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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 13-3 overall, 5-2 WIAC

Streak: 4-game winning streak **Breakdown:** 7-1 home, 6-2 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 (III.)	W 73-63						
Jan. 1	at California Lutheran	L 72-70 OT						
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	L 73-62						
Jan. 9	UW-River Falls	W 87-44						
Jan. 12	UW-Platteville	W 70-67						
Jan. 16	at UW-Stout	W 83-77						
Jan. 19	UW-Superior	W 78-57						
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								

#7 UW-Stevens Point (13-3 overall, 5-2 WIAC)
vs. UW-Eau Claire (10-6 overall, 4-3 WIAC)
Wed., Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.
vs. #20 UW-Oshkosh (12-4 overall, 6-2 WIAC)
Sat., Jan. 26, 3:00 p.m. - Kolf Center - Oshkosh, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers finish up the first round of conference games Wednesday night when they host UW-Eau Claire at Quandt Fieldhouse. The Pointers then travel to Oshkosh on Saturday to try to avenge an earlier loss to Titans.

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/liveaudiostats.asp.

Head Coach Bob Semling:

Bob Semling owns a 56-16 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 - Jan. 21					This Week in the WIAC						
	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Jan. 22						
	W	L	W	L	Oshkosh at Lawrence, 7 p.m.						
Whitewater	6	1	13	2							
Oshkosh	6	2	12	4	Wednesday, Jan. 23						
Stevens Point	E 0 40 0				Eau Claire at Stevens Point, 7 p.m. River Falls at La Crosse, 7 p.m.						
Platteville	5	2	11	4	Platteville at Whitewater, 7 p.m.						
Eau Claire	4	3	10	6	Stout at Superior, 7 p.m.						
Superior	3	4	7	8	Saturday, Jan. 26						
La Crosse	2	5	7	9	La Crosse at Eau Claire, 5 p.m.						
River Falls	1	6	7	9	Stevens Point at Oshkosh, 3 p.m.						
Stout	0	7	3	13	Stout at Platteville, 5 p.m. Whitewater at Superior, 3 p.m.						

Pointers Update:

The 11th-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team has won four in row as it defeated UW-Stout 83-77 on Wednesday and UW-Superior 78-57 on Alumni Day on Saturday.

The Pointers fought off a stubborn UW-Stout team on Wednesday night winning by a score of 83-77 at Williams Fieldhouse in Menomonie.

The Pointers led by just one point at halftime the margin was only one with five minutes remaining. Bryan Beamish and Pete Rortvedt then hit back-to-back three pointers and Stevens Point went 9-for-10 from the line in the final minute to hold off the Blue Devils.

Steve Hicklin led the Pointers with 16 points. Ross Rortvedt and Louis **Hurd** each had 13 points off the bench. Rortvedt was a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line, including 6-for-6 in the final minute. Pete Rortvedt added 11 points and had a team-high six rebounds.

On Saturday, the Pointers used a couple of 7-0 runs and an 8-0 run in the second half to pull away from UW-Superior winning by a score of 78-57 at Quandt Fieldhouse.

Stevens Point shot 53 % for the game. The Pointers were 9-for-18 on three-point attempts and 13-for-16 from the free throw line. The Yellowjackets shot just 38 % and were 5-for-20 from beyond the arc. The Pointer defense did a great job on Jake Smith as he scored just three points on 1-for-7 shooting. Smith is the second-leading scorer in the conference.

Bryan Beamish led the Pointers with 13 points. Khalifa El-Amin added 10 points and five assists. **Jared Jenkins** scored a career-high 10 points off the bench. Louis Hurd had nine points and led the Pointers with seven rebounds. Steve Hicklin had six assists to go along with eight points.

Team Notes:

- * The Pointers have shot over 80 % from the free throw line in three of the last four games. The Pointers shot a season-high 29 free throws vs. Stout on Wednesday. The Pointers shot 72 % in that game. In the last four games the Pointers have made 65 free throws, while opponents have only made 24 free throws.
- * The Pointers shot over 52 % from the field the last two games. The Pointers didn't shoot over 50 % the previous six games.
- * UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout combined for 21 three-point field goals on Wednesday night. That is the third-most this season in a Pointer game as Stevens Point and Carroll combined for 27 three-pointers in the season opener and the Pointers and Viterbo combined for 24 three-pointers.
- * UW-Stevens Point is second in the conference in scoring, averaging 78 points per game and is second in scoring defense, allowing just 64 points per game. Teams are shooting just 42.4 % from the field.
- * The Pointers are outscoring opponents by an average 14 points per game this season, which is second best in the conference. At Quandt Fieldhouse, the Pointers are winning games by an average of 24.6 points.
- * UW-Stevens Point leads the conference with 248 assists and with 53 blocks. The Pointers also lead the WIAC with a + 4.06 turnover margin and a 1.46 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- * The Pointers have made 19 three-point field goals in the last two games and lead the WIAC with 140 three-pointers this season.

Individual Notes:

- * The Pointers have a couple of players nearing the 1,000-point benchmark as senior guard Steve Hicklin (Sussex/Hamilton) needs just four points and junior forward Pete Rortvedt (Minocqua/Lakeland) needs 22 points. Both are 27th and 28th respectively on the school's all-time scoring list.
- * Freshman guard Jared Jenkins (Milwaukee/Rufus King) scored a careerhigh 10 points vs. Superior on Saturday. Jenkins was 3-for-5 from the field and 4-for-5 from the free throw line in 16 minutes of action. Jenkins has seen more minutes the last couple games, averaging over 10 minutes in each.
- * Freshman forward Louis Hurd (Portage) had a couple of solid of performances last week, scoring 13 points in just 11 minutes of action on Wednesday vs. Stout and grabbing seven rebounds to go along with nine points vs. Superior on Saturday.
- Junior guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) had 10 points, five assists, and four rebounds vs. Superior on Saturday. Khalifa was 4-for-8 from the field, including 2-for-5 on three-point attempts.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire has won its last two games and is coming off a 74-70 victory at UW-River Falls on Saturday. The Blugolds beat Oshkosh on Wednesday night by a score of 57-54 at Zorn Arena. The Blugolds are just 2-2 in conference road games.

Eau Claire is third in the conference shooting 50.7 % from the field. However, they are the worst three-point shooting team in the WIAC, connecting on only 35 % on their three-point attempts. They average a league-worst five three-pointers per game.

The Blugolds are led in scoring by Dan Beyer, who is averaging 17.7 points per game. Beyer is also the team's top rebounder with 6.8 rebounds per game. Freshman Ryan Shea is averaging 16.8 points per game. Shea leads the conference with 35 steals. Geoff Probst is the other Blugold averaging in double-figures averaging 10.8 points per game.

After starting the season 10-2, UW-Oshkosh has lost two of its last

four games. The Titans did defeat UW-La Crosse 81-68 on Saturday.

The Titans lead the conference shooting 80.5 % from the free throw line. The Titans are also holding opponents to league-best 31 % shooting on three-point attempts

D.J. Marsh is second in the conference averaging 18.1 points per game. Marsh scored a game-high 23 points in the first game against the Pointers this season. Matt Miller is averaging 16.4 points per game. Miller had 19 points in the first meeting and was 5-for-8 on three-point attempts. Miller leads the conference with 58 three-point field goals. Dane Seckar-Anderson is averaging 13.9 points per game. He had 15 points vs. the Pointers in the first meeting. Jordan Johnson leads the WIAC with 8.1 rebounds per game.

Series History

The Pointers are 76-78 all-time vs. UW-Eau Claire. Stevens Point has won 13 straight games over the Blugolds. The Pointers eliminated the Blugolds from the WIAC Conference Tournament with a 89-55 victory.

UW-Stevens Point is 108-82 all-time against UW-Oshkosh. The Titans defeated the Pointers earlier this season by a score of 73-62. It was the second straight year the Titans have won at Quandt. The Pointers defeated the Titans at Oshkosh last season by a score of 89-76.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Week 8 - Games thru Jan. 20

	Rank,	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
	1	Rochester (25)	14-0	625	1
	2	Brandeis	12-2	572	2
	3	Amherst	13-2	571	3
	4	Washington U.	12-2	546	5
	5	Hope	12-2	524	6
	6	UW-Whitewater	13-2	472	10
a	7	UW-Stevens Point	13-3	461	11
	8	Mass-Dartmouth	15-0	419	14
	9	Capital	13-2	407	13
	10	Williams	14-2	369	8
	11	Puget Sound	12-2	349	7
	12	Augustana	11-4	272	9
	13	Elmhurst	12-3	247	12
	14	Centre	14-1	226	20
	15	Mary Hardin-Baylor	11-3	216	4
	16	Virginia Wesleyan	11-3	192	22
	17	Plattsburgh State	12-2	189	21
1	18	Millsaps	15-1	178	23
	19	Randolph-Macon	12-2	170	25
	20	UW-Oshkosh	12-4	168	16
	21	Stevens	13-2	147	15
	22	Wheaton (III.)	12-3	143	18
	23	Wooster	12-3	98	19
	24	Roanoke	11-2		_
	25	Elizabethtown	13-1	78	_