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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 3-1 overall, 0-1 WIAC

Streak: 1-game losing streak

Breakdown: 3-0 home, 0-1 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	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

#4 UW-Stevens Point (3-1 overall, 0-1 WIAC)

vs. UW-La Crosse (4-1 overall, 0-0 WIAC)

Wed., Dec. 5, 7 p.m. - Mitchell Hall - La Crosse, Wis.

vs. Lawrence (4-0 overall)

Sat., Dec. 8, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

Coming off their first loss of the season, the Pointers will try to get back on track when they travel to face UW-La Crosse on Wednesday night and then return home for a non-conference matchup against Lawrence University on Saturday night.

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 46-14 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. 3

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

This Week in the WIAC

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Superior at St. Scholastica (MN), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Platteville at Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
Stevens Point at La Crosse, 7 p.m.
Whitewater at Oshkosh, 7 p.m.
River Falls at Stout, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Eau Claire at La Crosse, 5 p.m.
Stout at Oshkosh, 3 p.m.
River Falls at Platteville, 3 p.m.
Lawrence at Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
Superior at Whitewater, 3 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The second-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team fell Saturday to 20th-ranked UW-Whitewater by a score of 83-77 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) opener.

The first eight minutes of the contest was close as neither team had a lead of more than three points. With the score tied 17-17, the Warhawks went on a 7-0 run to take a 24-17 advantage with 9:17 left in the first half. Whitewater built its lead to seven with 5:29 left, but the Pointers then outscored the Warhawks 13-3 over the next four minutes to take a 34-31 lead. However, the Warhawks scored the last four points of the half to take a 35-34 halftime lead.

The Pointers started the second half fast making their first four field goals, including a three-pointer by **Pete Rortvedt** that gave Stevens Point 43-37 lead. With the score 48-42 Pointers with over 16 minutes left, Whitewater would go on a 10-0 run to take a 52-48 lead with 14:03 left. The Warhawks did not relinquish the lead the rest of the game.

The Warhawks extended their lead to nine with 7:27 on the clock, but the Pointers fought back. Stevens Point cut the lead to 75-74 after a **Jerome Wotachek** put back with 1:09 remaining. Unfortunately, that's as close they would get as the Warhawks were 8-for-10 from the free throw line in the final minute to knock off the second-ranked Pointers 83-77. The loss snaps a nine-game win streak for the Pointers against WIAC opponents.

Stevens Point uncharacteristically struggled from the free throw line in the second half going 4-for-9 with all five of the misses coming in the final four minutes. The Warhawks shot 62 % from the field, including 68 % in the second half. Whitewater was 18-for-22 from the free throw line in the second half.

Steve Hicklin led the Pointers with 18 points. Pete Rortvedt chipped in 14 points and Jerome Wotachek added 10 points. **Bryan Beamish** had six rebounds and six assists to lead Stevens Point.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers begin a tough stretch on Wednesday with as they will have five games in the span of 11 days. Four of the five games will be away from Quandt Fieldhouse.

- * - The last time UW-Stevens Point lost a non-conference home game in the regular season was to Edgewood College, 69-64 defeat on 12/29/99. Since then the Pointers have won 33 consecutive regular season home games against Non-WIAC opponents

- * - UW-Stevens Point has won 24 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 six times and Ripon four times.

- * - UW-Stevens Point jumped up to the top of the conference this week in points per game. The Pointers leap-frogged Eau Claire, averaging 83.8 points per game.

- * - UW-Stevens Point's conference loss on Saturday means that it has a sub-.500 WIAC record for the first time since it started with a 0-2 conference record in 2001-02 with losses to Whitewater and Stout.

- * - UW-Stevens Point is 55-6 in its last 61 games during the months of November and December.

- * - Including the postseason, the Pointers are 73-7 in their last 80 games against non-WIAC opponents, dating to January 2000. Four of the seven losses came in 2005-06.

- * - The Pointers have made at least seven three pointers in 31 straight games. Stevens Point has made at least seven three-pointers in 53 of the 60 games under Coach Bob Semling.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex/Hamilton) shot 7-for-10 from the field, including 4-for-5 from beyond the arc as he led the Pointers with 18 points vs. Whitewater. He is shooting a conference-best 61 % on three-point attempts

- * - Junior forward **Bryan Beamish** (Wisconsin Rapids/Lincoln) had a solid all-around game vs. Whitewater with six points, six rebounds, and six assists. He also had a block and a steal.

- * - Junior Center **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot) scored a career-high 10 points in 21 minutes of action in the loss to Whitewater. He also leads the WIAC with 1.75 blocks/game.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-La Crosse suffered its first loss of the season Saturday, falling 73-59 to St. Thomas. The Eagles upset fourth-ranked Augustana College 66-64 on Wednesday. Three of the four wins this season for the Eagles have been by a combined five points.

The Eagles are holding opponents to a WIAC-best 30 % shooting on three-point attempts this season.

Tony Mane averages 15.4 points per game to lead La Crosse offensively. Chris Fehrenbach and Billy Kegler each average a little over 10 points per contest. Kegler also leads the Eagles with 5.6 rebounds per game. Brandon Brown leads the conference with three steals per game.

Lawrence remained unbeaten Saturday with a 90-75 victory over Monmouth College. The Vikings lead the conference with a .485 field goal percentage and a .430 three-point percentage.

John Dekker leads Lawrence averaging 14.2 points per game. Dekker is 14-21 beyond the three-point line this season, tops in the Midwest Conference.

Ryan Kroeger averages 13.8 points per game and Andy Hurley averages 12.0 points per game. Hurley is averaging a conference-high eight rebounds per contest.

Series History

The Pointers are 78-42 all-time against La Crosse. Stevens Point defeated the Eagles 83-68 in the WIAC Tournament Championship game last season. The Pointers have own 12 straight against the Eagles with their last loss coming in La Crosse on 1/30/02.

Stevens Point owns a 25-11 advantage in the all-time series vs. Lawrence. Last season, the 25th-ranked Pointers defeated the 13th-ranked Vikings by a score of 70-67. Lawrence rallied from an 18-point deficit in the second half and missed a go-ahead shot in the final five seconds.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Week 2 - Games thru Dec. 2

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Amherst (23)	5-0	623	1
2	Rochester (1)	6-0	556	6
3	Brandeis	6-0	551	7
4	UW-Stevens Point (1)	3-1	520	2
5	Mary Hardin-Baylor	3-0	417	9
6	UW-Whitewater	4-0	414	20
7	Guilford	2-1	408	3
8	Williams	6-0	377	10
9	Virginia Wesleyan	4-1	369	5
10	Augustana	4-1	363	4
11	Hope	3-1	339	16
12	Washington U.	5-2	335	8
13	Plattsburgh State	4-0	325	11
14	Puget Sound	5-0	317	12
15	Capital	5-1	252	18
16	Keene State	5-0	249	19
17	Stevens	6-0	242	21
18	Calvin	4-2	216	15
19	Brockport State	2-1	172	17
20	Lewis and Clark	3-1	156	25
21	Trinity (Conn.)	6-0	148	-
22	St. Thomas	5-1	134	-
23	Elmhurst	3-1	131	13
24	Wheaton (Ill.)	5-1	107	22
25	Wooster	2-2	105	14