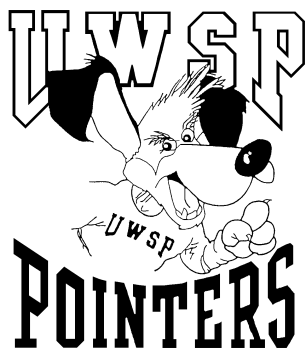




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UW-Stevens Point Women's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 23-4 overall, 12-4 WIAC

Streak: 7-game winning streak

Breakdown: 13-0 home, 8-4 away, 2-0 ntl.

Nov. 16	Augsburg	W 85-60
Nov. 17	St. Scholastica	W 81-30
Nov. 20	Wisconsin Lutheran	W 90-42
Nov. 23	at North Central (Ill.)	W 81-64
Nov. 24	at Wheaton	W 65-54
Dec. 1	at UW-Whitewater	L 75-71
Dec. 5	UW-La Crosse	W 74-61
Dec. 8	Lawrence	W 90-37
Dec. 27	* at Point Loma Nazarene	W 56-51
Dec. 28	* vs. Maryville (Mo)	W 91-66
Dec. 29	* vs. Carroll	W 84-60
Jan. 5	UW-Oshkosh	W 79-47
Jan. 9	at UW-River Falls	W 83-70
Jan. 12	UW-Platteville	W 78-51
Jan. 16	UW-Stout	W 85-68
Jan. 19	UW-Superior-Alumni Day	W 83-38
Jan. 23	at UW-Eau Claire	L 62-54
Jan. 26	at UW-Oshkosh	L 59-42
Jan. 30	UW-River Falls	W 81-46
Feb. 6	at UW-Stout	L 92-79 OT
Feb. 9	at UW-Superior	W 78-60
Feb. 13	UW-Eau Claire	W 57-43
Feb. 16	UW-Whitewater-Senior Day	W 64-62
Feb. 20	at UW-La Crosse	W 62-48
Feb. 23	at UW-Platteville	W 91-70
Feb. 26	^ UW-Oshkosh	W 84-62
Feb. 28	^ UW-Whitewater	W 79-71
March 1	^ UW-Eau Claire	3:00 PM

* Surf n' Slam Classic - San Diego, CA

^ WIAC Tournament

Home games in Berg Gym

-WIAC Championship-

#19 UW-Stevens Point (23-4 Overall, 12-4 WIAC)

vs. #20 UW-Eau Claire (22-5 Overall, 14-2 WIAC)

Sat., March 1 - 3:00 p.m. - Zorn Arena - Eau Claire, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers take a seven-game winning streak into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tournament Championship game when they square off with UW-Eau Claire. The Pointers have won one tournament title back in 2004, while the Blugolds are search of their fourth championship and their first since 2003.

Broadcast:

The games can be heard live on WSPT 1010 AM. They also can be heard on the web from anywhere in the world at www.1010wspt.com.

Head Coach Shirley Egner:

Shirley Egner is the winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history with a 331-163 career record in her 19th season. 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

WIAC Standings - Feb 29

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	14	2	24	3
Eau Claire*	14	2	22	5
Stevens Point	12	4	23	4
Stout	10	6	17	10
La Crosse	9	7	14	12
Platteville	5	11	11	15
Oshkosh	5	11	10	16
River Falls	2	14	8	18
Superior	1	15	5	20

* EC won the coin flip for the first seed

This Week in the WIAC

Tuesday, February 26

Eau Claire (#1) 73, River Falls (#8) 43
Stout (#4) 65, La Crosse (#5) 63 (OT)
Stevens Point (#3) 84, Oshkosh (#6) 62
Whitewater (#2) 93, Platteville (#7) 53

Thursday, February 28

Semifinals

Eau Claire 86, Stout 61
Stevens Point 79, Whitewater 71

Saturday, March 1

Championship

Stevens Point at Eau Claire, 3 p.m.

Pointers Update:

The 19th-ranked UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team got a great shooting performance from **Haley Houghton** as it knocked off fourth-ranked UW-Whitewater for the second time in less than two weeks with a 79-71 victory Thursday in the WIAC Tournament Semifinals.

The Pointers got off to a 9-2 lead, but the Warhawks came back and took their only lead at 21-20. Later in the first half, Stevens Point went on a 9-1 run to take an 11 -point lead. The Pointers led 43-33 at halftime.

Whitewater got the lead down to four at the beginning of the second half, but the Pointers responded and got the lead back to 11. Every time Whitewater seemed to get the close, Stevens Point had an answer as the Pointers won 79-71.

Haley Houghton matched a career-high with 23 points. **Jessi Sporle** had 14 points and **Chelsea Kranz** added 10 points.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers were 15-for-16 from the free throw line against UW-Whitewater. They were 9-for-10 from the charity stripe in the final four minutes of the game. The Pointers are the best free throw shooting team in the conference at 76.3 %. They were ninth in NCAA Division III coming into the week.
- * - The Pointers are 3-4 in WIAC semifinal games. However, they have won three of the last four.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is 1-1 in the WIAC Tournament Championship games. The Pointers defeated UW-Oshkosh 91-77 in Stevens Point in 2004 and lost to UW-Stout 84-70 in Menomonie in 2006.
- * - The No. 1 seed has won every single WIAC Tournament Title. The three seed has made it to the finals six of the last seven years, including the last four years. The Pointers have been the three seed two previous times, making it to the finals in 2006 and losing in the semifinals in 2001.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is ranked third in the central region in the most recent NCAA Division III Regional Poll. There will be one more regional poll that will not be made public prior to the NCAA Tournament selections.
- * - The winner of the WIAC Championship game gets the automatic bid to the Division III NCAA Tournament. The WIAC is one of 39 automatic bids with 21 at-large bids up for grabs from teams in those conferences and three other bids to teams not included in those conferences to makeup the 63-team field. The teams and pairings for the NCAA Tournament will be announced Monday morning.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior guard **Haley Houghton** (Wausau/East) scored 12 of her 23 points in the first half against Whitewater. Houghton was 4-for-4 on three-point attempts in the first half and finished 5-for-6 from beyond the arc for the game.
- * - Junior forward **Jessi Sporle** (Mineral Point) had 14 points and five rebounds in 31 minutes of action against Whitewater. Sporle was 6-for-14 from the field and 2-for-2 from the free throw line.
- * - Senior guard **Laura Neuenfeldt** (Two Rivers) climbed up 19th on the school's all-time scoring list with 945 career points. Neuenfeldt had nine points against the Warhawks.

Scouting the Opponents

UW-Eau Claire will enter the conference tournament championship game for the sixth time. The Blugolds are 3-2 in WIAC Title games. The Blugolds were in the championship game last year, but fell to UW-Stout 73-61. The last time Eau Claire won a tournament title was 2003 when it defeated UW-Oshkosh 64-50.

The Blugolds haven't had much trouble in their first two tournament games as they have beaten both UW-River Falls and UW-Stout by an average of 27.5 points. In the quarterfinal game against River Falls, Rachel Mueggenborg set a school record with nine three-point field goals. Then against Stout on Thursday, Michelle Burns had a game-high 27 points to lead Eau Claire.

Burns leads the Blugolds in scoring, averaging 14.7 points per game. She led Eau Claire in scoring in both games against the Pointers this season with 18 points in the first meeting and 13 points and 12 rebounds in the second contest. Heidi Arciszewski is second on the squad in scoring with 13.7 points per game. Heather Witt leads the conference with 104 assists and 66 steals.

The Blugolds lead the league in scoring defense, holding opponents to 55.4 points per game. Eau Claire is the second-best three-point shooting team in the WIAC, connecting on 36.6 % of its attempts. The Blugolds are second in the conference with a 0.98 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point has a slight edge in the all-time series with a 35-34 advantage. Both teams won on their home courts during the regular season. The home team has won the last 12 meetings in the series.

In the first meeting, Eau Claire used a late run to down the Pointers 62-54 at Zorn Arena. In the second meeting, Stevens Point went on a 10-0 run in the second half to win 57-43 at Berg Gym.

The teams have met just once in the conference tournament when the Pointers defeated the Blugolds 84-74 in the quarterfinals in 2006.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings

Week 13 - Games thru Feb. 24

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1	Hope (15)	24-0	615	1
2	Howard Payne (9)	25-0	604	2
3	Thomas More (1)	25-0	576	3
4	UW-Whitewater	23-2	524	4
5	Messiah	23-2	510	5
6	Mary Washington	23-2	478	6
7	DePauw	22-3	467	8
8	McMurry	22-3	414	9
9	Illinois Wesleyan	23-2	406	10
10	Simpson	23-2	385	11
11	Baldwin-Wallace	23-2	352	13
12	Kean	22-3	316	7
13	Southern Maine	23-2	311	12
14	Amherst	23-2	272	14
15	Tufts	22-2	261	15
16	Medaille	23-2	246	16
17	William Smith	22-2	239	17
18	George Fox	22-3	208	18
19	UW-Stevens Point	21-4	191	20
20	UW-Eau Claire	20-5	147	23
21	Lake Forest	20-3	132	21
22	Puget Sound	21-4	130	22
23	DeSales	22-3	82	24
24	Oglethorpe	21-4	42	25
25	Chicago	19-5	39	-