



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Wrestling Notes

### 2003-04 Pointer Schedule/Results

**Current Record:** 9-4 overall, 6-0 WIAC  
**Breakdown:** 4-1 home, 3-2 away, 2-1 ntrl.

<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Pointer Open</b>	<b>No scores</b>
Nov. 15	at Augsburg Open	No scores
Nov. 22	at Concordia (Wis.) Open	No scores
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Lakeland</b>	<b>W 40-3</b>
Dec. 6	at UW-Parkside Open	No scores
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>W 19-17</b>
Dec. 11	at UW-Platteville	W 28-12
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Wartburg</b>	<b>L 37-4</b>
Jan. 16	**Concordia(Wis.)	W 32-6
Jan. 24	at UW-Oshkosh	W 29-12
Jan. 28	at UW-Parkside	L 36-9
<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	<b>W 27-12</b>
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>W 39-3</b>
Feb. 7	at UW-Eau Claire Invite	2nd of 14
Feb. 13	at Augsburg	L 37-6
Feb. 14	+St. John's (Minn.)	L 20-18
Feb. 14	+Concordia-Moorhead	W 39-10
Feb. 14	at UW-Eau Claire	W 33-12
Feb. 22	WIAC Championships (at Whitewater)	2nd of 7
Mar. 5-6	NCAA Championships (at Dubuque, Iowa)	

\*\* - Match at Westby, Wis.

+ - Match at Eau Claire, Wis.

### 2004 NCAA Division III Championships at Five Flags Center - Dubuque, Iowa Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, 2004

**Begins 11 a.m. each day - Finals at 5 p.m. on Saturday**

During past two seasons the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team has proven that it doesn't take many national qualifiers to post a high team finish at the NCAA Division III championships.

With four qualifiers for this year's meet in Dubuque, Iowa, The Pointers are set to test that theory again. UW-Stevens Point returns three All-Americans, including two national champion wrestlers to the meet, which begins Friday and concludes on Saturday. The Pointers are ranked ninth in the pre-championship poll after placing third with four qualifiers last year and 12th with three qualifiers in 2002. Last year's third place performance was the best finish ever for the Pointers and their first top 10 finish since 1998.

This year has been another memorable season for the Pointers, who finished 9-4 overall and 6-0 in conference dual matches, marking their first undefeated conference dual record since 1993.

Junior **Cody Koenig** is the defending national champion at 174 pounds and is ranked second in the weight class this year with a 29-2 record. Koenig could face a championship rematch with top-ranked Ed Aliakseyenka of Montclair State (N.J.), who has a 15-0 record this year after being pinned by Koenig in last year's finals. Koenig completed the only undefeated season in UW-Stevens Point history last year with a 36-0 season mark.

Senior **Yan White** won the national championship in 2002 and was just two seconds away from repeating last year when Brent Meyers of Upper Iowa recorded an escape to tie the match and then posted an overtime takedown in the championship match. White is looking to join Perry Miller and Jere Hamel as the only three-time All-Americans in school history. In order to win his second title, he'll likely need to avenge the only wrestler to beat him this year. White enters the weekend ranked second nationally with a 17-2 record and both losses coming to top-ranked Akeem Carter of Wartburg.

Senior **Brady Holtz** placed sixth at 133 pounds a year ago and is making his third trip to nationals, having also competed in 2000. He is ranked fifth in the country with a 19-7 record and has a 13-2 mark since Christmas with the only two losses coming to the nation's top two 133-pounders in Wartburg's Ozzie Saxson and Augsburg's Mark Matzek.

Sophomore **Joel Burdick** is making his first appearance at nationals and brings a 22-10 record into the weekend. Burdick earned an at-large bid to the national meet after finishing second at 141 pounds at the WIAC championships. He has wrestled tight matches with several of the top contenders at the weight class and will battle for a spot among the top eight finishers to earn All-American honors.

### **Team Notes:**

- \* - The Pointers have qualified wrestlers for the national meet for the 17th straight year, which is every season since joining the NCAA Division III in 1987-88.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point had its best national finish ever last season at third place, despite having just four qualifiers. All four earned All-American honors and three reached the title match. In 2002, the Pointers finished 12th overall with just three qualifiers.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point was ranked as high as third in the NCAA Division III poll this season and enters the national meet ranked ninth in the pre-national poll.
- \* - The Pointers have a 9-4 record with all four losses coming to ranked teams, losing to top-ranked Wartburg, second-ranked Augsburg and 20th-ranked St. John's. They also lost to UW-Parkside, which is ranked ninth in the NCAA Division II. UW-Stevens Point has beaten sixth-ranked UW-La Crosse, 18th-ranked UW-Whitewater and 27th-ranked Lawrence.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point finished undefeated in WIAC dual meets for the first time since 1992-93 with a 6-0 record. The Pointers' win over UW-La Crosse on Dec. 9 snapped the Eagles' 24-match conference winning streak.
- \* - The Pointers have had a Division III All-American 14 of the last 16 years with the only exceptions in 2000 and 1991. They had multiple All-Americans last year for the first time since 1998 and had three or more for six straight years from 1992 to 1997.
- \* - The Pointers have finished among the top three teams at the WIAC meet 14 consecutive years and placed first or second 12 of the 14 seasons.
- \* - Head coach Johnny Johnson has had seven All-Americans and 10 conference champions in his six seasons.

### **Individual Notes:**

#### **Yan White (Sr., 17-2, 197 pounds, Antigo, Wis.)**

- \* - Last year's NCAA Division III runner-up and 2002 national champion at 197 pounds. Lost to Brent Meyers of Upper Iowa 3-1 in overtime in last year's final. Pinned Cliff Thompson of Upper Iowa in 4:51 in the 2002 title match.
- \* - Finished 3-1 at 2003 national meet as the top seed. Beat Justin Sorensen of Augsburg 8-2, Rich Gildner of College of New Jersey 5-3 and Justin Torres of Olivet 10-4.
- \* - Was 4-0 at 2002 national meet as the fourth seed, beating Bart George of Simpson 11-0, pinning Rich Gildner of College of New Jersey in 2:26 and beating Kevin Rasmussen of Augsburg 3-2 before title match win over Thompson.
- \* - Did not qualify for national meet as a freshman, finishing runner-up at WIAC championships.
- \* - Defeated Nick Campbell of UW-Eau Claire 3-1 in WIAC championship for third straight conference title and 100th career win. Ninth wrestler in school history to win 100 matches.
- \* - Named outstanding wrestler at 2003 and 2002 WIAC championships. Only UW-Stevens Point wrestler to win award twice.
- \* - Both losses this season came to top-ranked Akeem Carter of Wartburg. Lost 5-3 in dual on Jan. 10 and 6-2 in title match of UW-Eau Claire Invite on Feb. 7. Has not wrestled any other national qualifiers this season.
- \* - Currently ranked second in Division III behind Carter.
- \* - Was 30-3 last year, 26-4 as a sophomore, 27-7 as a freshman to bring a career record of 100-16 into the national meet.

#### **Cody Koenig (Jr., 29-2, 174 pounds, Underwood, Iowa)**

- \* - First wrestler in UW-Stevens Point history to post an undefeated season, finishing 36-0 last year. Pinned Montclair State's Ed Aliakseyenka in 4:50 in title match for national title.
- \* - Attempting to become second wrestler in Pointer history to win back-to-back national titles. Perry Miller won consecutive heavyweight titles in 1997 and 1998. Bob Berceau won 1989 and finished third the following year. Yan White won in 2002 and was runner-up last year. Brad Marten won last year as a senior.
- \* - Had a school-record 43-match winning streak snapped on Nov. 15 at Augsburg Open with a 5-3 loss to third-ranked Joe Moon of Augsburg.
- \* - Only other loss was to national qualifier Jeff Zastrow of UW-Whitewater 8-5 on Jan. 31. Has five wins over national qualifiers, including three over UW-La Crosse's Nick Patenaude. Pinned Moon in 1:34 on Feb. 13 and beat fourth-ranked Mark Sturm of Wartburg 4-1 in UW-Eau Claire Invite title match.
- \* - Reached finals last year by pinning Tom Andrews of Loras in 53 seconds, beating Sturm 7-1 and pinning Moon in 4:36.
- \* - Qualified for nationals at 165 pounds as a freshman after finishing second at WIAC championships. Opened with 14-12 win over fourth-seeded James Henderson of College of New Jersey. Followed with 7-4 quarterfinal loss to Pat Wilsbacher of Buena Vista and a 3-2 consolation loss to Lee Kadinger of Lakeland.
- \* - Beat Moon and Sturm three times each during 2003 season.
- \* - Was 21-10 as a freshman for 86-12 career record and 29 pins.
- \* - Was second-winningest prep wrestler in Iowa High School history with 188-19 record, including 41-1 record as a senior.

#### **Brady Holtz (Sr., 19-7, 133 pounds, Oconto Falls, Wis.)**

- \* - Won second WIAC title with 7-2 win over national qualifier Nick Morpheu of Lawrence in finals. Also beat Morpheu 9-0 in dual meet. Has a 3-4 record against 133-pound qualifiers, splitting with Nate Lefebvre of St. John's, losing twice to Mark Matzek of Augsburg and once to Ozzie Saxson of Wartburg.
- \* - Wrestled five of top seven seeds at nationals last year, beating second seed Ralph Acosta of Upper Iowa 9-4 and seventh seed Daniel Roberts of Brockport State 7-4. Lost to third seed Saxson 7-4 in semifinals and then lost to sixth seed Barry Wise of Del. Valley 11-4 and top seed Mike Waldron of Lycoming 10-3.
- \* - Has won 13 of last 14 matches with only loss to Matzek.
- \* - Posted 1-2 record in only previous Division III championships appearance in 2000. Won WIAC title in 2000 and finished 16-9 for the season.
- \* - Was 23-11 last year, 19-14 as a sophomore and redshirted in 2002, posting 4-5 record in open meets. Career record entering national meet stands at 81-43.

#### **Joel Burdick (So., 21-10, 141 pounds, Racine, Wis.)**

- \* - Earned at-large bid to nationals after losing to Nick Karls of UW-Whitewater 7-5 in title match. Also lost to Karls 6-5 in dual meet and Augsburg's Jamell Tidwell to enter meet 0-3 against national qualifiers.
- \* - Has 8-5 record since Christmas with two losses to Karls, one to Tidwell and two to defending national champion Wil Kelly of Wartburg.
- \* - Had a 3-7 record as a redshirt last year and 14-20 record in 2002, placing third in WIAC. Has a 35-30 career record.