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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 21-5 overall, 12-4 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 12-1 home, 9-4 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	W 89-62
Feb. 23	at UW-Platteville	L 84-65
Feb. 25	* UW-La Crosse	W 74-66 OT
Feb. 27	* UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
March 1	WIAC Finals	TBA

* WIAC Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

-WIAC Semifinals-

**#8 UW-Stevens Point (21-5 overall, 12-4 WIAC)
vs. UW-Eau Claire (12-14 overall, 5-11 WIAC)
Wed., Feb 27, 7:00 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.**

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers remain at home for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tournament Semifinals after UW-Eau Claire's upset win at UW-Platteville on Monday.

Broadcast:

The game 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 64-18 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. 26

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
* Whitewater	13	3	22	4
Stevens Point	12	4	21	5
Platteville	12	4	19	7
Oshkosh	11	5	17	9
Superior	6	10	12	14
La Crosse	6	10	11	15
Eau Claire	5	11	12	14
Stout	4	12	7	19
River Falls	3	13	9	16

* WIAC Regular Season Champion

This Week in the WIAC

Monday, February 25

Whitewater (#1) 78, Stout (#8) 67
Superior (#5) 67, Oshkosh (#4) 66
Stevens Point (#3) 74, La Crosse (#6) 66 (OT)
Eau Claire (#7) 84, Platteville (#2) 80

Wednesday, February 27

Semifinals

Superior at Whitewater, 7 p.m.
Eau Claire at Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

Championship

Semifinal Winners, 3 or 7 p.m. (at higher seed)

Pointers Update:

The eighth-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball had to survive an overtime contest with UW-La Crosse on Monday night, winning by a score of 74-66 in the WIAC Quarterfinals.

The Pointers trailed by five with less than two minutes to play until **Pete Rortvedt** hit a jumper and then a three-pointer to tie the game with 59 seconds left. After La Crosse tipped in a blocked shot with 16 seconds left, freshman **Jared Jenkins** took the ball to the basket made the layup and was fouled. However, he would miss the free throw, but the Pointers got the rebound and had a chance for the win but the shot was off the mark as we went to overtime. In overtime, the teams traded baskets for the first couple minutes. The Eagles then took a 63-61 lead with 3:11 remaining. Stevens Point then scored the next seven points, five of which from the free throw line to take a 68-63 lead. La Crosse got it back down to two, but **Louis Hurd** hit a jumper with 45 seconds left as the Pointers scored the final six points to win by a score of 74-66.

Pete Rortvedt led Stevens Point with 17 points and nine rebounds. **Bryan Beamish** and Louis Hurd each added 10 points.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers improved to 9-1 in WIAC Quarterfinal games with the win on Monday. It was the third overtime game for the Pointers in the WIAC Tournament. Stevens Point is 3-0 in overtime games in the WIAC Tournament.

- * - UW-Stevens Point is hosting a semifinal game for the seventh time in the Tournament's history. The Pointers are 4-2 in semifinal games at Quandt.

- * - The Pointers have won four of the first nine conference tournament titles, including three of the last four.

- * - The Pointers were the three seed just once in the WIAC Tournament back in 2006. That year the Pointers defeated UW-Platteville 70-65 in the quarterfinals, but lost to UW-Stout 78-70 in the semifinals. The No. 3 seed has never won a WIAC Tournament Championship and has only made it to the finals once.

- * - The Pointers enter the WIAC Tournament as the top-ranked team in the West Region.

- * - The Pointers remain first in NCAA Division III with a 1.53 assist-to-turnover ratio. They are third in the nation averaging just 10.3 turnovers per game.

- * - UW-Stevens Point is seventh in Division III with a scoring margin of +14.6 points per game. The Pointers are ranked 10th in the country, shooting 50.6 % from the field.

Individual Notes:

- * - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) carried the Pointers to victory scoring 14 of his 17 points in the second half and overtime.

- * - Junior forward **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot) scored nine points in 11 minutes against the Eagles on Monday. Wotachek had been slowed by injury the last four games and did not play in three of those games.

- * - Freshman forward **Louis Hurd** (Portage) had a 10-point performance against the Eagles on Monday. Hurd added three rebounds, three assists, and three steals in the overtime victory.

- * - Junior guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee/Rufus King) is sixth in NCAA Division III with a 2.96 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire pulled off the upset of the tournament, winning at the No. 2 seed UW-Platteville on Monday by a score of 84-80. The Bugolds became just the second seven-seed to win a WIAC Tournament game. The only other time it was done was when Platteville defeated Stevens Point in 2001.

Eau Claire opened up an 18-point lead early on and hung on the rest of the way to knock off the Pioneers. Geoff Probst had 28 points to lead the Bugolds. Eau Claire, the worst three-point shooting team in the conference, was 9-for-17 from beyond the arc on Monday.

Dan Beyer leads the Bugolds in scoring and is second in the conference averaging 18.9 points per game. He is third in the conference averaging 7.2 rebounds per game. Beyer led the Bugolds in scoring in both games against the Pointers. He averaged 20 points per game in the two games.

Ryan Shea is second on the squad in scoring with 13.4 points per game. Shea leads the WIAC with 53 steals. Geoff Probst is averaging 11.2 points per game.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Eau Claire are tied in the all-time series 78-78. However, the Pointers have won the last 15 games against the Bugolds.

The Pointers defeated Eau Claire this season by an average of 17 points per game. Steve Hicklin led the Pointers with 18 points in the first meeting and Pete Rortvedt had 20 points in the second meeting.

This will be third meeting between the two schools in the WIAC Tournament. Stevens Point defeated Eau Claire last season in the quarterfinals by a score of 89-55. The teams played in the 2000 title game with the Pointers pulling out a 59-56 overtime win.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Week 13 - Games thru Feb. 24

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Amherst (24)	23-2	624	1
2	Centre (1)	23-1	572	2
3	Hope	21-3	563	3
4	UW-Whitewater	21-4	496	7
5	Mass-Dartmouth	23-2	441	9
6	Brandeis	19-5	423	6
7	Washington U.	19-5	422	4
8	UW-Stevens Point	20-5	419	5
9	Augustana	20-5	416	10
10	Plattsburgh State	23-2	411	11
11	Wooster	22-3	396	12
12	Guilford	21-4	387	13
13	Capital	21-4	343	8
14	Mary Hardin-Baylor	22-3	309	15
15	Rochester	19-5	294	14
16	Lawrence	20-2	251	18
17	Ursinus	23-2	240	17
18	Virginia Wesleyan	20-5	214	19
19	UW-Platteville	19-6	180	23
20	Maryville (Tenn.)	22-2	164	21
21	St. Thomas	21-4	161	16
22	Millsaps	22-3	135	24
23	Chicago	17-7	58	-
24	Occidental	21-4	48	22
25	Albion	18-5	42	-