

# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point

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### **UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes**

#### 2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 1-0 overall, 0-0 WIAC

**Streak:** 1-game winning streak **Breakdown:** 1-0 home, 0-0 away.

Nov. 17	Carroll	W 105-72				
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 (III.)	7:30 PM				
Jan. 1	at California Lutheran	9:30 PM				
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	5:00 PM				
Jan. 9	<b>UW-River Falls</b>	7:00 PM				
Jan. 12	<b>UW-Platteville</b>	5:00 PM				
Jan. 16	at UW-Stout	7:00 PM				
Jan. 19	<b>UW-Superior</b>	5:00 PM				
Jan. 23	<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	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	<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	5:00 PM				
Feb. 20	<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	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 (1-0 overall) vs. Northern Michigan (0-0 overall)

Mon., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis. vs. Lakeland College (0-1 overall )

Sat., Nov. 24, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

#### **Pointers This Week:**

The Pointers remain at home this week as they will host Northern Michigan University on Monday night and then host Lakeland College on Saturday night. The Pointers will look to avenge last year's loss to Northern Michigan and will look for their 14th win all-time against Lakeland.

#### **Broadcast:**

The games 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/liveau-diostats.asp

#### **Head Coach Bob Semling:**

Bob Semling owns a 44-13 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

Around the WIAC											
WIAC Standings - Nov. 17					This Week in the WIAC						
	Conf.		Overall		Monday, Nov. 19 Northern Michigan at Stevens Point, 7 p.m						
	W	L	W	L	Tuesday, Nov. 20						
Platteville	0	0	2	0	Tuesday, Nov. 20 La Crosse at Viterbo, 8 p.m. St. Thomas (MN) at River Falls, 7 p.m. Stout at Winona State (MN), 8 p.m.						
River Falls	0	0	2	0	Stout at Winona State (MN), 8 p.m. Superior at Northland, 7:30 p.m. Whitewater at Carroll (WI), 7 p.m.						
Stout	0	0	2	0	Wednesday, Nov. 21 Oshkosh at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.						
Whitewater	0	0	2	0	Friday Nov. 23						
La Crosse	0	0	1	0	Eau Claire vs. Hamline (MN), 5 p.m. Oshkosh vs. Finlandia (MI), 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24						
Stevens Point	0	0	1	0	Lakeland at Stevens Point 7 n m						
Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	Northland at Stout, 6:15 p.m. Eau Claire vs. Finlandia (MI), 3 p.m. Oshkosh vs. Hamline (MN), 5 p.m.						
Superior	0	0	0	1	Planeville at Webster Ovich 3 b m						
Eau Claire	0	0	0	2	Sunday, Nov. 25 Platteville vs. Washington (MO), 2 p.m. UW-Stout vs. Bemidji State/Puget Sound						

#### **Pointers Update:**

Stevens Point got their 2007-08 season started Saturday with a convincing 105-72 victory over Carroll College. In that game the Pointers set a team and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) record with 18 three-point field goals. The previous record had been 17 against UW-River Falls on January 9, 2002. Stevens Point was 12-for-16 from beyond the arc in the first half and was 6-for-10 in the second half.

Pete Rortvedt led the Pointers with 25 points. He was 6-for-11 from behind the three-point line. Steve Hicklin chipped in 19 points, including 16 in the first half alone. Freshman Louis Hurd had a big night in his first game as a collegiate as he had 15 points off the bench for the Pointers.

Stevens Point has won 24 straight games against Midwest Conference opponents and has won 13 straight home openers.

#### **Team Notes:**

- \* UW-Stevens Point is 53-5 in its last 58 games during the months of November and December.
- \* The 105 points scored against Carroll was the most since a 106-61 victory over UW-River Falls on January 20, 2007. The Pointers have gone over the century mark eight times since the 2000-01 season
- \* UW-Stevens Point committed 15 turnovers Saturday night after leading the nation last season by committing just 8.5 per contest. The Pointers had over 15 turnovers only once last season when they had 16 against Augustana.
- \* Including the postseason, the Pointers are 71-7 in their last 78 games against non-WIAC opponents, dating to January 2000. Four of the seven losses came in 2005-06.
- \* Since 1996-97, the Pointers are 6-3 against Division II competition.
- \* 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.
- \* After leading the NCAA in free throw percentage last season, the Pointers struggled from the line on Saturday night, shooting 57.9% for the game.
- \* The Pointers have made at least seven three pointers in 28 straight games. Stevens Point has made at least seven three-pointers in 50 of the 57 games under Coach Bob Semling.

#### **Individual Notes:**

- \* Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua, WI) led the Pointers with 25 points in the season opening win over Carroll College on Saturday. Rortvedt was 8-for-17 from the field, including 6-for-11on three-point attempts. Rortvedt led the Pointers in scoring in 12 games last season.
- \* Senior guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex/Hamilton) scored 16 of his 19 points in the first half in Saturday's win against Carroll College. He was 5-for-6 from beyond the arc.
- \* Junior guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) had a flawless shooting performance against Carroll College as he was 4-for-4 from the field, including 2-for-2 from three.
- \* Freshman forward **Louis Hurd** (Portage) scored 15 points in 20 minutes of action in his first collegiate game. Hurd was 5-for-8 from the field, including 2-for-2 on three-point attempts.

#### **Scouting the Opponent**

Northern Michigan has yet to play a regular season game, but they have played a couple of exhibition games against Division I opponents. The Wildcats lost to both Louisiana-Monroe and Chicago State University in the CBE Classic on the campus of Michigan State.

The Wildcats are picked to finish third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division, but received one first place vote. Sophomore guard Jerard Ajami, who was named Newcomer of the Year in the GLIAC last season, averaged 18.5 points per game in the two exhibition games for the Wildcats.

Lakeland fell to UW-La Crosse 70-68 in the season opener on Saturday. La Crosse made a layup as time expired for the victory.

The Muskies are predicted to finish fifth in the Northern Athletics Conference. Four starters return for Lakeland led by All-NAC honoree Kris Saiberlich and honorable mention Aaron Regal on the perimeter, Saiberlich went over 1,000 career points in the loss to La Crosse on Saturday.

#### **Series History**

After 24 prior meetings between Northern Michigan and Stevens Point, nothing has been settled as the series record is 12-12. The Pointers were handed their first loss of the season in 2006-07 by the Wildcats as Northern Michigan shot 50 % from the field on its way to a 101-92 victory.

The Pointers are 13-2 all-time against Lakeland College. Last season the Pointers took care of the Muskies 97-59. The Pointers were 16-for-35 from behind the arc in the game.

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

Rank,	Team (first place votes)	Rec. VotesLast		
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	-