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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 19-4 overall, 11-3 WIAC

Streak: 5-game winning streak

Breakdown: 10-1 home, 9-3 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	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	W 57-44
Jan. 26	at UW-Oshkosh	L 73-61
Jan. 30	at UW-River Falls	W 71-40
Feb. 6	UW-Stout	W 86-58
Feb. 9	at UW-Superior	W 95-65
Feb. 13	at UW-Eau Claire	W 89-68
Feb. 16	UW-Whitewater	W 76-47
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

#5 UW-Stevens Point (19-4 overall, 11-3 WIAC)

vs. UW-La Crosse (11-13 overall, 6-9 WIAC)

Wed., Feb 20, 7:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. #23 UW-Platteville (17-6 overall, 10-4 WIAC)

Sat., Feb. 23, 5:00 p.m. - Bo Ryan Court - Platteville, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers will play their final regular season home game Wednesday night when they host UW-La Crosse. They then will travel down to Platteville to square-off with the Pioneers for a possible chance at a conference regular season championship.

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 62-17 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 - Feb. 18

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	11	3	19	4
Stevens Point	11	3	19	4
Oshkosh	11	3	17	6
Platteville	10	4	17	6
La Crosse	6	9	11	13
Eau Claire	5	9	11	12
Superior	5	10	9	14
River Falls	3	11	9	14
Stout	2	12	5	18

This Week in the WIAC

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Superior at Finlandia (MI), 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

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

Saturday, Feb. 23

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

Pointers Update:

The fifth-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team kept on rolling this week with a road win at UW-Eau Claire and then dropping second-ranked UW-Whitewater on Saturday at Quandt Fieldhouse.

The Pointers were too much for UW-Eau Claire on Wednesday night as they defeated the Blugolds 89-68. Stevens Point went on a 10-0 run in the first half to lead by 11 at the break. After the Blugolds cut the lead down to four at the beginning of the season, the Pointers extended the lead back to 10 within the next two minutes. Stevens Point turned it on later in the half with a 13-2 run to extend its lead to 21. That would be the final margin as the Pointers went on to win 89-68.

Pete Rortvedt led the way with 20 points, his highest point total since the season opener.

In front of 2,425 fans on Saturday the Pointers went on a 23-2 run in the second half to blow out the second-ranked Warhawks 76-47.

The first half was tight with Whitewater leading at the half 30-29. Then with the Warhawks still leading 34-32 in the second half, Stevens Point went on a 23-2 run, including a 15-0 run to take a 55-36 lead. The Pointers continued to grow the lead the rest of the way ending the game out scoring the Warhawks 42-13.

Bryan Beamish led the Pointers with 16 points to go along with six rebounds and six assists.

Team Notes:

* - UW-Stevens Point held Whitewater to its lowest scoring output of the season and handed the Warhawks since 90-49 loss to UW-Stout since 2001, a string of 190 straight games.

* - UW-Stevens Point had its best shooting performance of the season on Wednesday against Eau Claire as finished at it 63 % from the field. The Pointers have shot over 60 % in the second half in the last two games.

* - The Pointers have won five straight games and have won the last five games by an average of 27.8 points per game. The Pointers are averaging 83.4 points per game. Stevens Point has lost just one game this season when they have scored over 70 points.

* - UW-Stevens Point leads the conference in scoring margin as it is outscoring opponents by 15.8 points per game, which is fifth-best in NCAA Division III. The Pointers are holding opponents to just 61.7 points per game.

* - The Pointers lead the conference with 72 blocks, 357 assists, and 184 steals. They have a +5.00 turnover margin and a 1.55 assist-to-turnover ratio, which leads Division III.

* - The Pointers are the hottest team in the conference with five straight victories.

Individual Notes:

* - Sophomore forward **Scott Hoelzel** (Kaukauna) put together two of his best games as a Pointer with 12 points against Eau Claire on Wednesday and then a career-high 13 points with a team-high seven rebounds against Whitewater on Saturday.

* - Sophomore guard **Matt Moses** (Fond du Lac/St. Mary Springs) scored a career-high 16 points against the Blugolds. Moses then added 10 points against the Warhawks on Saturday. Moses was perfect as he was 3-for-3 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free throw line on Saturday.

* - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) had his second-highest scoring output of the season and the most since the season opener when he had 20 points against Eau Claire. Rortvedt was 5-for-9 on three-point attempts in that game.

+ - Junior guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) is eighth in NCAA Division III with a 2.92 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-La Crosse snapped a three-game losing streak with a 76-65 victory over UW-Stout on Saturday. Wednesday's game will be the last conference game of the regular season for the Eagles as they have the bye on Saturday.

The Eagles are the lowest scoring team in the WIAC only averaging 66.3 points per game. La Crosse is getting outrebounded by five rebounds per game and only average 8.5 offensive rebounds per game. The Eagles are second with a +2.29 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Tony Mane leads the Eagles in scoring with 16.6 points per game. Mane has made 61 three-point field goals this season. Chris Fehrenbach is second on the squad in scoring with 11.8 points per game. Billy Kegler leads La Crosse with 105 rebounds and Brandon Brown leads the conference with 2.37 steals per game.

UW-Platteville is on its first two-game losing streak of the season as it fell to UW-Whitewater last Wednesday and then were stunned by UW-Superior on Saturday. The Pioneers had a seven-game winning streak prior to the two losses.

The Pioneers are second in the WIAC as they are holding opponents to just 64.3 points per game. Platteville is on top of the conference with a three-point percentage of .426. The Pioneers are outrebounding opponents by 6.6 boards per game.

Platteville has four players that average in double-figures. Curt Hanson leads the way with 15.1 points per game. Hanson is averaging 2.65 three-pointers per game. Jeff Skemp is averaging 14.2 points per game and eight rebounds per game. Skemp leads the conference with 32 blocked shots. Mike Shaw and Charlie Lohoff are both averaging about 10 points per game.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point is 79-42 all-time against UW-La Crosse. The Pointers have won 13 straight and 20 of the last 21 over the Eagles. In the first meeting Jerome Wotachek scored a career-high 17 points in the 76-61 Pointer win.

The Pointers are 81-73 all-time against UW-Platteville. Stevens Point has won the last four games in the series. In the first meeting at Quandt this season, Bryan Beamish hit a three-pointer with three seconds left to break a 67-67 tie to lift the Pointers to a 70-67 victory. Beamish finished with a career-high 22 points.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Week 12 - Games thru Feb. 17

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Amherst (24)	22-2	624	1
2	Centre (1)	21-1	550	3
3	Hope	19-3	537	4
4	Washington U.	18-4	536	7
5	UW-Stevens Point	19-4	507	9
6	Brandeis	18-4	472	10
7	UW-Whitewater	19-4	431	2
8	Capital	20-3	425	11
9	Mass-Dartmouth	21-2	394	5
10	Augustana	18-5	377	8
11	Plattsburgh State	21-2	354	12
12	Wooster	20-3	347	14
13	Guilford	19-4	343	15
14	Rochester	17-5	304	6
15	Mary Hardin-Baylor	20-3	280	13
16	St. Thomas	20-3	260	17
17	Ursinus	21-2	219	19
18	Lawrence	18-2	205	22
19	Virginia Wesleyan	19-5	167	23
20	UW-Oshkosh	17-6	137	24
21	Maryville (Tenn.)	21-2	132	25
22	Occidental	20-3	102	18
23	UW-Platteville	17-6	100	16
24	Millsaps	21-3	96	-
25	Stevens	20-4	44	20