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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 9-1 overall, 1-1 WIAC

Streak: 6-game winning streak

Breakdown: 4-0 home, 5-1 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.)	W 73-63
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 (9-1 overall, 1-1 WIAC)

vs. California Lutheran (5-1 overall)

Tues., Jan. 1, 9:30 p.m. - Gilbert Arena - Thousand Oaks, Calif.

vs. # 13 UW-Oshkosh (8-2 overall, 3-0 WIAC)

Sat., Jan. 5, 5:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers play their final non-conference regular season game New Year's Day when they travel to just outside of Los Angeles to face California Lutheran. Stevens Point then returns home and returns to conference action as it hosts UW-Oshkosh in a conference showdown.

Broadcast:

Both 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 52-14 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. 26

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oshkosh	3	0	8	2
Whitewater	2	1	7	1
Platteville	2	1	7	2
Eau Claire	2	1	6	3
Stevens Point	1	1	9	1
La Crosse	1	1	5	4
River Falls	1	2	5	5
Superior	0	2	3	6
Stout	0	3	3	7

This Week in the WIAC

Monday, Dec. 31

Platteville vs. George Fox (OR), 4:30 p.m.
River Falls vs. Westminster (PA), 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Stevens Point at California Lutheran, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Finlandia (MI) at Oshkosh, 7 p.m.
North Central (IL) at Whitewater, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

La Crosse at Superior, 5 p.m.
Oshkosh at Stevens Point, 5 p.m.
Platteville at Stout, 5 p.m.
Whitewater at River Falls, 3 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The third-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team went on the road and took down fifth-ranked Augustana College 73-63 last Saturday.

Augustana scored the first four points of the game, but Stevens Point came back to score the next five points to take its first lead with 16:47 on the clock. The Pointers game themselves some breathing room midway through the first half outscoring the Vikings 20-9 over the span of 10 minutes to take a 27-16 lead with under six minutes left in the first half. Augustana scored six of the final eight points of the first half to make the halftime score 31-25 Stevens Point.

The Vikings came out early in the second half and cut the Pointer lead to 33-31. However, Stevens Point responded and took a 10-point lead once again following a **Pete Rortvedt** three-point field goal with 11:36 remaining in the game.

A 9-2 run by Augustana cut the lead down to three with six minutes left, but it was Pete Rortvedt again, who responded with a three-pointer to give the Pointers a six-point lead with 4:30 showing on the clock.

The Pointer lead was 10 again with two minutes left, but Stevens Point could not put Augustana away as the Vikings got the lead down to four with 36 seconds left. Stevens Point, who had struggled from the free throw line up to that point made its final eight free throw attempts to seal the victory as the Pointers won by a score of 73-63.

Stevens Point shot 54 % in the second half to finish at 46 % for the game. Augustana shot 41 % for the game. The Pointer bench finished with 39 points on the night and was led Pete Rortvedt with 15 points, all of which coming from behind the three-point line. Rortvedt had missed the previous three games due to injury. His brother, **Ross Rortvedt**, finished with 13 points off the bench and made six of the final eight free throws of the game. **Steve Hicklin** added 12 points. **Bryan Beamish** had a team-high eight rebounds and **Khalifa El-Amin** had solid game with six points, four steals, three assists and no turnovers.

Team Notes:

* - Last Saturday's road win was the Pointers' first victory over a ranked opponent away from Quandt Fieldhouse since they defeated UW-La Crosse 68-65 on 2/3/07.

* - UW-Stevens Point is eighth in NCAA Division III with a 1.4 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Pointers are 14th in Division III, averaging just 11.4 turnovers per contest.

* - The Pointers are 12th in Division III with a scoring margin, 17th in three-point field goals per game, and 18th in field goal percentage.

* - After leading all NCAA Divisions in free throw shooting last season, the Pointers rank just 133rd in Division III, shooting 70 % from the charity stripe.

* - The Pointers continue to lead the conference in blocked shots with 38. UW-Oshkosh is second with 29. The Pointers also lead the conference with 76 steals. The Pointers have 28 steals in the last three games alone.

* - Tuesday's game against California Lutheran will be just the second game all-time against a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) opponent. The Pointers defeated Pomona-Pitzer in 1987.

* - Including the postseason, the Pointers are 78-7 in their last 85 games against non-WIAC opponents, dating to January 2000. Four of the seven losses came in 2005-06.

Individual Notes:

* - Senior guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex/Hamilton) has scored in double-figures in nine of the 10 games so far this season. He is fifth in the conference with 22 three-point field goals.

* - Sophomore guard **Ross Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) is averaging 12.5 points per game in his last four games. Ross has been big at the free throw line this season, going 20-for-23. He made six straight at the end of the game vs. Augustana to seal the win.

* - Junior Guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) is second in the conference with 36 assists and has a 2.21 assist-to-turnover ratio, which is also second in the WIAC. Khalifa has had six assist and no turnovers in his last two games.

* - Junior Forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) had a team-high 15 points vs. Augustana after missing three games due to minor knee surgery. Pete attempted all but one of his 11 shots from behind the three-point line. He came off the bench for the first time in his career and hit the first shot he took.

Scouting the Opponent

California Lutheran has won four straight games since starting the season 1-1. Cal. Lutheran leads the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), holding opponents to just 57 points per game.

The Kingsmen have been led in scoring and rebounding the last three games by Andy Meier. Meier, who has just played in the three games, is averaging a double-double this season, averaging a team-high 19.3 points per game and 10 rebounds per game. Deshion Inniss is second on the team in scoring, averaging 15.8 points per game.

UW-Oshkosh started off 7-0, but has dropped two of its last three games. Of the 10 games this season, the Titans have only played one true road game at St. Norbert College in the season opener. The Titans lead the conference at the free throw line, shooting 84 %.

The Titans are balanced with four players averaging in double-figures. D.J. Marsh leads the scoring attack with 17.1 points per game. Matt Miller is right behind him averaging 16.1 points per game. Jordan Johnson leads the WIAC in rebounding with 7.5 boards per game, while Dane SeckarAnderson leads the conference with 17 block shots.

Series History

Tuesday's meeting with California Lutheran will be the first time the schools have faced each other.

The Pointers are 108-81 all-time against UW-Oshkosh. The Pointers have won eight of the last 11 meetings; however the Titans won the last meeting, a 72-55 victory at Quandt last season. The Titans have won two of the last three.

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	-