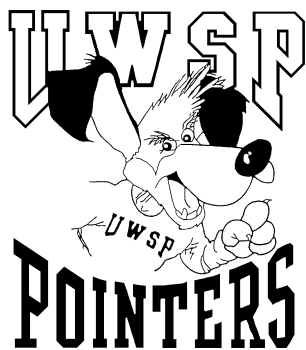




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UW-Stevens Point Women's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2006-07 Record: 18-7 overall, 10-6 WIAC
Streak: 1-game losing streak
Breakdown: 0-0 home, 0-0 away, 0-0 ntl.

Pointer Tipoff Classic

Nov. 16	MSOE vs St. Scholastica	4:00 PM
Nov. 16	UWSP vs. Augsburg	6:00 PM
Nov. 17	Consolation Game	1:00 PM
Nov. 17	Championship Game	3:00 PM
Nov. 20	Wisconsin Lutheran	7:00 PM
Nov. 23	at North Central (Ill.)	5:00 PM
Nov. 24	at Wheaton	2:00 PM
Dec. 1	at UW-Whitewater	3:00 PM
Dec. 5	UW-La Crosse	7:00 PM
Dec. 8	Lawrence	2:00 PM
Dec. 27-29	Surf 'n Slam Classic (at San Diego, Calif.)	TBA
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	3:00 PM
Jan. 9	at UW-River Falls	7:00 PM
Jan. 12	UW-Platteville	3:00 PM
Jan. 16	UW-Stout	7:00 PM
Jan. 19	UW-Superior-Alumni Day	3:00 PM
Jan. 23	at UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Jan. 26	at UW-Oshkosh	1:00 PM
Jan. 30	UW-River Falls	7:00 PM
Feb. 6	at UW-Stout	7:00 PM
Feb. 9	at UW-Superior	3:00 PM
Feb. 13	UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Feb. 16	UW-Whitewater-Senior Day	3:00 PM
Feb. 20	at UW-La Crosse	7:00 PM
Feb. 23	at UW-Platteville	3:00 PM
Feb. 26	WIAC Quarterfinals	TBA

Home games in Berg Gym

Pointer Tipoff Tournament

Game 1 - Nov. 16, 4 pm - St. Scholastica (0-0) vs. MSOE (0-0)
Game 2 - Nov. 16, 6 pm - UW-Stevens Point (0-0) vs. Augsburg (0-0)
Game 3 - Nov. 17, 1 pm - Consolation Game
Game 4 - Nov. 17, 3 pm - Championship Game
Berg Gymnasium - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers open the 2007-08 season with the 11th annual Pointer Tipoff Tournament. The Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) and the College of St. Scholastica begin the tip-off at 4 p.m. on Friday. The Pointers will face Augsburg, who won just one game last season

Broadcast:

No radio broadcast is planned for this weekend's games.

Head Coach Shirley Egner:

Shirley Egner is the winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history with a 308-159 career record in her 19th season. Egner has experienced tremendous success in recent seasons with an 159-40 record over the past seven seasons. She enters the 2007-08 season ranked second on the all-time WIAC victories list and 41st among active NCAA Division III coaches. Egner is in her second year as chair of the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament selection committee.

Around the WIAC

2007-08 WIAC Preseason Poll

Rank, School	2006-07 Record
1. UW-Eau Claire (5)	19-9, 11-5
2. UW-Whitewater (2)	19-7, 12-4
3. UW-Stevens Point (1)	18-7, 10-6
4. UW-Stout (1)	23-6, 13-3
5. UW-La Crosse	13-13, 7-9
6. UW-River Falls	16-11, 9-7
7. UW-Oshkosh	8-16, 4-12
8. UW-Platteville	11-16, 4-12
9. UW-Superior	8-17, 2-14
()--First-Place Votes	

This Week in the WIAC

Friday, Nov. 16

Oshkosh vs Loras (IA), 5:00
River Falls at St. Mary's (MN), 7:00
Superior at Crown (MN), 4:00
Augsburg (MN) at Stevens Point, 6:00
La Crosse vs. Southwestern (MN), 5:00
Stout at Minn. State-Mankato, 6:00
Whitewater at Millikin (IL), 6:00
Platteville vs. Aurora (IL), 1:00

Saturday, Nov. 17

Eau Claire at Luther (IA), 3:00
Oshkosh vs Central (IA), 1:00
River Falls at Winona State (MN), 6:00
Superior at UM-Morris, 5:30
Whitewater at Millikin (IL) Tournament
Stevens Point Tournament
La Crosse at Carroll Tournament
Stout vs. St. Cloud State (MN), 1:00
Platteville at Wheaton Tournament

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point has one of its most experienced teams in recent seasons with six seniors, including a pair of guards who are in their fourth year as starters. Laura Neuenfeldt, a first-team all-WIAC selection last season, has started 77 of 78 career games and Haley Houghton was the team's leading scorer last season at 9.4 points per game. Forward Chelsea Kranz was an honorable mention all-WIAC choice in 2006-07 and is in her third season as a starter.

Senior center Jesirae Heuer, who averaged 6.8 points and played in all 25 games last season, will likely replace Nathalie Lechault in the middle. Junior point guard Katie Webber, who started all 25 games last season after transferring from Michigan Tech, is the other returning starter and will likely be called upon to lead the team's up-tempo attack with a smaller lineup. One of the team's biggest strengths will be its depth as 10 returning players saw action in at least 20 games last season.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers are 16-4 all-time in the Pointer tipoff tournament and have won the title seven of the past eight years.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has won seven straight season openers, winning by an average of 32.3 points. The Pointers have won 12 of their last 13 openers with the only loss coming in the semifinals of the 2000 Pointer tipoff tournament to Bethel (Ind.).
- * - The Pointers 18 wins last season saw a streak of six straight 20-win seasons come to an end.
- * - The Pointers are 62-4 in their last 56 regular season non-conference games. The Pointers went 8-0 last season against non-WIAC opponents. They lost to Illinois Wesleyan and Carroll in 2005-06 and also lost in 2004-05 to Lawrence and in 2002-03 at Wheaton. Including the postseason, they are 71-6 in their last 77 games against non-conference foes.
- * - The Pointers are ranked 24th in D3hoops.com Division III pre-season poll.
- * - UW-Stevens Point ranked in the top 10 in field goal percentage and three-point percentage last season. The Pointers were ninth, shooting 39.1% from beyond the arc and 10th, shooting 47.4% from the floor.
- * - The Pointers led the WIAC last season by beating their opponents by an average of 11 points per game. They also led the conference by outrebounding their opponents by 8.2 boards per contest.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior guard **Laura Neuenfeldt** (Two Rivers, WI) was the only member of the the Pointer basketball team to be named to the All-WIAC first team last season. She has started all, but one game in her first three years.
- * - Senior guard **Haley Houghton** (Wausau/East) was the Pointers' leading scorer in the last two games of 2006-07. She led the Pointers, averaging 9.4 points per game last season.
- * - Junior guard **Katie Webber** (Reedsburg, WI) is currently playing for the UW-Stevens Point soccer team in NCAA Division III Soccer Tournament. The Pointers play Wheaton College at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Scouting the Opponents

Augsburg struggled last season as they went 1-24, including losing their final 20 games. The Auggies were fairly young last season with just one senior and two juniors. The Auggies return all three players that averaged in double-figures last season. Kristina Lurken led the Auggies, averaging 11.6 points per game. Lurken was an honorable mention All-MIAC selection. Katie LeGrave averaged 11.2 and Katie Richter scored 10.4 points per game. Augsburg participated in the inaugural Pointer Tipoff in 1997. The Auggies lost in the semifinals, but came back to defeat Marian College in the consolation game.

St. Scholastica returns three starters from last season, including senior Whitney Lathum, who was an honorable mention All-UMAC selection. Sophomore guard Kristen Haukem was fourth on the team in scoring last year as a freshman and was also an All-UMAC performer. The Saints' leading rebounder also returns in junior Katie Cross. Cross averaged 5.1 rebounds per game last season for St. Scholastica. The Saints were 10-15 in 2006-07 and lost the final three games last year.

The Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) is picked to finish 10th out 13 school in their first season in the Northern Athletics Conference. The Raiders lost All-American Catherine Chappell. Sophomore Dana Guthrie will be looked upon to lead the offense for the Raiders. As a freshman, Guthrie averaged 12.3 points per game and was tied for the team lead with 43 assists. Emily Jungbluth is the only other returning starter for the Raiders. Jungbluth scored 7.3 points a game last season and shot 70% from the free-throw line.

Series History

The Pointers will face Augsburg College for the first time in history in the semifinals of the Pointer Tip-off.

UW-Stevens Point and St. Scholastica played in the 2005-06 tipoff tournament title game with the Pointers winning 67-50 to lead the series 2-1. They split their only other previous meetings both during 1990. The Saints won 78-66 in Stevens Point on Feb. 9 before the Pointers prevailed 67-64 in Duluth during the following season on Nov. 30.

The Pointers won their only meeting with the Milwaukee School of Engineering last season with a 87-53 victory. Becky Pepper scored a team-high 12 points.