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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2003-04 Pointer Schedule/Results

Current Record: 25-5 overall, 11-5 WIAC

Streak: 5-game winning streak

Breakdown: 15-2 home, 8-3 away, 2-0 ntl.

Nov. 21 Northland	W 67-37
Nov. 22 Kendall	W 80-66
Nov. 29 Marian	W 83-39
Dec. 3 UW-River Falls	W 56-38
Dec. 6 Calumet	W 96-60
Dec. 7 Carroll	W 80-68
Dec. 10 at UW-Stout	W 73-64
Dec. 21 #Kalamazoo	W 70-52
Dec. 22 #UW-Oshkosh	W 63-55
Dec. 31 at Edgewood	W 72-54
Jan. 3 UW-Eau Claire	W 70-58
Jan. 7 at UW-Platteville	L 63-60
Jan. 10 at UW-La Crosse	W 83-39
Jan. 14 UW-Whitewater	L 71-69
Jan. 17 at UW-Superior	L 57-54
Jan. 21 UW-Oshkosh	W 68-53
Jan. 26 at Viterbo	W 67-52
Jan. 28 UW-Stout	W 84-70
Jan. 31 UW-La Crosse	W 70-61
Feb. 3 at UW-River Falls	L 70-59
Feb. 7 UW-Platteville	W 69-51
Feb. 10 at UW-Whitewater	W 79-59
Feb. 14 at UW-Eau Claire	W 80-68
Feb. 17 at UW-Oshkosh	W 63-61
Feb. 21 UW-Superior	L 61-52
Feb. 24 \$UW-Superior	W 83-73
Feb. 26 \$UW-Oshkosh	W 70-59
Feb. 28 \$UW-Platteville	W 68-50
Mar. 4 +Benedictine (Ill.)	W 84-58
Mar. 6 +at Gustavus Adolphus	W 66-55
Mar. 12 +at Puget Sound	10:00 PM
Mar. 13 +Lawrence/Sul Ross St.	9:00 PM

- Game at Las Vegas, Nev.

\$ - WIAC Tournament

+ - NCAA Division III Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

NCAA Division III Sectional Tournament

#10 UW-Stevens Point (25-5) vs. #8 Puget Sound (24-2)

#23 Lawrence (23-4) vs. Sul Ross State (21-8)

Semifinals - Fri., March 12 - 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. (CST)

Championship Game - Sat., March 13 - 9 p.m. (CST)

Memorial Fieldhouse - Tacoma, Wash.

Pointers This Week:

A first time final four entrant will be determined this weekend when four squads gather in Tacoma, Wash. all in search of their first appearance in the NCAA Division III final four in Salem, Va. UW-Stevens Point is making its third sectional appearance and takes on host Puget Sound in its semifinal game.

Radio:

Games involving the Pointers can be heard live on WSPT (97.9 FM). Scott Krueger will do the play-by-play and John Zellmer will provide the analysis.

Head Coach Jack Bennett:

Jack Bennett boasts a 167-53 record in his eighth season with the Pointers. Bennett currently ranks third on the school's all-time wins list and is 15th on the all-time WIAC coaching victories list. Bennett's .759 career winning percentage ranks third in WIAC history of coaches with at least three seasons at the helm.

2004 NCAA Division III Tournament

Second Round Results - March 6

Puget Sound 89, Pomona-Pitzer 75
UW-Stevens Point 66, Gust. Adolphus 55
Sul Ross State 74, Trinity (Texas) 72
Lawrence 72, Buena Vista 66
John Carroll 85, Wittenberg 64
Maryville (Tenn.) 75, Randolph-Macon 68
Illinois Wesleyan 77, Hanover 67
Wooster 70, Potsdam State 56
Brockport State 80, Trinity (Conn.) 76
Williams 91, Salem State 77
Rochester 75, St. John Fisher 66
Keene State 79, Babson 55
New Jersey City 74, Lycoming 67
Amherst 113, Plymouth State 85
Frank. & Marshall 78, Hamp.-Sydney 76
Gwynedd-Mercy 74, Catholic 72 (ot)

Sectional Pairings - March 12-13

Tacoma, Wash. Sectional
Sul Ross State vs. Lawrence
UW-Stevens Point at Puget Sound
Wooster, Ohio Sectional
John Carroll vs. Maryville (Tenn.)
Illinois Wesleyan at Wooster
Williamstown, Mass. Sectional
Keene State vs. Rochester
Brockport State at Williams
Lancaster, Pa. Sectional
New Jersey City vs. Amherst
Gwynedd-Mercy at Franklin & Marshall
NCAA Division III Final Four
March 19-20 at Salem, Va.
Tacoma winner vs. Wooster winner
Williamstown winner vs. Lancaster winner

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point advanced to the sectional with a 66-55 win at Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday. The Pointers trailed 25-22 at halftime, but shot 65.0 percent in the second half to pull away for the win.

Jason Kalsow and Nick Bennett each scored 14 points in the second half as Kalsow led the Pointers with 19 points and Bennett had 17 points, hitting all three three-point attempts.

The Pointers controlled the glass, outrebounding the Gusties 34-23 after Gustavus Adolphus held a 41-26 advantage in an NCAA second round win last year in Stevens Point.

Scouting the Opponents

Puget Sound is the nation's third-highest scoring team, averaging 104.3 points per game. The Loggers attempt 33 three-pointers per game and make 12.3 per contest. They have scored over 100 points 16 times in their 29 games and allowed over 100 points six times. Puget Sound has won 12 straight games since its lowest point total of the year in a 91-83 loss to Willamette. Their other loss came on an early season trip to Atlanta to Oglethorpe. Puget Sound posted an 89-75 win over Pomona-Pitzer in the opening round and won its conference tournament final over Linfield 114-112 in overtime.

The Loggers are led by Matt Glynn at 21.2 points per game. Glynn is one of three players with at least 66 three-pointers this year along with Curtis Medved, who averages 13.8 points and Chase Curtiss, who averages 12.8 points.

Lawrence is enjoying its best season in school history, having won its first Midwest Conference title since 1997 and second since 1943. The Vikings went undefeated at home with a 13-0 record and joined the Sweet 16 with a 72-66 win at Buena Vista on Saturday.

Lawrence got 39 of its 72 points off the bench as Chris MacGillis had 18 points and brother Kyle MacGillis added 14 points in the win. Chris MacGillis leads the team at 15.5 points per game, while Chris Braier averages 15.0 points and 13.4 rebounds. Braier had 20 rebounds at Buena Vista.

Sul Ross State won the American Southwest Conference and features a balanced attack with four players averaging in double digits. Sidney Hooper averages 14.6 points and has made 81 three-pointers this season. Larry Morales scores 14.5 points per game, Justin Seward averages 11.5 points and Derric Workman scores 10.6 points per contest.

Located in Alpine, Texas, the Lobos were 14-1 at home and 7-7 on the road this season.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point and Puget Sound are meeting for the first time. The only Northwest Conference foe the Pointers have played was a 72-68 win over Lewis & Clark in the 2000 second round in Stevens Point.

The Pointers played Lawrence in their first two games as a varsity program, losing 19-14 and 17-14 in 1897. UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 22-11 and has won 12 straight meetings since Lawrence's last win in 1953-54.

UW-Stevens Point has never played Sul Ross State and has faced one American Southwest Conference opponent, beating Mary Hardin-Baylor 76-51 in 1998-99.

Team Notes:

* - The Pointers are 7-3 all-time in NCAA tournament games, reaching the Elite Eight in 1997 and 2000. UW-Stevens Point has been eliminated by the eventual national runner-up in all three appearances, losing to Nebraska Wesleyan in 1997, UW-Eau Claire in 2000 and Gustavus Adolphus in 2003.

* - Puget Sound, Lawrence and Sul Ross State all won their first-ever NCAA tournament games this season. Lawrence is the only team to have previously played in the tournament, losing to Wabash (Ind.) in the 1997 first round.

* - In addition to its four NCAA appearances, the Pointers played in seven NAIA national tournaments, finishing runner-up in 1984 with current Milwaukee Bucks coach Terry Porter and St. Louis University coach Brad Soderberg in the backcourt.

* - WIAC teams are 72-26 all-time in NCAA tournament play with eight of the losses coming to other WIAC teams. Of the 25 WIAC qualifiers since 1988, this year's UW-Stevens Point squad is the 18th to reach the Sweet 16.

* - UW-Stevens Point's 25 victories mark the sixth time in school history the Pointers have reached that level. They won 25 games in 1999-2000 and 1984-85, 26 games in 1982-83, 27 games in 1991-92 and 28 games in 1983-84.

* - The Pointers rank sixth in Division III in defense at 57.4 points per game, but that mark will be tested this weekend with three of the top 33 offensive teams in the country. Puget Sound is third in offense at 104.3 points per game, Sul Ross State is sixth at 86.7 points per game and Lawrence is 33rd at 80.8 points per game. The only team ranked in the top 33 of offense that the Pointers played this year was Carroll, which is 23rd with an 82.8 average and lost to UW-Stevens Point 80-68.

* - Saturday's game at Gustavus Adolphus was 16th time the Pointers have faced a team ranked in the top 33 of the country in defense. UW-Stevens Point played UW-Oshkosh four times, UW-Platteville three times, UW-La Crosse, UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls twice, and Edgewood and Benedictine once.

* - The game at Gustavus Adolphus was the fourth time the Pointers have trailed at halftime this year and they are shooting an incredible 60.4 percent in the second half of those games. They also rallied to beat Carroll and UW-Stout, but lost to UW-River Falls.

* - The Pointers are shooting 55.4 percent from the field during the conference and NCAA tournaments. They are shooting 49.2 percent from three-point range during that span.

* - UW-Stevens Point averages just 9.6 turnovers per game and has had fewer than 10 turnovers in a game 16 times this season. Puget Sound forces 25.6 turnovers per game and Sul Ross State forces 20.0 turnovers per game by using full-court pressure defenses.

* - The Pointers have had one player foul out all season in 30 games, coming when Jason Kalsow fouled out in the regular season finale against UW-Superior.

* - Puget Sound posted a 104-102 win over WIAC champion UW-River Falls in the second game of the season. Lawrence beat UW-Oshkosh 73-58 in the third game of the year. UW-Stevens Point split with UW-River Falls and beat UW-Oshkosh all four times.

* - UW-Stevens Point had a streak of four straight WIAC titles end this season, but won the WIAC tournament to earn the NCAA bid.

* - UW-Stevens Point had played one game in the Pacific Time Zone before playing two in Las Vegas this season. The other was an NCAA Division III tournament victory at Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.) in 1997. The Pointers have also played games out west in Hawaii, Arizona, Montana and Colorado.

Individual Notes:

#10 Tamaris Relerford, 5-8, Jr., Guard, Beloit, Wis.

- * - Has started the past 10 games and made 14 starts this season.
- * - Ranks second in WIAC in assist/turnover ratio in WIAC games only with 33 assists and 16 turnovers.
- * - Made nine consecutive three-point shots during span in late January.
- * - Ended regular season by making 18 straight free throws.
- * - Had season-high 11 points in regular season loss at UW-Superior. Career high is 16 points during freshman season against UW-La Crosse.
- * - Has played in all 85 career games, making 18 starts.

#20 Neal Krajnik, 6-1, Sr., Guard, Manitowoc, Wis.

- * - Team's only senior. Started 13 of team's first 14 games and was team's starting point guard the past two seasons.
- * - Scored season-high 16 points and hit back-to-back threes with under nine minutes left to spark WIAC semifinal win over UW-Oshkosh.
- * - Ranks second in WIAC with 48.4 three-point field goal percentage. Ranks fourth in steals at 1.70 per game.
- * - Had a streak of 38 straight games with a steal from 2/13/02 to 12/7/03.
- * - Led WIAC in steals in 2002-03 at 2.07 per game.
- * - Led WIAC in assists in 2001-02 at 4.5 per game.
- * - Has played in 109 of a possible 110 career games, making 72 starts. Had career-high 21 points in WIAC tournament win over UW-Platteville as a sophomore.

#22 Brett Hirsch, 6-1, Fr., Guard, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

- * - Started first 12 games, averaging 18.9 minutes per game over first 14 games. Has averaged 4.4 minutes over past 16 games.
- * - Outstanding defender, who had 11 steals in first 14 games.
- * - Scored a career-high 12 points in first game this season against Northland.

#25 Kyle Gruszynski, 6-6, Jr., Guard, Seymour, Wis.

- * - Played in all 30 games this season, making two starts at mid-season against UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater.
- * - Had season-high 15 points in start at UW-La Crosse. Career-high is 19 points last season at UW-Platteville.
- * - Had third-highest minutes played total against Gustavus Adolphus, scoring 10 points in 22 minutes. Had eight points in NCAA first round win over Benedictine.
- * - Has just nine turnovers in 30 games and has 28 turnovers in 58 career games.
- * - Played freshman season at University of Wisconsin-Madison, appearing in six games for the Badgers.

#33 Nick Bennett, 6-5, Jr., Forward, Stevens Point, Wis.

- * - First-team All-WIAC selection. Has started all 30 games.
- * - Set single-season school record with 70 three-pointers made.
- * - Ranks 26th on school's all-time scoring list with 948 points.
- * - Has made eight of 11 three-point shot attempts during NCAA tournament.
- * - Averaging 19.7 points in three career NCAA tournament games, scoring 18 last year against Gustavus Adolphus, 24 against Benedictine and 17 this year against Gustavus Adolphus.
- * - Has made a three-pointer in 28 of team's 30 games.
- * - Team is 19-0 this season when he scores 14 points or more. Has reached that mark in all five postseason games.
- * - Leads WIAC in assist/turnover ratio with 81 assists and 36 turnovers. Ranks second in free throw shooting, fourth in three-point shooting and fifth in field goal percentage.

Nick Bennett, cont.

- * - Led league in three-point percentage last year and ranked second in free throw and field goal percentage.
- * - Had 29 points in wins over Kalamazoo and UW-Stout. Also had 29 points last year against Viterbo.
- * - Son of coach Jack Bennett.

#34 Jon Krull, 6-4, Fr., Guard, Marshall, Wis.

- * - Saw limited playing time over first 20 games of season, averaging 5.5 minutes per game. Has started nine of last 10 games, averaging 25.3 minutes per game.
- * - Averaging 9.6 points per game since joining starting lineup. Averaged 1.9 points over first 20 games.
- * - All 20 steals have come since becoming a starter. Has a steal in all 10 games.

- * - Had a career-high in three straight games, capped by a 15-point performance in WIAC semifinals against UW-Oshkosh.

- * - Scored 2,094 career points in high school, including 36 in 2002 Division 2 state championship game.

#42 Brian Bauer, 6-5, Soph., Forward, Auburndale, Wis.

- * - Made five starts at mid-season and has played in 29 of team's 30 games this season.
- * - Scored season-high 12 points in loss at UW-Platteville.
- * - Had career-high 15 points in key late season win over UW-Whitewater last season in first career start.

#44 Jason Kalsow, 6-7, Jr., Forward, Huntley, Ill.

- * - Two-time first-team All-WIAC selection.
- * - Ranks third in WIAC in points, rebounds and assists.
- * - Ranks 15th on school's all-time scoring list with 1,169 points.
- * - Has started all 85 games during three-year career.
- * - Has scored in double figures in every game this season.
- * - Has six double-doubles and six other games with nine rebounds, finishing one rebound short of a double-double.
- * - Posted career-high 28 points in second game of the season against Kendall to earn Pointer Tipoff Classic MVP honors.
- * - Had career-high 11 assists last year at UW-Platteville and had nine assists and seven rebounds this year at UW-Platteville.
- * - Made nine career three-pointers over first two seasons and has hit 21 shots from behind the arc this year.

#45 Mike Prey, 6-6, Soph., Forward, Shawano, Wis.

- * - Has appeared in 22 games off the bench.
- * - Played a season-high 14 minutes in NCAA tournament opener against Benedictine.
- * - Had career-high five points in win at UW-La Crosse.

#50 Eric Maus, 6-9, Jr., Center, Green Bay, Wis.

- * - Has started all 30 games this season after appearing in all 55 games during the past two years as a reserve.
- * - Totaled career-high 18 points in late season win at UW-Whitewater.
- * - Notched 17 points in WIAC tournament title game against UW-Platteville.
- * - Posted first career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds in victory at UW-Oshkosh.
- * - Had eight points, eight rebounds and six assists in victory at Gustavus Adolphus.
- * - Ranks second in WIAC in assist/turnover ratio with 62 assists and 33 turnovers. Ranks 20th in league in scoring, 14th in rebounding and 14th in assists.