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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 8-1 overall, 1-1 WIAC

Streak: 5-game winning streak

Breakdown: 4-0 home, 4-1 away.

Nov. 17	Carroll	W 105-72
Nov. 19	Northern Michigan	W 77-52
Nov. 24	Lakeland	W 76-38
Dec. 1	at UW-Whitewater	L 83-77
Dec. 5	at UW-La Crosse	W 76-61
Dec. 8	Lawrence	W 75-56
Dec. 10	at Viterbo	W 91-83
Dec. 12	at Edgewood	W 77-59
Dec. 15	at Ripon	W 71-67
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 (8-1 overall, 1-1 WIAC)

vs. #5 Augustana College (9-1 overall)

Sat., Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m. - Roy J. Carver PE Center - Rock Island, Ill.

Pointers This Week:

After three non-conference road games last week the Pointers remain on the road this week as they travel to face nationally-ranked Augustana College on Saturday. This will be Stevens Point's last game until they travel to California to face California Lutheran on New Year's Day.

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/liveau-diostats.asp>.

Head Coach Bob Semling:

Bob Semling owns a 51-14 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

WIAC Standings - Dec. 18

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oshkosh	3	0	7	2
Whitewater	2	1	7	1
Platteville	2	1	7	2
Eau Claire	2	1	6	3
Stevens Point	1	1	8	1
La Crosse	1	1	5	3
River Falls	1	2	5	5
Superior	0	2	3	6
Stout	0	3	3	7

This Week in the WIAC

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Oshkosh vs. Tri-State (IN), 6 p.m.-
at Orlando Tournament

Friday, Dec. 21

Loras (IA) at La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Stevens Point at Augustana (IL),
7:30 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The third-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team had a tough stretch of non-conference road games last week, but came out 3-0 as it defeated Viterbo 91-83 Monday night, Edgewood College 77-59 Wednesday night, and rallied to down Ripon College 71-67 on Saturday night.

Ross Rortvedt scored a career-high 17 points Monday night as the Pointers defeated Viterbo 91-83. Viterbo made the game interesting in the final minute as it cut the lead down to six with 10 seconds left. However, it was too little, too late.

Matt Moses matched a career-high with 12 points. **Steve Hicklin** added 14 points, while **Louis Hurd** scored 12 points and had a team-high seven rebounds.

On Wednesday night, the Pointers used a 17-1 run early in the second half to pull away from Edgewood to win by a score of 77-59.

Khalifa El-Amin led all-scorers, matching a career-high with 18 points. He and Matt Moses also dished out a team-high four assists. Steve Hicklin added 16 points and **Jerome Wotachek** scored 10 points. **Drew Jackson** led the Pointers with five rebounds and four blocked shots.

The Pointers were down 11 points in the second half before rallying to defeat Ripon College Saturday night by a final score of 71-67 at the J.M. Storzer Center.

Ripon had 45-34 lead with 13 minutes left in the contest. The Pointers proceeded to go on a 9-0 run over the next two minutes to cut the Ripon lead to 45-43. Stevens Point tied the game on three separate occasions, but did not regain the lead until a pair of Matt Moses free throws made the score 61-60 with 4:20 remaining.

Ross Rortvedt clinched the game with 11 seconds left making both of his free throws as the Pointers won by a score of 71-67.

Ross Rortvedt matched a career-high with 17 points. Steve Hicklin scored 13 points, while Matt Moses and Louis Hurd each added 11 points. Moses also had a career-high seven rebounds to lead Stevens Point. Hicklin had a team-high four assists and five steals.

Team Notes:

* - The Pointers are 10-5 all-time against teams from the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW). The only team they have a losing record against is Illinois Wesleyan (0-2).

* - UW-Stevens Point has made 90 three-pointers this season. That averages to 10 three-point field goals per game, which is the best in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). The next closest team has 69 three-pointers.

* - Five Pointers are shooting over 40 % on three-point attempts. Three are in the top 15 in the conference.

* - UW-Stevens Point has 146 assists this season to just 106 turnovers. Opponents have just 89 assists and 135 turnovers.

* - The Pointers have 38 blocked shots this season. They have at least one block in every game and have had four blocks or more in six of the nine games.

* - UW-Stevens Point is the hottest team in the conference with five straight wins. UW-Platteville is next with three consecutive victories.

* - With Saturday's win, UW-Stevens Point has won 26 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 seven times, Carroll six times and Ripon five times.

* - UW-Stevens Point is 60-6 in its last 66 games during the months of November and December.

* - Including the postseason, the Pointers are 77-7 in their last 84 games against non-WIAC opponents, dating to January 2000. Four of the seven losses came in 2005-06.

Individual Notes:

* - Sophomore guard **Ross Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) scored a career-high 17 points twice last week. Prior to Monday's game he had never scored in double-figures.

* - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) missed all three games last week due to injury. It was the first time in his three-year career that he not only missed a game, but also did not start a game.

* - Sophomore guard **Matt Moses** (Fond du Lac/St. Mary Springs) filled Pete's place in the starting lineup last week and matched a career-high with 12 points on Monday and then made some critical free throws and had a career-high seven rebounds in the come-from-behind win over Ripon on Saturday.

* - Junior Guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) matched a career-high with 18 points on Wednesday vs. Edgewood. He was a perfect 3-for-3 from inside the three-point line and was 4-for-6 from behind it.

Scouting the Opponent

The fifth-ranked Vikings are off to a 9-1 start this year and are currently on a six-game winning streak. In its last contest, the Vikings defeated Wartburg College 75-61 on Tuesday night.

The Vikings have already had some experience playing the WIAC so far this season as their only blemish of the year thus far came at UW-La Crosse, a 66-64 defeat. Augustana then came back to hand UW-Oshkosh its first loss of the season last Saturday with a 59-54 victory at Oshkosh.

Augustana is second in the CCIW in scoring defense only allowing 61 points per game. They lead the conference with 24 blocked shots.

Jordan Delp leads the Vikings in scoring, averaging 16.1 points per game. Delp has played in only seven of the 10 games this season. Dan Swetella is second on the squad in scoring as he is averaging 13.1 points per game. Chandlor Collins leads the Vikings in rebounding with 9.9 rebounds per game, which is also top in the conference. He also has a conference-high 13 blocked shots.

Series History

The Pointers won the one and only meeting with Augustana last season by a score of 71-68 in Quandt Fieldhouse.

Both teams were ranked nationally in the top ten coming into the contest last year. The Vikings led by as much as 11 in the first half, before the Pointers came back in the second half. Pete Rortvedt scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half to lead the Pointers past the Vikings.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Week 4 - Games thru Dec. 16

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Rochester (14)	9-0	580	1
2	Brandeis (2)	9-1	577	2
3	UW-Stevens Point (5)	8-1	562	3
4	Amherst (2)	7-1	542	4
5	Augustana	9-1	457	9
6	Guilford	4-1	453	6
7	Williams (1)	7-0	434	7
8	Hope (1)	5-1	425	8
9	Mary Hardin-Baylor	4-1	384	5
10	Puget Sound	6-0	370	10
11	Washington U.	8-2	344	12
12	Capital	8-1	321	15
13	UW-Oshkosh	7-1	309	13
14	Plattsburgh State	6-0	304	14
15	UW-Whitewater	6-1	299	11
16	Stevens	8-0	243	16
17	Brockport State	4-1	224	17
18	Wheaton (Ill.)	7-1	200	20
19	Lewis and Clark	3-2	176	19
20	Virginia Wesleyan	4-2	166	18
21	Elmhurst	4-1	138	21
22	Trinity (Texas)	6-0	127	22
23	Wooster	5-2	89	23
24	Calvin	5-3	70	24
25	St. Thomas	7-2	58	-