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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 22-5 overall, 12-4 WIAC

Streak: 2-game winning streak

Breakdown: 13-1 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	W 88-65
March 1	* UW-Whitewater	3 or 7 PM

* WIAC Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

-WIAC Championship-

**#8 UW-Stevens Point (22-5 overall, 12-4 WIAC)
vs. #4 UW-Whitewater (23-4 overall, 13-3 WIAC)
Sat., March 1, 3 or 7 p.m. - Kachel Gym - Whitewater, Wis.**

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers will play in their fourth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tournament Championship game in the last five years when they face UW-Whitewater on Saturday.

Broadcast:

The game can be heard live on B-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 65-18 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. 28

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
* Whitewater	13	3	23	4
Stevens Point	12	4	22	5
Platteville	12	4	19	7
Oshkosh	11	5	17	9
Superior	6	10	12	15
La Crosse	6	10	11	15
Eau Claire	5	11	12	15
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
Whitewater 77, Superior 73 (OT)
Stevens Point 88, Eau Claire 65

Saturday, March 1

Championship
Stevens Point at Whitewater, 3 or 7 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The eighth-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team had no trouble with UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Semifinals Wednesday night at Quandt Fieldhouse, winning by a score of 88-65.

The teams traded baskets early, but the Pointers got out to a nine-point lead after going on a 9-1 run. Stevens Point then went on a 10-0 run to take a 15-point lead. The Pointers led at the half 46-33.

Eau Claire only got as close as 11 in the second half as the Pointers gradually extended their lead throughout the half and won by a score of 88-65.

Steve Hicklin led Stevens Point with 19 points, 13 of which coming in the first half. **Pete Rortvedt** had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Pointers shot 53 % for the game.

Team Notes:

* - The Pointers improved to 5-2 in WIAC Tournament Semifinal games at Quandt Fieldhouse. Stevens Point became just the second three-seed to advance to a WIAC Championship game. Whitewater was the only other three seed to do so and they lost in the championship game to UW-Oshkosh in 2002.

* - UW-Stevens Point has played in four WIAC Championship games and is 4-0 in those games. All four have taken place at Quandt Fieldhouse.

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

* - The Pointers have the most wins and the best winning percentage in the WIAC Tournament with an 18-5 record and a .783 winning percentage. Oshkosh is second with 13 wins and a .619 winning percentage.

* - The Pointers are ranked fourth in the West Region in the most recent NCAA Division III Regional Polls. There will be one more regional poll before the NCAA Tournament selections are announced, but those will not be released to the public.

* - The winner of the WIAC Tournament gets the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. There are 38 conferences that get the automatic bid. There are 17 at-large bids up for grabs from those conferences and four more bids for teams not in those in conferences to make-up the 59-team field. The tournament pairings will be announced Monday morning.

* - The Pointers are 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:

* - Senior guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex/Hamilton) got off to a good start Wednesday night going 3-for-3 on three-pointers in the first half on his way to a 19-point performance. Hicklin was 7-for-11 from the field in the game, including 4-for-5 from beyond the arc. Hicklin was honored before the game as he was the recipient of the WIAC's Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award.

* - Junior forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua/Lakeland) picked up his fourth career double-double on Wednesday with 10 points and 10 rebounds. It was his first double-double of the season.

* - Junior forward **Bryan Beamish** (Wisconsin Rapids/Lincoln) scored in double-figures for the seventh consecutive game Wednesday night with 16 points. Beamish was 5-for-6 from the field and 5-for-7 from the free throw line.

Scouting the Opponent

After having no problems with UW-Stout in the WIAC Quarterfinals, UW-Whitewater was forced to overtime Wednesday night in the WIAC Semifinals against UW-Superior. The Warhawks were able to pull off the 77-73 victory over the Yellowjackets.

Three starters were out for the Warhawks as Matt Goodwin, Josh King, and Rob Perry were not available. Neither team had a lead of over five points in the second half, and Yellowjackets tied it up with 10 seconds left in regulation. With Whitewater up 71-69 in overtime Superior called a timeout they didn't have and were assessed a technical foul to put the game out of reach.

Whitewater is just 1-3 in WIAC Championship games. The Warhawks lone tournament championship came back in 2006 when they defeated UW-Stout 78-60.

The Warhawks came into the week ranked fifth in NCAA Division III with a .513 field goal percentage. Whitewater is the highest-scoring team in the conference, averaging 78.5 points per game.

Matt Goodwin is third in the WIAC in scoring with 17.8 points per game. Myles McKay averages 13.7 points per game. Kori Vernon averages 11.2 points per game and is second in the conference with a .622 field goal percentage. Kevin Koski is second in the conference with 113 assists.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point is 93-76 all-time against UW-Whitewater. The teams won on their home courts during the regular season with the Warhawks winning 83-77 in the first meeting and the Pointers cruising to a 76-47 win in the second meeting.

Steve Hicklin led the Pointers with 18 points in the first contest and Bryan Beamish scored 16 points to lead Stevens Point in the second meeting.

The Pointers are 3-1 against the Warhawks in the WIAC Tournament. The teams have met once in the WIAC Championship game in 2005 with the Pointers defeating the Warhawks 87-77 at Quandt Fieldhouse.

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	-