with my family in Greencastle. I was wearing a Wabash shirt, and the bartender started

making jokes about Wabash. While I didn’t mind it, I knew he was joking, it felt like it just wasn’t necessary.”

After graduation, Wade began working in the Wabash admission program. As he did so, he became better acquainted with the alumni, staff and administration at DePauw.

“There’s always some general razzing,” said Wade. “But it never overshadows our friendly relationships. That’s what makes the rivalry fun.”

Speaking of fun, Wade has made sure that his time at Wabash has been full of it.

“Back in my senior year, The Bastard ran a satirical piece on me,” said Wade. “Their premise was about how I had a four year mission from DePauw—infiltrate Wabash and climb to the highest rungs. Only then would my mission be completed.”

Despite residing in enemy territory, the Wade family hasn’t shied away from Wabash pride. Every other year, when the Monon Bell game is played at DePauw, the Wade family hosts a large tailgate for the Wabash community to come to.

“This will be the seventh time we’re doing this, and we always host it when the Bell is in Greencastle,” said Wade. “We always have a great crowd, normally 200-300 people show up. We have brunch, tailgate and just hang out. Then we all walk over to the game! It’s open to all the Wabash community, we just ask that you bring your own beverages, don’t underage drink and be well behaved. But if folks want to come on over and say hi, we’d love to say hello!”

For anyone interested in attending the Wade tailgate, please email wadet@wabash.edu for more information.

# From the Ramsay Archives: The Bachelor, Sept. 2003

## Monon Bell Game To Be Shown in HDTV, Ads Shot on Campus

Sean Gallagher  
managing editor

It’s all about image. A public forum can spread word about yourself and please those who already know about you. Commercials do just that.

So lights, camera, action.

Last week, the Wabash campus was transformed into a production set as a tiny crew rolled in with their movie cameras to film a 30-second short to be presented during the Monon Bell game.

“We shot last Thursday; we shot a spot that will air at half-time of the Monon Bell game this year,” Jim Amidon, director of public affairs and marketing of the College, said. “We negotiated a new contract for broadcasting the Monon Bell game this year with HDNet which is Mark Cuban’s [Dallas Maverick’s owner] company.”

Since the game is being

broadcast in HDTV, unless you have the required high definition television as well as the receiver, the only places to catch the game will be in sports bars, which usually carry the HD format. “Because we were broadcasting in high definition,” Amidon said, “we had to shoot the commercial in high definition.”

With this change in broadcasting, the commercials for both Wabash and Depauw had to change. Instead of the usual 5-minute spot, which usually ran during the game, the network telecast gave each school only 30 seconds.

So Jo Throckmorton ’87 was brought in. “[Jo and I] have collaborated on all of the College video work over last 15 years,” Amidon said. “Jo hired some freelancers and came and gave us his time and hired a freelancing crew and we collaborated on the script for the spot.”

The storyline plays out like this: two attractive, young women, driving in a red convertible Corvette come upon Wabash College.

As they drive around the Mall, all they see are guys. This being their first time on campus, they are confused. So they ask one young man “Is this a boys school?” The particular young man turns to them and says right into the camera, “No, Wabash is a college for men.”

With this tongue-and-cheek approach, the low cost and the use of Cross Country Coach Rob Johnson’s old line, this spot should prove to be fun for the alumni watching the game from bars around the country.

“It’ll be entertaining,” Amidon said. “Something new and fun”

So as the Wabash team takes a breather from demolishing DePauw, it’ll be a treat to catch the new commercial.



# Sudoku

## Easy

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## Hard

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Complete the grid by entering one number in each square so that each row, column and square contains the numbers 1-9 only once.

# Word ladder

Turn the top word into the bottom word by changing only one letter at a time in the optimal number of steps.

FOOT                  BELL                  BLOW                  GOAL

BALL                  GAME                  LEAD                  POST

(4 steps)                  (4 steps)                  (5 steps)                  (4 steps)

# Bell game trivia

Courtesy of Hugh Vandivier '91

1. What was the name given to the 1965 heist that involved a Wabash student posing as a Mexican dignitary to learn the secret location of the Monon Bell?

2. The game was not contested during the 1910 season because of the death of which player, known for his dying words, "Did Wabash win?"
3. In which year was the Monon Bell introduced as a traveling trophy for the game?

4. During the 108th Monon Classic, in the fourth quarter with the score tied 21-21, QB Jake Knott launched a Hail Mary pass that bounced (or was tipped) off of Ryan Short into the arms of Kurt Casper to win the game as time ran out. How much time was on the game clock at the beginning of "The Catch"?

## Answers

Trivia: 1. Operation Frijoles; 2. Ralph Wilson; 3. 1932; 4. 2.7 seconds  
Word Jumble: Wally; ceases; major; White; train; (bonus) New Jersey

# Jumble

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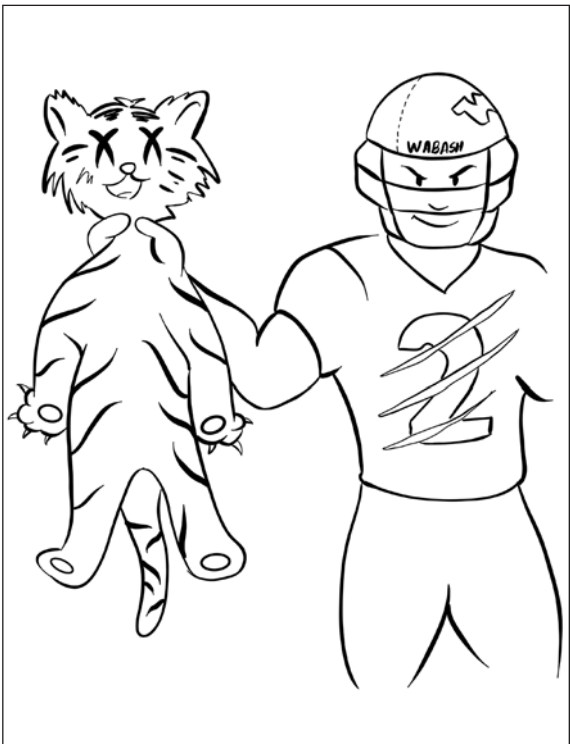
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Now arrange the circled letters to reveal a bonus answer:

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Artwork by Arman Luthra '26

'Where do quarterbacks go to replace their uniforms?'

# 'Ding, Ding'

Crossword by  
Logan Weilbaker '25

Design by  
Arman Luthra '26

## Across

- "Liberal" studies
- Seats for some quarterbacks?
- Song by Ed Sheeran and Nickelback
- Comes down
- "Dynamic" group
- Rubik of Rubik's cube fame
- Bar Harbor home
- British weight
- Palindromic woman's name
- Invigorating
- \*2022 site of 7-Down
- Internet troublemaker
- Shock
- Some radio settings
- Gave a hard time
- Shock
- Homes on wheels, in brief
- Digs
- Prince William, for one
- Sorrow
- Legally responsible
- Cool, in slang
- Husband to Leia
- Swiftie or Sheerio
- A needle pulling thread, maybe
- Gov. Hochul's constituency
- Press issuances
- Glistens
- Internet letters
- Fat and Super
- Computer key
- Lad
- Bog-standard
- Opposed (to)
- "The Queen's Gambit" game

## Down

- Takes center-stage
- P
- "You're it!"
- Madam's partner
- Separate
- Spider-Man supervillain
- \*Rivalry football game whose traveling trophy is depicted by this puzzle
- Beaming
- Turned wool into yarn
- Chopping tool
- Blu or Jewel, in "Rio"
- Aromatic herb
- Directional suffix
- Bar Harbor home
- Do donuts?
- Like some accents
- He was on a break!
- Chicago trains
- Outlook good?
- Pot, playfully

- Cupcake decoration
- Dublin's land
- Air-rifle ammo
- "SOS!"
- \*One mascot represented in 7-Down
- 4 of 10-4
- \*Another mascot represented in 7-Down
- Spider-Man, e.g.
- Trough filler
- Volleyball dividers

- Barbecue seasoning
- Currently, in text-speak
- "A Boy Named \_\_\_\_" (1969 song)
- Orthodontist's org.
- MLK title
- Spot
- Homer's catchphrase
- WWI flyer
- Periods of time: Abbr.



# Rugby's Monon Keg game rearranged

**LIAM GRENNON '24** | ONLINE CONTENT EDITOR • The Wabash College rugby team looks to cap off their undefeated fall season with a victory over DePauw in the newly-revived Monon Keg game on Wednesday, November 16, in Crawfordsville. This will be the first Keg game in over a decade as DePauw has only this year re-started its rugby program. However, the event has been somewhat overshadowed by a series of logistical issues, meaning the exact location of the game is still undecided.



COURTESY OF THE WABASH COLLEGE RUGBY TEAM

**The 2022-23 Wabash College rugby team, pictured at the Taylor University Tournament on October 8, 2022.**

The Keg is the coveted trophy that the Wabash and DePauw rugby teams compete for whenever these two great rivals meet. The trophy itself is made out of a recycled keg and travels back and forth between Crawfordsville and Greencastle depending on that year's winning team. Like the Monon Bell, the Monon Keg is painted half gold and half red for both teams colors and currently resides at Wabash.

Despite being similar to the storied Monon Bell game, the Wabash rugby team has struggled to get approval to play the Keg game on campus. The NCAA does not formally recognize rugby as an approved sport and, as a result, rugby has remained a club sport at Wabash. Without the support of the athletics department, the Wabash Student Senate has provided the funding to send the Little Giants squad to compete in tournaments.

Unfortunately, that lack of support means the team does not have access to Wabash's athletic training staff and aren't assured a field to play on. After some tenuous back and forth, the team hopes to play for the Monon Keg at Mud Hollow but are still waiting for final approval.

Despite the Keg uncertainty, the Little Giants will go into the game with an undefeated 10-0 record.

"My favorite memory from this fall would be winning conference," said team captain Brayden Goodnight '24. "Everyone put in a lot of work during this season and I was glad to see it pay off in the end."

This is now the second straight season that the Wabash squad has run the conference table without dropping a game, but the roster has changed pretty substantially between this year and last.

"We had a lot of new players this fall that were able to learn the game quickly and help the team succeed," said Goodnight. "Everyone stepped up when they needed to and when they were asked."

Coupled with a strong core of veteran leaders, contributions from new players propelled the Little Giants team to their second consecutive conference championship. But at the beginning of this season, another undefeated season wasn't the top priority.

"In all honesty, going undefeated wasn't our primary goal," said Goodnight. "Our primary goal was simply to win conference and it just so happened we went undefeated along the way, which is always great to see."

The Keg game will be the first and only time this season that the team has played in front of a home crowd. However, Wabash initially asked the team to play the game off campus. With Little Giant Stadium ruled out, the team has instead suggested playing the game at Mud Hollow to allow more Little Giants to attend. Exposing more students to the game would allow the team to continue building its recruitment efforts, a major goal for Goodnight.

"This spring, I'm really hoping for two things," said Goodnight. "The first is to continue to see new faces show up to practice that are excited to learn a new sport. It's a great way to stay active while also maintaining that competitive spirit everyone loves. The more people we have, the better I think we'll be. The second thing is to win out in spring conference. Last year, we fell short in the semifinals, and it's been on everyone's mind since that loss. Winning conference in the spring will give us an even better chance to make it to the national tournament at the end of May."

# Wrestling steals show at first meet of new season

*Five Little Giants win individual titles at Adrian College Invitational*

**COLE BERGMAN '24** | WRESTLING REPORTER • The Wabash College wrestling team started their season with a strong performance at the Adrian College Invitational on Saturday, November 5. Competing in this tournament, the team opened the year by finishing first out of fifteen total teams with five individual champions and fifteen wrestlers finishing in the top eight.

Overall, the Little Giants wrestling team scored 188 points in the tournament as a team, earning themselves the first-place title as a team and winning the tournament. The Little Giants defeated Averett University, the second-place team, by 24.5 points.

In the 285-pound weight class, returning All-American Jack Heldt '23 put on a strong performance, gaining three victories and winning his final match by an 8-0 major decision to secure himself an individual title.

"Competing in our practice room is great, but to get to go out there and be able to stick it to an opponent has a different feel to it," said Heldt. "It was awesome to see all the young guys perform for the first time, and it gets me excited for where the future of the program is headed. We are just getting started."

Four other wrestlers earned themselves individual titles. TJ Driessens '24 won a title in the 141-pound weight class while Ray Arebalo '25 added to the days' victories in the 174-pound weight class. The other individual titles went to James Day '26 in the 125-pound weight class, his first college title, and returning All-American Chase Baczek '25 in the 184-pound weight class. Baczek won the title after finishing with an undefeated 3-0 record for the



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**Eli Johnson '26 placed fourth in the 174-pound weight class in his first collegiate tournament on November 5, 2022, at the Adrian College Invitational.**

tournament, winning his final match by fall in the first period.

"I'm really stoked for this year, especially being one of the top contenders for my weight category," said Baczek. "It was good to get the first tournament jitters out of the way and get back into my mojo. I had some rust that needed cleaning off, but overall I feel satisfied with how the tournament went."

As well as among returners, the team also found success in the freshmen/sophomore brackets of the tournament. Two freshmen, Jesse Herrera '26 and Justin Hood '26, earned individual titles in their

respective weight categories. Other key performers included David Gelman '26 (third in the f/s 133-pound class), Andrew Ross '26 (second in the f/s 149-pound class) and Austin Morris '26 (third in the f/s 165-pound class).

After a first successful weekend, the Little Giants wrestling team looks forward to the future. The wrestling team will be hosting an open team practice on Friday, November 11, at Chadwick Court. Then, the Little Giants team will prepare for the Concordia University (Wisconsin) Open on Saturday, November 19.

# Shaky performance gets job done

*Basketball wins season opener, almost blows 17-point lead*

**ETHAN WALLACE '24** | BASKETBALL REPORTER • The Wabash Little Giants kicked off their 2022-23 basketball season with an 81-78 win at home against Mount St. Joseph University.

The game was a mixed bag for the Little Giants who set up a 17-point lead in the first half, only to let it slip away during the second half. While the team had some obvious weak points that can be expected from a season opener, the team was able to lock-in and win the game in the final seconds of the competition.

There was a stark contrast between the level of play that the Little Giants demonstrated between the first and second half. The team scored 52 points in the first period but only 29 in the second. Wabash also managed to hold the opposing team to 35 in the first half then gave up 43 points in the second half.

"First half, we did really well," said point guard Edreece Redmond II '24. "We had 15 assists, and in the second half we stopped getting defensive stops. So, we stopped pushing in terms of assists—that's what made us start forcing shots."

In the first half, Wabash looked as good as ever. Defense flowed smoothly into the offense and only one or two of Mount St. Joseph's players were able to make an impact against the Wabash team. Getting a stop or forcing the opponents to miss shots allowed the Little Giants to score on the

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- Coach Kyle Brumett

other end before the defense was fully set up. Ball movement was pristine, as very few points came off of drives; instead, the team was able to pass the ball to an open man in the paint after the screen up top. The team was 22-30 on shooting, 7-13 from three.

But in the second half, Wabash struggled mightily. The team went 9-29 from the field and shot a dismal 2-12 from beyond the arch. Instead of creating the



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**Edreece Redmond II '24 stares down a Mount St. Joseph player after a drive to the basket in Wabash's season opener on November 8 at Chadwick Court.**

open passes for easy buckets, as they had earlier, the team was forced to try to penetrate the defense with the drive. The Wabash defensive presence was also greatly diminished, where they had kept Mount St. Joseph to 2-7 from three in the first half, the Little Giants gave up five threes in the second.

The opponents were able to draw points from a larger portion of their team. Even in the last seconds of the competition, after getting what should have been the final rebound and free trip to the line, the Little Giants panicked and turned the ball over to allow a last second shot that might have sent the game into overtime.

While the team did manage to come out with the win, blowing a 17 point lead in eight minutes really showed how much improvement the team needs if they plan on finishing at the top of the NCAC.

"As a team we need to learn how to do everything," said Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett. "We have to learn to play with the lead. We have to learn how to play from behind. We need to learn how to finish a game when it's close. Some of it is just experience, we had a bunch of guys that haven't had the ball in their hands

that much in a game. The responsibility that comes with play hasn't really fallen on these guys."

Redmond led the Little Giants, recording 19 points with six steals. His defensive efforts were essential to the team's victory as he applied full-court pressure on the opponent's point guard for the entire game. He picked up three steals and two blocks.

Ahmoni Jones '23, who is coming off an injury, did not start, but was on the court at the end of the game while the score was tight. Despite playing only 19 minutes, he still managed to score 10 points with five rebounds and three massive blocks.

Mount St. Joseph's leading scorer was Luke Collinsworth. He put up 28 points against the Little Giants on 11-17 shooting. Several Wabash players were rotated in to try to contain Collinsworth, but none were truly able to hold off his scoring.

The Little Giants will face off against Washington University in St. Louis at home on Friday, November 11. Then, on Tuesday, November 15, the team will play at Hanover College, their first away game of the season.



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**Vinny Buccilla '25 finds the glass after breezing past a Mount St. Joseph defender.**



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**Champ McCorkle '24 bodies his opponent as he presses toward the basket.**



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Staff Editorial

‘Dannies, Cavemen, countrymen, lend us your ears’



COURTESY OF THE RAMSAY ARCHIVES

EDITORIAL STAFF • We get it. This week, of all weeks, we’re supposed to hate each other. But just for a second, can we move beyond the Danny jokes, the sheep jokes, the ill-intentioned heists and pranks? Perhaps there are more similarities than differences between two small liberal arts schools 28.7 miles apart in rural Indiana.

At the risk of betraying “the hosts of Wabash”—let’s think, for just a moment, about Monon week and the ways we could utilize our century-old matchup for the public good.

This is our plea to both Cavemen and Dannies: let’s find new ways to celebrate our historical rivalry. Let’s combine our campus cultures, and let’s move towards a Monon week that allows us to rib each other in the spirit of philanthropy.

There used to be a number of traditions spanning Monon week:

a Wabash-DePauw debate series, a joint Glee Club concert, jovial roasts and a competitive blood drive, to name a few. We, as the Editorial Staff of *The Bachelor*, would welcome the return of these events (and not just because we need more content for *The Bachelor*).

Here’s the best part: we could use these events to collect donations and raise funds for charities. We could turn our competition away from its more destructive, rambunctious elements and towards a collaborative philanthropic project.

Student Senates, Glee Clubs, Deans: we call on leaders from both schools to think creatively about the possibilities for these collaborative events. We’ve kickstarted the conversation, reaching out to the Editorial Staff of *The DePauw* and building connections across the line of scrimmage. Now it’s your turn.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

THIS IS WHY WE CALL  
THEM A CLUB

*Lo-Five to Lambda for painting the bench with gold this week. You have literally any other time to put their colors on our bench and you chose this week?*

PLAYCALLS WITH  
SOME BALLS

*Hi-Five to the Colts for finally firing Frank Reich after starting the year 3-5-1. We, for the record, would be glad to see the Don Morel and Liam Thompson show move to Lucas Oil Stadium.*

TILL HALFTIME DO US  
PART

*Hi-Five to Giselle Bündchen’s lawyers for going for the 50/50 split—if she gets half of everything Brady owns, she’ll still have more Super Bowl rings than most of the NFL.*

I’M BLIND, I’M DEAF,...

*Lo-Five to the refs from the last time we were in Greencastle.*



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

TAKIN’ OUT THE TRASH

*High-Five to Schuyler Nehrig ’20 for buying red trash bags so we can clean up after the Bell game. Watch out Wallies, don’t slip on their tears. Ding Ding.*

‘Our Father, who art a Wally’

Editorial Cartoon by Arman Luthra ’26



“Dear God, though I can’t see you, I’m sure you’re a DePauw football fan.”

DeSantis way forward for GOP



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McCullough ’23

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There was no Republican ‘red wave’ on Tuesday—with the exception of Florida.

Let’s face it. We lost Governor seats, we will barely get the majority in the House and have to wait until December to find out who wins the Senate.

The one bright spot? Republican Governor Ron DeSantis’s 20-point landslide victory. DeSantis won by only 0.4% in 2018. Even more impressive was his walloping of Democrats in Miami-Dade County by 11%, a county he lost by 20% in 2018 (that’s a turnaround of 31%). Republicans last won the county 20 years ago. Trump lost Miami-Dade by over 7% just two years ago and won the state by only three points. DeSantis also won a clear majority of the Latino vote (7%) beating Donald Trump’s 46% in 2020.

States like Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia and New Hampshire should have been easy Republican gains. But instead of quality candidates, we got Trump-endorsed candidates who can’t win in November. At least fourteen of Donald Trump’s handpicked candidates have lost their elections as of Wednesday night.

The DeSantis red wave should be a wakeup call for the Republican Party. If the party wants to win in 2024, it is time to close the door on the Trump era and embrace the rise of Ron DeSantis.

Trump continues to tease a Presidential announcement, but if he really cares about the future of the GOP and the country, he will accept the writing on the wall and pass the torch to DeSantis.

However, his recent rhetoric suggests he doesn’t care much about the future of the party. In fact, he rooted against Republican candidates who could have given the party control of the Senate. Why? Because they weren’t “Trumpy” enough. Of Colorado Republican Senate Nominee Joe O’Dea, Trump wrote, “Joe O’Dea lost BIG! MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!” He also celebrated the loss of New Hampshire Republican Senate Nominee Don Bolduc, saying that “Don Bolduc was a very nice guy, but he lost tonight when he disavowed... Had he stayed strong and true, he would have won, easily. Lessons Learned!!!” Republicans don’t need a party leader who cares more about self-validation and loyalty

than winning elections.

You know that big victory by DeSantis? Instead of congratulating him and welcoming him as a new star in the party, Trump threatened the fellow Republican he once endorsed: “if he did run, I will tell you things about him that won’t be very flattering. I know more about him than anybody other than perhaps his wife, who is really running his campaign.” He even said it would be a mistake for him to run, and that it “would not be good for the party.”

I highly disagree with Mr. Trump. It would be a mistake for the party to curb the momentous DeSantis for the 76-year-old ex-President.

Besides, DeSantis does what Trump does, but does it better. He pushes back against woke culture, stands up against the liberal media, creates more jobs and lowers taxes, and successfully led his state through the pandemic while avoiding COVID shutdowns. The difference is that DeSantis has shown his competence, his ability to pick his battles and his capability of bipartisanship.

Governor DeSantis consistently fights for the people of Florida and doesn’t back down from his opponents. The beautiful thing? Instead of burning bridges in the process, he won more Floridians over. 532,212 more, to be exact.

DeSantis won decisively while the rest of the Republican Party underperformed. Tuesday was not the night everyone expected, and it’s because many of Trump’s endorsements simply weren’t good candidates. They were more focused on talking about 2020 election grievances than their plans for the future. Their allegiance to him carried them past the primary but proved detrimental in the general election. In the meantime, DeSantis celebrated a victory that cemented Florida as a red state for years to come.

We can acknowledge Trump’s record of economic success while desiring a more viable candidate for 2024. Candidates can absolutely learn from what the Trump administration did well. But to implement successful conservative policies again, we need a new leader with new energy. Anyone reading the tea leaves knows exactly Republicans must do to win in 2024.

I’m not saying he’d be my personal #1 choice. But he is obviously the type of candidate the electorate is demanding. And he comes with way less baggage than Trump. With his surge in support, he offers the best chance the Republican Party has of winning in 2024.

In his victory speech, DeSantis declared that he has “only begun to fight.” Republicans would be smart to help him in that fight to win back the White House. It’s time for the GOP to pivot to the future. It’s time for Trump to pass the torch. DeSantis proved he’s the one ready to accept it with open arms.

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