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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2006-07 Record: 26-3 overall, 15-1 WIAC

Streak: 1-game losing streak

Breakdown: 0-0 home, 0-0 away.

Nov. 17	Carroll	7:00 PM
Nov. 19	Northern Michigan	7:00 PM
Nov. 24	Lakeland	7:00 PM
Dec. 1	at UW-Whitewater	5:00 PM
Dec. 5	at UW-La Crosse	7:00 PM
Dec. 8	Lawrence	7:00 PM
Dec. 10	at Viterbo	7:00 PM
Dec. 12	at Edgewood	7:00 PM
Dec. 15	at Ripon	7:00 PM
Dec. 22	at Augustana (Ill.)	7:30 PM
Jan. 1	at California Lutheran	9:30 PM
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	5:00 PM
Jan. 9	UW-River Falls	7:00 PM
Jan. 12	UW-Platteville	5:00 PM
Jan. 16	at UW-Stout	7:00 PM
Jan. 19	UW-Superior	5:00 PM
Jan. 23	UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Jan. 26	at UW-Oshkosh	3:00 PM
Jan. 30	at UW-River Falls	7:00 PM
Feb. 6	UW-Stout	7:00 PM
Feb. 9	at UW-Superior	5:00 PM
Feb. 13	at UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Feb. 16	UW-Whitewater	5:00 PM
Feb. 20	UW-La Crosse	7:00 PM
Feb. 23	at UW-Platteville	5:00 PM
Feb. 25	WIAC Quarterfinals	TBA

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

#3 UW-Stevens Point (26-3 overall in 2006-07)

vs. Carroll College (18-9 overall in 2006-07)

Sat., Nov. 17, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers begin their 2007-08 season on Saturday when they host Carroll College. There are high expectations for this Stevens Point club as they are picked to win the WIAC and are ranked second by the Sporting News and third by D3hoops.com. The action begins at 7 p.m. at Quandt Fieldhouse.

Broadcast:

The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling the play-by-play and John Zellmer providing the analysis. An Internet broadcast will be available at <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/Sports/gen/2007/liveaudiostats.asp>

Head Coach Bob Semling:

Bob Semling owns a 43-13 career record in his third season as the Pointers' head coach. Semling spent the previous two years as the top assistant with UW-Stevens Point's NCAA Division III championship squads. Semling also coached seven seasons with the Pointers under Bob Parker from 1988-95 before coaching six seasons at UW-Green Bay and one year at New Mexico.

Around the WIAC

2007-08 WIAC Preseason Poll

2006-07 Record

- 1. Stevens Point (8) 26-3, 15-1**
2. Whitewater (1) 18-9, 10-6
3. Platteville 13-12, 8-8
4. Oshkosh 21-6, 12-4
5. La Crosse 19-8, 12-4
6. River Falls 10-16, 5-11
7. UW-Stout 12-13, 5-11
8. UW-Eau Claire 10-16, 3-13
9. UW-Superior 7-18, 2-14

()--First-Place Votes

This Week in the WIAC

Friday, Nov. 16

St. Scholastica (MN) at Superior, 7 p.m.
Beloit at Platteville, 7 p.m.
Finlandia (MI) at UW-Stout, 7 p.m.
Eureka (IL) at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
UW-Eau Claire vs. Grinnell (IA), 5:30 p.m.
UW-River Falls vs. Macalester (MN), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17

La Crosse at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Carroll (WI) at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
Maryville (MO) at UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.
Stout vs. Viterbo/Mayville State 1/3 p.m.
Whitewater vs. MSOE/North Park 5/7 p.m.
Eau Claire vs. Aurora/Wartburg 6/8 p.m.
River Falls vs. Peru State (NE), 8 p.m.

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point returns four starters from last year's Sweet 16 squad. The four returning starters contributed just less than 60% of the team's points last year. Leading the returnees will be junior forward Pete Rortvedt and senior guard Steve Hicklin. Both were first team All-WIAC selections last season. Rortvedt led the conference in scoring in 2006-07, averaging 16.9 points per game. He also led the league in three-pointers made with 95. Hicklin was the next closest player with 74 three-point field goals. Hicklin shot 50% from beyond the arc last season, second best in NCAA Division III.

Other starters returning include junior forward Bryan Beamish and junior guard Khalifa El-Amin. Beamish was an honorable mention all-conference player in 2006-07. Beamish averaged 9.7 points and just fewer than four rebounds per contest. El-Amin led the conference with 127 assists last season. His assist-to-turnover ratio also led the WIAC at 3.26.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers have won 12 straight home openers since a loss to Valley State (ND) to open the 1994-95 season. In fact, the Pointers haven't been under .500 at any point since losing their season opener to Teikyo Marycrest in 1995-96. However, they rallied to finish that season with a 17-8 record.
- * - The 18-point victory over Carroll last season was the Pointers biggest against a ranked foe since the 24-point national title game win over Rochester (NY) in 2005.
- * - UW-Stevens Point went 26-3 last season, which was the sixth time the Pointers have won 26 games in a season. The Pointers were 26-4 in 1982-83, 28-3 in 1983-84, 27-2 in 1990-91, 29-5 in 2003-04, and 29-3 in 2004-05.
- * - Including the postseason, the Pointers are 70-7 in their last 77 games against non-WIAC opponents, dating to January 2000. Four of the seven losses came in 2005-06.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has won 23 straight games against Midwest Conference opponents dating to a 68-51 loss at Ripon in 1976-77. Since then, the Pointers have beaten St. Norbert eight times, Lawrence six times, Carroll five times and Ripon four times.
- * - The Pointers led all NCAA Divisions last season in free throw percentage and fewest turnovers.
- * - The Pointers have made at least seven three pointers in 27 straight games. Stevens Point has made at least seven three-pointers in 49 of the 56 games under Coach Bob Semling.

Individual Notes:

- * - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua, WI) made a school record 95 three-point field goals last season. He led the WIAC in scoring averaging 16.9 points per game. He is a second team preseason All-American according to D3hoops.com.
- * - Senior guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex/Hamilton) was a first team All-WIAC selection last season. Hicklin shot 50% from beyond the arc last season, which was second best in Division III
- * - Junior guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) led the WIAC with 127 assists and also led the conference with a 3.26 assist-to-turnover ratio last season.
- * - Freshman guard **Jared Jenkins** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) played football this fall for head coach John Miech. Jenkins led the Pointers with 43 receptions. He also scored four touchdowns.

Scouting the Opponent

The Carroll College men's basketball team enters the 2007-2008 season after its most successful season in history. The Pioneers won their first Midwest Conference Tournament and advanced all the way to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament a year ago.

The Pioneers lost three of their top four scorers, however, and return just two players who averaged in double-figures last season. Junior Wes Ladwig averaged 10.7 points per game from his point guard position and senior Ryan Mueller scored 11.1 points per game while coming off the bench in 20 of the team's 27 games.

Seniors Jeremy Bohn and Keith Johnson, junior Nathan Zimmerman and sophomore John Hoch also return after seeing significant court time a year ago. Bohn, Johnson and Zimmerman will give the Pioneers experience on the low blocks while Hoch will provide speed in the backcourt.

Sophomores Jamaul Johnson and Eric Thompson are expected to give the Pioneers quality and experience off the bench.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Carroll 10-2. The Pointers won last year's meeting 93-75. Jon Krull scored a career-high 32 points in the victory. The Pointers were 23 of 27 from the free throw line.

Carroll's last win in the series was a 97-80 win at home in 1975.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Preseason 2007-08 Rankings

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Washington U. (15)	25-5	612	3
2	Amherst (8)	30-2	595	1
3	UW-Stevens Point (1)	26-3	569	6
4	Guilford	24-5	476	7
5	Augustana	22-6	459	11
6	Virginia Wesleyan	28-5	426	2
7	Brockport State (1)	26-6	379	12
8	Wooster	29-5	368	4
9	Rochester	18-8	335	-
10	Capital	19-9	334	-
11	Hope	26-5	322	5
12	Brandeis	20-7	302	23
13	Aurora	25-3	288	22
14	Mary Hardin-Baylor	22-6	238	-
15	Williams	16-12	208	-
16	Plattsburgh State	21-9	161	-
17	Calvin	19-10	160	-
18	Elmhurst	18-7	150	16
19	Puget Sound	19-7	140	-
20	Baldwin-Wallace	18-9	134	-
21	Lewis and Clark	21-6	133	-
22	Keene State	25-6	128	20
23	Mississippi College	25-2	117	8
24	Stevens	23-7	110	24
25	UW-Whitewater	18-9	98	-