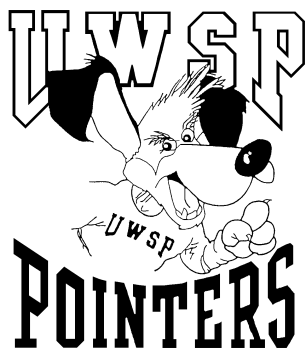




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UW-Stevens Point Women's Basketball Notes

2007-08 Pointer Schedule/Results

2007-08 Record: 24-4 overall, 12-4 WIAC

Streak: 8-game winning streak

Breakdown: 13-0 home, 9-4 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	W 62-50
March 7	# St. Norbert College	8:00 PM

* Surf n' Slam Classic - San Diego, CA

^ WIAC Tournament

NCAA Tournament

Home games in Berg Gym

-NCAA Division III Regional Tournament 1st Round-

RV University of St. Thomas (20-7 Overall)

vs. #23 University of Chicago (20-5 Overall)

Fri., March 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Berg Gym - Stevens Point, Wis.

#25 St. Norbert College (21-4 Overall)

vs. #13 UW-Stevens Point (24-4 Overall)

Fri., March 7 - 8:00 p.m. - Berg Gym - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers enter the NCAA Division III Tournament one of the hottest teams in the nation having won eight straight games. The NCAA rewarded the Pointers by having them host the first two rounds of the tournament.

Broadcast:

The game can be heard live on WSPT 1010 AM. It 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 332-163 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.

2008 NCAA Division III Tournament

First Round Matchups (hosts are in bold)

Wednesday, March 5	Greensboro vs. Thomas More
Trinity (Tex.) vs. McMurry	Muhlenberg vs. DeSales
Friday, March 7	Salem St. vs. Marymount, (Va.)
Cabrini vs. Messiah	La Verne vs. Puget Sound
William Patterson vs. St. Lawrence	Chapman vs. George Fox
E. Connecticut St. vs. Rochester	D'Youville vs. Baldwin-Wallace
Medaille vs. Scranton	Juniata vs. Hope
Wheaton (Mass.) vs. Tufts	Gustavus Adolphus vs. Simpson
Albright vs. Mount St. Mary (NY)	Carleton vs. UW-Eau Claire
Bridgewater (Va.) vs. TCNJ	Manchester vs. UW-Whitewater
Baruch vs. Mary Washington	Maryville (Mo.) vs. Illinois Wesleyan
Brandeis vs. Southern Methodist	Becker vs. Amherst
Utica vs. Kean	Bowdoin vs. Bridgewater St.
St. Thomas vs. Chicago	Washington (Mo.) vs. Wilmington (Ohio)
St. Norbert vs. UW-Stevens Point	Denison vs. DePauw
Colby-Sawyer vs. William Smith	
Emmanuel (Mass.) vs. Brockport St.	
Piedmont vs. Oglethorpe	

Pointers Update:

The 13th-ranked UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team became the first non-No. 1 seed to win the WIAC Tournament Championship after knocking off the two-seed UW-Whitewater on Thursday and then beating the No. 1 seed UW-Eau Claire in the championship on Saturday.

Chelsea Kranz scored 13 of her 15 points in the second half to lead the Pointers past the Blugolds. Stevens Point led the final eight minutes of the game, going on a 12-1 run to end the game. It was the Pointers second WIAC Tournament Championship

Haley Houghton had 13 points and seven rebounds. **Jessi Sporle** added 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. **Laura Neuenfeldt** led Stevens Point with eight rebounds.

Team Notes:

- * - UW-Stevens Point is making its fifth NCAA Tournament appearance in program history. The Pointers won the national championship in 1987 and 2002. They made it to the Final Four in its last appearance in 2004.
- * - The Pointers played at Berg Gym in the first round and sectional games in 2002. In 2004, they played at Berg in the second round game, but played the sectional games in Quandt.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is 14-3 all-time in NCAA Tournament games, which is the best record of any school that played over 10 postseason games. The Pointers have won nine of their last 11 tournament games.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is a perfect 13-0 at Berg Gym this season. The Pointers have hosted nine NCAA Tournament games at either Berg or Quandt Fieldhouse and have a record of 9-0.
- * - UW-Stevens Point, University of Chicago, and the University of St. Thomas are three of 12 teams that have both the women and men playing in the NCAA Tournament. All three teams are playing in the same regional pod.
- * - The Pointers are 5-2 against NCAA Tournament Teams this season as they went 2-1 against WIAC opponents UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater and defeated Maryville (Mo.) at the Surf n' Slam Classic.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has won 20 consecutive games against non-conference opponents. The Pointers last non-conference loss came against Carroll College on December 5, 2005.
- * - The Pointers are third in the nation in free throw shooting averaging 76.7 % from the charity stripe. The Pointers are 35-for-39 from the foul line in the last two games.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is 12th in NCAA Division III with a .453 field goal percentage. The Pointers shot 60 % from the floor against UW-Platteville on 2/23/08, their best shooting performance of the season.
- * - The Pointers are ranked 15th in the country in scoring margin (+ 18.2). In its four non-conference games at Berg Gym, Stevens Point won by an average margin of 44.3 points per game. In all 13 of their home games, the Pointers are winning by 29.5 points per game.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is 17th in NCAA Division III in scoring offense averaging 75.3 points per game. The Pointers have scored under 60 points just twice this season and have a record of 2-2 in those games.

Scouting the Opponents

The University of St. Thomas is making its first NCAA Appearance for the first time since the 2001 season. The Tommies received one of the 21 at-large bids to qualify. St. Thomas is 34-16 all-time in the NCAA Tournament and had Division III's best winning percentage over the 1990s.

The Tommies are 4-4 against the NCAA field with non-conference losses against Simpson and McMurry and with a 2-1 record against both Carleton and Gustavus Adolphus.

St. Thomas has won 16 of its last 20 games and reached to 20-win mark for the first time in six seasons. In its last contest in the MIAC Championship, St. Thomas had an 11-point lead after half-time, but fell in overtime to Carleton 53-50. The Tommies were picked to finish fifth in the MIAC preseason poll, but tied for conference's regular season title.

The Tommies are led in scoring by Carrie Embree, who is averaging 14.9 points per game. This is her first year playing basketball since her senior year of high school in 2002-03 as she has played softball the last four years. Embree has eight double-doubles as she also leads the Tommies with 8.4 boards per game.

Jessica Katch is second on the team in scoring, averaging 14.5 points per game. Katch is the lone player in the MIAC to be in the top 10 statistically in points, rebounds, steals, assists, and blocks.

The University of Chicago is making its second NCAA appearance and its first since the 1994-95 season. The Maroons are 0-1 in tournament games. The Maroons have won seven straight games and defeated Washington (Mo.) 76-53 on the final day of the regular season to win the University Athletic Association (UAA). Chicago is 5-4 against NCAA Tournament teams this season. Fourth-year head coach Aaron Roussell has increased his team's win totals in each of the four years.

The Maroons finished the regular season ranked among the NCAA Division III team leaders as they were sixth in rebound margin (+11.9) and 14th in field goal percentage defense (.327).

Chicago is led in scoring by sophomore Molly Hackney. She averages 12.8 points per game and has 35 blocked shots. Senior guard Nofi Mojidi is second on the squad with 11.5 points per game. Mojidi is the second all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,352 points.

St. Norbert College is making its eighth tournament appearance and is 7-11 all-time in the tournament. The Green Knights extended its Midwest Conference record to eight championships by defeating Lake Forest College 83-64 on Saturday. St. Norbert has won 10 straight and 15 of their last 16.

The Green Knights are 2-1 against teams ranked in the D3Hoops.com poll and leads the Midwest Conference in scoring defense (53.0 ppg.), field goal percentage defense (.358), and field goal percentage (.436).

St. Norbert is led in scoring by junior guard Morgan Strasser, who is averaging 11.8 points per game. Cortney Biese leads the Green Knights with 129 rebounds.

Series History

The Pointers are 11-10 all-time against St. Norbert College. The Green Knights have won the last two meetings back in 1997 and 1998.

Stevens Point is 2-0 against the University of Chicago. The last meeting was back on November 28, 2004 when the Pointers won 86-63 at Berg Gym. The only other meeting took place on December 1, 2002 when the Pointers won 71-54 in Chicago.

The Pointers are 0-4 all-time against the University of St. Thomas.

Individual Notes:

*** - Haley Houghton, Sr., G, Wausau, WI/East**

- Leads the Pointers in scoring averaging 12.8 points per game.
- Leads the WIAC with 54 three-point field goals.
- Scored a career-high 23 points against Maryville (Mo.) at the Surf n' Slam Classic and matched that high at UW-Whitewater in the WIAC Tournament Semifinals.
- Ranks 22nd in NCAA Division III in free throw shooting at 85.2 %. At one point this season, Houghton made 27 straight free throws.
- Has led the Pointers in scoring in 14 games this season.
- Was named WIAC Athlete of the Week for the week of January 7-13.

*** - Laura Neuenfeldt, Sr., G, Two Rivers, WI**

- Was named the Most Valuable Player of Surf n' Slam Classic in San Diego, CA after averaging 10.3 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per contest.
- Averages just 23.3 minutes per game, but has played over 31 minutes in each of the last two games, including a season-high 38 minutes against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Championship game.
- Scores 9.4 points per game (third on the team)
- Has a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio and grabs 3.9 rebounds per game.
- Is second on the team with 42 three-point field goals.

*** - Chelsea Kranz, Sr., F, Columbus, WI**

- A third team academic all-district selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN the Magazine.
- Is second in the WIAC with a .560 field goal percentage.
- Averages 9.5 points per game (Second on the team)
- Is sixth in the WIAC with 0.63 blocks per game.
- Led the Pointers with 15 points, including 13 in the second half over UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Championship game.
- Was named WIAC Athlete of the Week for the week of November 19-25.

*** - Jessi Sporle, Jr., F, Mineral Point, WI**

- Has two double-doubles this season in points and rebounds.
- Scored a career-high 22 points and grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds against Carroll College in the championship game of the Surf n' Slam Classic.
- Leads the Pointers with 5.3 rebounds per game and has had over 10 rebounds in four games this season.
- Has started 17 of the last 18 games of the season.

*** - Katie Webber, Jr., G, Reedsburg, WI**

- Also plays on the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team that made it to the NCAA Sectional Semifinals in November.
- Has Started 23 of the 27 games that he she has participated in this season
- Scored a season-high 13 points in double-overtime loss at UW-Stout.
- Averages 1.8 steals per game and has a 1.9 assist-to-turnover ratio.

*** - Janell Van Gomple, Jr., DeForest, WI**

- Was named the Most Valuable Player of Pointer Tip-off Tournament.
- Matched a career-high with 16 points off the bench against UW-Oshkosh in the WIAC Tournament Quarterfinals.
- Averaging 10.8 points per game in her last four games.
- Has played in 27 of the 28 games, including four starts.

*** - Britta Petersen, Fr, F, Luck, WI**

- Has played in all 28 games this season, averaging over 10 minutes per game.
- Scored a career-high 15 points against UW-Whitewater on February 16, 2008.
- Scored in double-figures four times this season and averages 6.5 points per game.
- Had a season-high eight rebounds against UW-Stout.

*** - Ali Nicastro, Sr., F, Mondovi, WI**

- Scored a career-high 16 points against UW-La Crosse on December 5, 2007.
- Played in all 28 games, including three starts.
- Averages 4.5 points per game in over 13 minutes of action.
- Has a .527 field goal percentage.

*** - Jesirae Heuer, Sr., C, Wisconsin Rapids/Lincoln**

- Scored a season-high 16 points against Wheaton on November 24, 2007.
- Played in 24 games, including 10 starts.
- Averages 4.8 points per game in over 10 minutes of action.

*** - Andrea Fleese, Fr., G, New London, WI**

- Played in all 28 games and averaged 1.7 points per game.
- Had a season-high five steals against UW-Stout and averages 1.6 steals per game.

*** Megan Pehler, Sr., G, Oregon, WI**

- Appeared in 17 games, including one start.
- Scored eight point against UW-Superior on January 19, 2008.

*** -Ashley Baker, Jr., F, Pittsville, WI**

- Played in 26 games, averaging 1.5 rebounds per game.
- Scored eight points against UW-Oshkosh on January 5, 2008.