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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 22-6 overall, 12-4 WIAC

Streak: 1-game losingstreak

Breakdown: 13-1 home, 9-5 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	L 75-71
March 7	# Univ. of Chicago	6:00 PM

* WIAC Tournament

NCAA Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

-NCAA Division III Regional Tournament 1st Round-

#22 University of Chicago (18-7 overall)

vs. #9 UW-Stevens Point (22-6 overall)

Fri., March 7, 6 p.m. - Schoenecker Arena - St. Paul, Minn.

Buena Vista University (21-6 overall)

vs. #18 University of St. Thomas (23-4 overall)

Fri., March 7, 8 p.m. - Schoenecker Arena - St. Paul, Minn.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers are in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the seventh time and the fifth appearance in the last six years. The Pointers will face the University of Chicago in the first round of the tournament.

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 65-19 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

NCAA First Round Matchups - Hosts in bold

Thursday, March 6	Guilford vs. St. Mary's (Md.)
Capital vs. Bethany	Widener vs. Averett
Occidental vs. Pomona-Pitzer	Millsaps vs. Maryville (Tenn.)
Moravian vs. John Jay	Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. Fontbonne
King's (Pa.) vs. Clarkson	Richard Stockton vs. Immaculata
Trinity vs. Coast Guard	Nazareth vs. Rhode Island College
Friday, March 7	Brandeis vs. Lasell
Centre vs. Franklin	Bowdoin vs. Curry
Heidelberg vs. Ohio Wesleyan	Ursinus vs. Baptist Bible (Pa.)
UW-Whitewater vs. Loras	Virginia Wesleyan vs. WPI
Lawrence vs. Wheaton	Gettysburg vs. Salem St.
Augustana (Ill.) vs. Aurora	Scranton vs. Elms
Washington (Mo.) vs. Wooster	Rochester vs. Middlebury
St. Thomas vs. Buena Vista	Farmingdale St. vs. Penn St.-Behrend
Chicago vs. UW-Stevens Point	

Pointers Update:

The ninth-ranked UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team received an at-large selection to the NCAA Tournament, making it its fifth appearance in the last six years.

The Pointers had to get the at-large selection after falling to UW-Whitewater 75-71 in the WIAC Tournament Championship game. The Pointers trailed by as much as 14 in the second half but rallied back to cut it to one with under 20 second left. Stevens Point then had a chance to tie the game with a three-pointer with under 10 seconds left, but the shot was short and the Warhawks hung on.

It was the first WIAC Tournament title game loss for the Pointers, falling to 4-1. **Steve Hicklin** led the Pointers with 20 points. **Khalifa El-Amin** had 15 points and **Louis Hurd** added 10 points.

Team Notes:

- * - UW-Stevens Point is making its seventh NCAA Tournament appearance. The Pointers have reached the Elite Eight in four of the previous six appearances.

- * - UW-Stevens Point has won 22 of its last 25 postseason contests. Over the past eight seasons, the Pointers are 74-15 during the months of February and March.

- * - The Pointers have won 12 of their last 13 NCAA Tournament games and own the best record of any team in NCAA Division III Tournament history with a 17-4 all-time record.

- * - The Pointers are 80-9 in their last 89 games against non-WIAC opponents dating to January 2000.

- * - The Pointers are 3-2 against teams in the NCAA Tournament this year. Stevens Point went 1-2 against UW-Whitewater and defeated both Lawrence University and Augustana College.

- * - UW-Stevens Point along with the University of Chicago and the University of St. Thomas are three of 12 institutions that have both the men and the women in the NCAA Tournament. All three teams are in the same pod for both tournaments.

- * - In the 10 years of the D3hoops.com top 25 poll, UW-Stevens Point men's and women's teams have collected the second-most votes combined. Washington (Mo.) is in first. The Pointers men's team has collected 51,627 votes in the 10 years.

- * - The Pointers are ranked first in NCAA Division III with a 1.54 assist-to-turnover ratio. They are third in the country, averaging just 10.2 turnovers per game.

- * - The Pointers are sixth in the nation with a .509 field goal percentage. They rank eighth with a + 14.3 scoring margin.

- * - UW-Stevens Point went to the free throw line just six times on Saturday against UW-Whitewater. The Pointers are 2-3 in games, where they go to the free throw line less than 10 times.

- * - The Pointers are second in the WIAC in scoring offense (77.5) and lead the league in scoring defense (63.2). The Pointers are 1-3 when they score under 70 points this season.

- * - UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC in blocks (92), steals (217), and assists (440). The Pointers have a + 4.25 scoring margin.

- * - The Pointers lead the WIAC with 232 three-point field goals.

Scouting the Opponent

The University of Chicago is making its second straight appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament and its fourth in the last nine years. The Maroons received the automatic bid to the tournament after winning the University Athletic Association (UAA) regular season championship. Chicago defeated Washington (Mo.) Saturday 74-66 to capture the crown.

The Maroons have won six straight games and seven of the last eight entering tourney play. Chicago is 4-2 against teams in the NCAA Tournament this season as they swept Brandeis and split against both Rochester and Washington (Mo.).

Chicago is ranked third in the nation with a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Maroons are the ninth most prolific three-point shooting team in the country, making 10 three-pointers per game.

The Maroons are led by senior forward Nate Hainje, who is averaging 15.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Hainje is the only player in the UAA to average in the top ten in scoring, rebounding, and assists. He has seven double-doubles this season. He has been named UAA Player of the Week the past three weeks. The leading scorer for Chicago is junior guard Matt Corning, who averages 18.1 points per game. Corning has scored in double-figures in 11 straight games.

Buena Vista College is making its eighth appearance in the NCAA Tournament and its sixth in the last seven years. The Beavers received one of the 21 at-large births to get into the tourney. Buena Vista was Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) regular season champions, but fell to Loras College 77-69 in the IIAC Tournament Championship game. The Beavers are 2-1 against teams in the NCAA Tourney.

As a team, Buena Vista averages 76.6 points per game and shoots 47 percent from the field. It also shoots 39 percent from behind the 3-point line and 68 percent from the free-throw line. The Beavers are 28th in NCAA Division III, out-rebounding opponents by over six boards per game.

The Beavers are led offensively by junior guard Andre Wagner with 14.7 points per game and nearly two steals per game. He also comes in seventh on the program's single season three-point list with 66. Wagner was a first team All-IIAC selection and head coach Brian VanHaaften was named Coach of the Year.

The University of St. Thomas is making its ninth appearance in the NCAA Tournament and its fifth since 2000. The Tommies won the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) for the third year in a row to earn the automatic bid. St. Thomas is 12-0 at home this season has a 34-game conference home winning streak. The Tommies are 9-9 in the NCAA Tournament, including 9-4 at home. St. Thomas is 0-1 against NCAA Tournament teams this season.

Earlier this season, St. Thomas defeated Division II power Winona State 83-82 in overtime down in Winona. That has been the only loss all season for the Warriors.

The Tommies are fourth in the nation with a .514 field goal percentage. St. Thomas is led offensively by sophomore guard Joe Scott, who is averaging 16 points per game. Tyler Nicolai is second on the squad averaging 10.4 points per game. Lonnie Robinson, who also plays baseball for the Tommies, has collected seven MIAC Championships during his time at the school.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point is 2-0 all-time against the University of Chicago. The Pointers defeated the Maroons in the third round of the NCAA Tournament in 2000 by a score of 63-49. Stevens Point then defeated the Maroons 70-58 at the Midway Classic in Chicago in 2004.

The Pointers have faced Buena Vista just once back in 2005 in the Clarke College Tournament where they defeated the Beavers 75-70.

Stevens Point has also faced St. Thomas just once way back in 1974. The Tommies won that game 74-62.

Individual Notes:

#10 - Khalifa El-Amin, Jr., G, Milwaukee, WI/Rufus King

- Started all 27 games that he played in.
- Has a 2.7 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Matched a career-high with 18 points against Edgewood College.
- Had a season-high eight assists against UW-Superior.
- Shoots 80 % from the free throw line and has made 15 straight free throws.
- Averages 7.7 points per game and 7.7 assists per game.

#12 - Kevin Flynn, Fr., G, Middleton, WI

- Played in 16 games this season.
 - Scored two points against both Viterbo and UW-River Falls.
- ### **#20 - Matt Moses, So., G, Fond du Lac, WI/St. Mary Springs**
- Played in all 28 games, including seven starts.
 - Scored a career-high 16 points off the bench against UW-Eau Claire.
 - Had a season-high six assists in a start against UW-La Crosse.
 - Shoots 56 % from the field and averages 6.4 points per game.
 - Started the season making his first 22 free throw attempts.

#22 - Ross Rortvedt, So., G, Minocqua, WI/Lakeland

- Played in all 28 games this season.
- Scored a career-high 17 points against both Viterbo and Ripon College in a five-day span.
- Was 10-for-10 from the free throw line against UW-Stout.
- Has a 1.5 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District third team.
- Younger brother of teammate Pete Rortvedt.

#24 - Steve Hicklin, Sr., G, Sussex, WI/Hamilton

- Started all 28 games for the Pointers.
- Leads the Pointers in scoring at 12.4 points per game.
- Is currently 18th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,150 career points.
- Has led the Pointers in scoring in 10 games and has scored in double-figures in 21 games.
- Only Pointer to have played for the 2004-05 National Championship Team.
- Was a CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District third team selection for the second consecutive season.
- Received the WIAC Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award.

#25 Evan Sweeney, So., G, Appleton, WI/West

- Played in 19 games this season.
- Had a season-high six points against Viterbo University.
- Scored five points against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Tournament Semifinals.
- Averages six minutes per game.

#32 Vinny Ritchay, Fr., G, Wisconsin Rapids, WI/Lincoln

- Played in 15 games this season for Stevens Point.
- Scored two points against Carroll College and in both games against UW-River Falls.
- Averages less than three minutes per game.

#33 Bryan Beamish, Jr., F, Wisconsin Rapids/Lincoln

- Started all 28 games this season.
- Scored a career-high 22 points and hit the game-winning three-pointer against UW-Platteville.
- One double-double this season with 16 points and 12 rebounds against UW-La Crosse.
- Has scored in double-figures in seven of the last eight games.
- Shoots 57.3 % from the floor.
- Averages 10 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game.
- Has a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio.

#34 Louis Hurd, Fr., F, Portage, WI

- Has played in all 28 games, including eight starts.
- Has started eight of the last 10 games.
- Scored 15 points in his first game as a collegiate against Carroll College.
- Scored a career-high 16 points vs. UW-La Crosse.
- Has scored in double-figures in 12 games this year.
- Averages 18 minutes per game and 9.4 points per contest.
- Has grabbed a season-high seven rebounds against both Viterbo and UW-Superior.

#35 Drew Jackson, Jr., G, Milwaukee, WI/Rufus King

- Has appeared in 28 games.
- Had his first and only career start against Northern Michigan in the second game of the season.
- Scored a season-high 10 points against UW-Whitewater.
- Grabbed a season-high eight rebounds against UW-River Falls.
- Averages 15 minutes and 2.2 rebounds per game.

#40 Jared Jenkins, Fr., G, Milwaukee, WI/Rufus King

- Played for the football team in the fall as a wide receiver and led the team with 43 receptions.
- Played in 22 games this season
- Scored a career-high 10 points against UW-Superior.
- Hit the game-tying basket against UW-La Crosse in the WIAC Tournament Quarterfinals.
- Averages eight minutes per game.

#42 Scott Hoelzel, So., F, Kaukauna, WI

- Has played in 24 games this season.
- Has seen his minutes increase in the second half of the season.
- Has played over 20 minutes per game in five of the last six games.
- Scored a career-high 13 points and a team-high seven rebounds against UW-Whitewater.
- Averages 2.1 rebounds per game.

#44 Pete Rortvedt, Jr., F, Minocqua, WI/Lakeland

- Has missed five games this season due to injury.
- Averages 12.4 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.
- Is 20th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,106 points.
- Currently second in school history with 225 career three-pointers. The record is 232 by Nick Bennett.
- Is fourth in the WIAC with 2.57 three-pointers per game.
- Has scored in double-figures in seven of the last nine games.
- Registered a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Tournament Semifinals.
- Older brother of teammate Ross Rortvedt.

#45 Greg Knox, Fr., G, Milwaukee, WI/Wisconsin Lutheran

- Has played in 16 games this season.
- Has scored three points in four games.
- Had a season-high three rebounds against both Lakeland College and UW-Stout.
- Averages three minutes per game.

#50 Jerome Wotachek, Jr., C, Mishicot, WI

- Has played in 24 games this season, including 19 starts.
- Has been slowed by injury toward the end of the season.
- Ranks third in the WIAC with 26 blocked shots.
- Scored a career-high 17 points against UW-La Crosse.
- Averages 16 minutes and 3.2 rebounds per contest.

#52 Nick Krull, Fr., F, Marshall, WI

- Has played in 15 games this season.
- Scored a season-high four points against UW-River Falls.
- Had a career-high six rebounds against Lakeland College.
- Younger brother of former Pointer standout Jon Krull.

UW-Stevens Point Postseason History**2006-07 NCAA Tournament**

Washington (Mo.)	L	78-66	Stevens Point
St. John's (Minn.)	W	93-76	Stevens Point

2004-05 NCAA Tournament

Rochester (N.Y.)	W	73-49	Salem, Va.
York (Pa.)	W	81-58	Salem, Va.
Trinity (Texas)	W	61-55	Stevens Point
Puget Sound (Wash.)	W	81-63	Stevens Point
Lawrence	W	79-45	Stevens Point

2003-04 NCAA Tournament

Williams (Mass.)	W	84-82	Salem, Va.
John Carroll (Ohio)	W	87-62	Salem, Va.
Lawrence	W	82-81 (ot)	Tacoma, Wash.
Puget Sound (Wash.)	W	100-79	Tacoma, Wash.
Gustavus Adolphus	W	66-55	St. Peter, Minn.
Benedictine (Ill.)	W	84-58	Stevens Point

2002-03 NCAA Tournament

Gustavus Adolphus	L	75-62	Stevens Point
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1999-00 NCAA Tournament

UW-Eau Claire	L	60-58	Storm Lake, Iowa
University of Chicago	W	63-49	Storm Lake, Iowa
Lewis & Clark (Ore.)	W	72-68	Stevens Point

1996-97 NCAA Tournament

Nebraska Wesleyan	L	69-66	Lincoln, Neb.
Mount Union (Ohio)	W	68-67 (ot)	Lincoln, Neb.
UW-Platteville	W	46-43	Platteville
Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.)	W	68-58	Claremont, Calif.

1992-93 NAIA Tournament

Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	L	77-74	Kansas City, Mo.
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1991-92 NAIA Tournament

Erskine (S.C.)	L	66-64	Kansas City, Mo.
Western State (Colo.)	W	58-54	Kansas City, Mo.

1984-85 NAIA Tournament

Drury (Mo.)	L	56-55	Kansas City, Mo.
Indiana-Purdue	W	71-61	Kansas City, Mo.

1983-84 NAIA Tournament

Fort Hays State (Kan.)	L	48-46 (ot)	Kansas City, Mo.
Westmont (Calif.)	W	79-53	Kansas City, Mo.
West Va. Wesleyan	W	77-50	Kansas City, Mo.
Arkansas College	W	51-46	Kansas City, Mo.
Hillsdale (Mich.)	W	63-51	Kansas City, Mo.

1982-83 NAIA Tournament

Liberty Baptist (Va.)	L	64-62	Kansas City, Mo.
Point Loma (Calif.)	W	77-50	Kansas City, Mo.

1956-57 NAIA Tournament

Hamline (Minn.)	L	81-69	Kansas City, Mo.
Millersville (Pa.)	W	93-85	

1941-42 NAIA Tournament

Indiana State	L	83-45	Kansas City, Mo.
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Postseason Record: 25-11**NCAA Tournament Record: 17-4****NAIA Tournament Record: 8-7****UW-Stevens Point 2007-08 Season Highs**

Points	105	vs Carroll College (11/17/07)
Field Goals Made	38	vs Carroll College (11/17/07)
Field Goals Att.	67	vs Lakeland College (11/24/07)
Field Goal Pct.	.630	(34-54) vs UW-Eau Claire (2/13/08)
3-pt. Field Goals	18	vs Carroll College (11/17/07)
3-pt. Field Goals Att.	30	vs Viterbo (12/10/07)
3-pt. Field Goal Pct.	.692	(18-26) vs Carroll College (11/17/07)
Free Throws Made	22	vs Viterbo (12/10/07)
Free Throw Att.	29	vs UW-Stout (1/16/08)
Rebounds	49	vs Lakeland College (11/24/07)
Assists	24	vs Carroll College (11/17/07)
Steals	16	vs UW-River Falls (1/9/08)
Turnovers	15	vs UW-Platteville (2/23/08)
	15	vs Carroll College (11/17/07)