

The Monon Bell

On Saturday, November 16th, Wabash College will travel to Depauw University to play in the 126th Monon Bell Classic. I went to Wabash College from August 2015 until May 2019. One time every year, the football team plays our rival school for the bell. The Monon Bell was a part of the train that goes between Greencastle, Indiana, to Crawfordsville, Indiana, but now it is the trophy for the football game. These universities are separated by 30 miles of farmland. Wabash leads the rivalry with 61 wins, 54 losses, and 9 ties.

There are many traditions with the Monon Bell. It is very heavy so you must have 4 people to carry it. At Wabash, they ring the bell all week long leading up to the game. You can hear it ringing in between classes or from the dormitories and fraternities, where students live. The day of the match, thousands of people tailgate. Tailgating is an American way to prepare for a football game. Everyone drives their pickup truck to the game and grills out cheeseburgers, hotdogs, and other foods. People wait at their cars for the game to start, and then they go watch the team play football. I think Wabash will win again this year.



Questions:

1. Which schools play for the Monon Bell?
2. What was the Bell used for before it became a trophy?
3. Which school has won the game the most times ?
4. What is a tailgate?
5. Where do students live at American Universities?