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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 9-3 overall, 1-2 WIAC

Streak: 2-game losing streak

Breakdown: 4-1 home, 5-2 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 (Ill.)	W 73-63
Jan. 1	at California Lutheran	L 72-70 OT
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	L 73-62
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

#14 UW-Stevens Point (9-3 overall, 1-2 WIAC)

vs. UW-River Falls (7-6 overall, 1-3 WIAC)

Wed., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. UW-Platteville (9-3 overall, 3-1 WIAC)

Sat., Jan. 12, 5:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers will look to rebound from back-to-back losses as they have a couple of critical conference home game this week against UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville. With two wins this week, the Pointers can climb back into the conference race.

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 52-16 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. 7

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oshkosh	4	0	10	2
Whitewater	3	1	10	2
Platteville	3	1	9	3
Eau Claire	2	1	7	4
Stevens Point	1	2	9	3
La Crosse	1	2	6	6
Superior	1	2	5	6
River Falls	1	3	7	6
Stout	0	4	3	9

This Week in the WIAC

Monday, Jan. 7

Finlandia (MI) at Eau Claire, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Eau Claire at Superior, 7 p.m.

Whitewater at La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Platteville at Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

River Falls at Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Stout at Ripon, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Whitewater at Eau Claire, 5 p.m.

La Crosse at Stout, 5 p.m.

Oshkosh at Superior, 3 p.m.

Platteville at Stevens Point, 5 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The third-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team had a tough last week as it went out to California and lost 72-70 in overtime to California Lutheran on New Year's Night. The Pointers then returned home and lost to No. 18 UW-Oshkosh 73-62 on Saturday night.

The Pointers led for almost the entire game vs. Cal. Lutheran except for the last 21 seconds of regulation when Cal. Lutheran tied it up with a 25-foot three pointer and the last 36 seconds of overtime when Cal. Lutheran took its first lead and won the game 72-70. The Pointers led by as much as 17 in the first half and were up 15 at halftime.

Louis Hurd led the Pointers with 14 points off the bench. **Jerome Wotachek** was the only other Pointer in double-figures with 12 points. He also had a team-high seven rebounds.

The Pointers then fell to No. 18-ranked UW-Oshkosh 73-62 Saturday night at Quandt Fieldhouse.

The Titans jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but the Pointers responded with a 6-0 run following a **Drew Jackson** dunk to take the lead. The game remained close until the Titans went on a 7-0 run led by two Matt Miller three-pointers to go up 34-23 with three minutes left in the half. The Titans went into half-time with a 38-27 advantage.

The Pointers were unable to get the score into single digits in the second half. It looked like the Pointers had some momentum halfway through the second half after **Pete Rortvedt** hit a couple of jumpers to cut the lead to 12. However, following an Oshkosh timeout the Titans scored six straight points and quieted the crowd. The Titans led by as much as 19 with 8:39 remaining in the game.

The Pointers shot 56 % in the second half and finished at 48 % for the game. Stevens Point was just 3-for-16 on three-point attempts.

Matt Moses scored a career-high 14 points and Pete Rortvedt also had 14 to lead the Pointers. **Bryan Beamish** added 13 points. Pete Rortvedt also led the team with six rebounds.

Team Notes:

* - The back-to-back losses are the first for the Pointers since they dropped two in a row on January 25, 2006 and January 28, 2006 to UW-Oshkosh and Edgewood.

* - Tuesday's game was the first overtime game for the Pointers since they defeated UW-Stout 89-84 in double overtime on January 7, 2006. The Pointers had won six straight overtime games.

* - UW-Stevens Point's three three-pointers on Saturday are the lowest since they hit three against Lawrence University on November 21, 2006. The Pointers still lead the conference with 109 three-point field goals. Platteville is second with 96 three-pointers.

* - The Pointers are tied for second in the WIAC in scoring defense, allowing just 64.9 points per game. They are also second in field goal percentage defense, holding opponents to just 43 % shooting per game.

* - The Pointers have a conference-high 45 blocked shots with UW-Platteville in second with 31 blocked shots.

* - UW-Stevens Point has a + 3.50 turnover margin, which is the best in the WIAC. The Pointers have committed 134 turnovers, while forcing 176 turnovers.

* - The Pointers lead the WIAC in attendance, averaging 1,438 per home game.

* - The 62 points the Pointers scored were the lowest of the season and are the lowest since the same Titans held the Pointers to 62 points on 1/25/06.

Individual Notes:

* - Senior guard **Matt Moses** (Fond du Lac/St Mary Springs) scored a career-high 14 points in the loss vs. Oshkosh on Saturday. Moses was 6-for-8 from the field and 2-for-4 from the free throw line in 28 minutes of action off the bench.

* - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) is fourth in the conference with 27 three-point field goals, even though he has missed three games this season. Rortvedt is averaging three, three-pointers per game.

* - Junior forward **Bryan Beamish** (Wisconsin Rapids/Lincoln) tied his second-highest point total of the season on Saturday with 13 points in just 22 minutes of action.

* - Freshman Forward **Louis Hurd** (Portage) had five rebounds and a season-high four assists on Saturday. Hurd scored 14 points vs. California Lutheran and has scored in double-figures in six of the 12 games this season.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-River Falls has won five of its last seven games after starting the season 2-4. The Falcons are coming off an 88-82 overtime loss to UW-Whitewater on Saturday. The Falcons trailed by 19 in that game before rallying back to send the game into overtime after a game-tying three-pointer at the end of regulation.

The Falcons lead the conference with over 25 defensive rebounds per game. They also get to the free throw line more than any other team in the conference, but are the worst shooting team only making 63 % of their free throws.

The Falcons have three players that average in double-figures led by Nate Robertson at 11.5 points per game. Courtney Davis is right behind him averaging 11 points per game. Willie Wright averages 10.9 points per game. Robertson also leads the team with 73 rebounds. Danny Johnson leads the WIAC in three-point shooting percentage as he is 15-for-21 (.714).

UW-Platteville has won two straight games. The Pioneers defeated UW-Stout 83-64 on Saturday to improve their conference record to 3-1. All three of the Pioneers losses have come away from Bo Ryan Court.

The Pioneers have the top scoring defense in the conference, allowing just 63.6 points per game. Platteville also leads the conference with 8.50 steals per game. The Pioneers are second in the three-point shooting, connecting on 44 % of their three-point attempts.

The Pioneers have four different players averaging in double-figures. Curt Hanson leads the way at 15.8 points per game. Hanson has made 41 three-pointers, second-most in the WIAC. Jeff Skemp is averaging 12.3 points per game and has a team-high 7.5 rebounds per contest. Skemp leads the conference with 18 blocked shots.

Series History

The Pointers own a 95-38 all-time record against UW-River Falls. The Pointers have won 24 of the last 25 meetings. Since 1991, the Falcons have only beaten the Pointers four times. In the last meeting, the Pointers tied a conference record with 16 three-point field goals.

The Pointers are 80-73 all-time against UW-Platteville. Stevens Point has won the last three meetings after dropping the previous three. The Pointers trailed at the half in the last meeting, but Jon Krull hit four three-pointers in the first eight minutes of the second half as the Pointers pulled away.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings

Week 6 - Games thru Jan. 6

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Rochester (18)	9-0	605	1
2	Brandeis (6)	9-1	601	2
3	Amherst	8-2	536	4
4	Williams (1)	12-0	487	5
5	Augustana	9-2	483	6
6	Mary Hardin-Baylor	9-1	451	7
7	Washington U.	8-2	447	8
8	Hope	8-2	403	9
9	Puget Sound	9-1	379	10
10	Elmhurst	10-1	356	14
11	Guilford	6-2	353	12
12	UW-Oshkosh	10-2	340	18
13	Wheaton (Ill.)	10-1	337	15
14	UW-Stevens Point	9-3	332	3
15	UW-Whitewater	10-2	265	17
16	Capital	9-2	228	20
17	Virginia Wesleyan	7-2	211	21
18	Stevens	9-1	195	13
19	Mass-Dartmouth	10-0	175	23
20	Wooster	10-2	157	22
21	Occidental	11-1	128	25
22	Lewis and Clark	7-3	124	16
23	St. Thomas	8-2	107	24
24	Cal Lutheran	10-1	77	-
25	Plattsburgh State	8-2	68	19