



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Wrestling Notes

### 2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

**Current Record:** 10-8 overall, 5-1 WIAC

**Breakdown:** 3-3 home, 3-3 away, 4-2 ntrl.

| Nov. 13 Pointer Open                            | No scores      |
|---|----------------|
| Nov. 19 #Lycoming (Pa.)                         | W 18-16        |
| Nov. 19 at Olivet, Mich.                        | L 22-15        |
| Nov. 19 #Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)                 | W 28-15        |
| Nov. 19 #Mount Union (Ohio)                     | W 37-9         |
| Nov. 30 at UW-Oshkosh                           | W 38-6         |
| <b>Dec. 1 Lakeland</b>                          | <b>W 21-12</b> |
| Dec. 3 at UW-Parkside Open                      | No scores      |
| Dec. 8 at UW-Platteville                        | W 33-8         |
| Jan. 14 \$Coe (Iowa)                            | W 23-18        |
| Jan. 14 \$Luther (Iowa)                         | L 28-12        |
| Jan. 14 \$Augustana (Ill.)                      | L 22-18        |
| <b>Jan. 21 Wartburg (Iowa)</b>                  | <b>L 30-6</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 21 Loras (Iowa)</b>                     | <b>L 23-21</b> |
| Jan. 25 at UW-Parkside                          | L 23-16        |
| <b>Jan. 28 UW-Whitewater</b>                    | <b>W 39-4</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 31 Lawrence</b>                         | <b>W 46-3</b>  |
| Feb. 4 at UW-Eau Claire Invite                  | 3rd of 10      |
| <b>Feb. 7 UW-La Crosse</b>                      | <b>L 21-16</b> |
| Feb. 10 at Augsburg (Minn.)                     | L 25-12        |
| Feb. 11 at UW-Eau Claire                        | W 33-10        |
| Feb. 19 WIAC Championships<br>(at Eau Claire)   | 2nd of 7       |
| Mar. 3-4 NCAA Championships<br>(at Ewing, N.J.) | 10:00 AM       |

# - at Olivet, Mich. Duals

\$ - at National Duals (Cedar Falls, Iowa)

### 2006 NCAA Division III Championships at Student Recreation Center - Ewing, N.J.

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 2006

**Begins 10 a.m. each day - Finals at 6 p.m. on Sat. (Central Time)**

There's plenty of familiarity for the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team when the Pointers travel to the NCAA Division III championships March 3-4 in Ewing, N.J.

All three of the Pointers' national qualifiers are making their second straight trip to nationals and two are returning All-Americans. The trio are all seniors and two of the Pointers' qualifiers bring national rankings into the event.

The only unranked UW-Stevens Point qualifier is the team's most experienced nationals participant as Joel Burdick makes his third trip to the national stage at 141 pounds. Al Stacilauskas at 174 pounds and Mike Hayes at heavyweight are both back for the second straight year after claiming All-American honors a year ago.

The Pointers are ranked 18th in the NCAA Division III pre-national poll after posting top 12 finishes the past four years. This season marks the 19th straight year that UW-Stevens Point has qualified wrestlers for the national meet. The Pointers went 10-8 in dual matches during the season with five losses to teams ranked in the top six of the country and five wins over teams ranked in the pre-national top 30 rankings.

The championships begin on Friday morning and conclude on Saturday on the campus of The College of New Jersey.

All three UW-Stevens Point qualifiers enter the national meet via at-large berths after the Pointers had no conference champions or automatic qualifiers for the first time since 1988-89.

Burdick brings a 27-8 record into the meet with five defeats to other national qualifiers. Two of Burdick's losses came at the WIAC championships where he was the top-seeded competitor, but lost to Zach Chambers of UW-Platteville in the finals and Mike Rohowetz of UW-La Crosse in a wrestleback. Burdick handled both wrestlers during the season and could get a chance to avenge last week's losses as both competitors are also in the national field.

Stacilauskas drops to 174 pounds this year after placing seventh at 184 pounds last season. He earned a second straight at-large bid despite competing just the second half of the season for the second straight year due to eligibility rules. Stacilauskas has a 10-3 record this season and has wrestled just 26 matches in his UW-Stevens Point career.

Hayes is 23-3 this season and handed top-ranked Blake Gillis of Wartburg one of his three losses with a first period pin in a dual meet this season. It was one of Hayes' five victories over national qualifiers. All three of Hayes' defeats are to two-time defending national champion and second-ranked Ryan Allen of UW-La Crosse, including a setback in last week's WIAC finals. Allen is 10-0 all-time against Hayes, who placed fifth at nationals last season.

### **Team Notes:**

- \* - The Pointers have qualified wrestlers for the national meet for the 19th straight year, which is every season since joining the NCAA Division III in 1987-88.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has placed in the top 10 at nationals the past three years despite having four qualifiers each year. The Pointers were third in 2003 and ninth last season. In 2002, the Pointers finished 12th overall with just three qualifiers.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point enters the national meet ranked 18th in the pre-national poll. The Pointers were ranked 10th in the poll for most of this season.
- \* - The Pointers have a 10-8 record with five losses to teams ranked in the top six of the country in the pre-national poll. They competed against each of the top four-ranked teams: Wartburg, Augsburg, UW-La Crosse and Luther as well as sixth-ranked Loras. The Pointers also lost to UW-Parkside, which is ranked 12th in Division II.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has five wins over teams ranked in the pre-national poll, including a triumph over 14th-ranked Coe.
- \* - The Pointers have had a Division III All-American 16 of the last 18 years with the only exceptions in 2000 and 1991. They had multiple All-Americans last year for the third straight year 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 16 consecutive years and placed first or second 14 of the 16 seasons.
- \* - Head coach Johnny Johnson has had 13 All-Americans and 15 conference champions in his eight seasons.
- \* - All three UW-Stevens Point qualifiers this year are at-large selections as the Pointers did not have an individual conference champion for the first time since 1988-89.

### **Individual Notes:**

#### **Joel Burdick (Sr., 27-8, 141 pounds, Racine, Wis.)**

- \* - Making third straight appearance at nationals. Lost to same two opponents the past two years.
- \* - Dropped quarterfinal match to Jeff Patzke of Luther 8-3 and consolation match to Mike Gaeta of Springfield 7-3 last season. Pinned Eugene Kobilansky of NYU in 6:58 in opening match. In 2004, lost to Patzke 10-8 and Gaeta 9-3 in only two matches. Gaeta and Kobilansky are both in field this season.
- \* - Has a 3-5 record against national qualifiers this season. Beat Ryan McMurray of Augustana 5-3, Zach Chambers of UW-Platteville 15-10 and Mike Rohowetz of UW-La Crosse 13-1. Lost to top-ranked Dustin Hirschberger of Wartburg 4-2, Niles Mercer of Coe 3-2 and Josh Hansen of Augsburg 8-6 (OT). Also lost to Chambers 10-4 and Rohowetz 5-2 at conference meet.
- \* - Was top seed at WIAC meet, but lost to Chambers in finals and Rohowetz in wrestleback to place third.
- \* - Outstanding Wrestler at WIAC meet in 2005. Third time in four years UW-Stevens Point won outstanding wrestler award.
- \* - Spent most of season in national rankings, but is not ranked in pre-national poll.
- \* - Won 10 of 11 matches before two losses at conference meet. Has a 13-5 record over last 18 matches with all losses coming to other national qualifiers.
- \* - Was 22-7 last year, 22-14 in 2004 and 11-13 as a freshman for an 82-42 career record.

- \* - Has not recorded a pin in 35 matches this season.
- \* - Has a twin brother, Jon, who wrestled much of season at 149 pounds for the Pointers with a 15-14 record.

#### **Al Stacilauskas (Sr., 10-3, 174 pounds, Escanaba, Mich.)**

- \* - Transfer from Central Michigan University. Had one remaining year of eligibility when coming to UW-Stevens Point and wrestled second semester each season, earning at-large berths to nationals each year. Ranked eighth in pre-national poll.
- \* - Earned All-American honors at 184 pounds last season. Lost opening match to Mike Troutman of Ursinus 12-6. Beat Andrew Helms of Delaware Valley 5-2 and was pinned by Matt Sassolino of Elmhurst in 6:55 before beating Troutman 10-3 for seventh place finish.
- \* - Competing at 174 pounds this year, marking fourth straight year and fifth time in six years UW-Stevens Point has been represented at the weight class. Cody Koenig competed the past three years and Wes Kapping in 2001, earning All-American honors each year. Koenig was 2003 national champion.
- \* - Has an 0-2 record against national qualifiers, losing to seventh-ranked Robbie Gotreau of Augsburg 4-3 and third-ranked Josh Chelf of UW-La Crosse 13-5 in WIAC title match.
- \* - Was also conference runner-up last season with loss to 184-pound qualifier Ben Dictus of Lawrence.
- \* - Won four matches to claim individual title at UW-Eau Claire Invitational.
- \* - Finished 9-4 last year for 19-7 career record.

#### **Mike Hayes (Jr., 23-3, 285 pounds, Beaver Dam, Wis.)**

- \* - Making second straight appearance at nationals after placing fifth last season to earn All-American honors.
- \* - Has suffered all three losses this year to Ryan Allen of UW-La Crosse. Dropped 4-3 decision at UW-Parkside, 3-1 overtime match in dual and 4-1 decision in WIAC finals. Beat Ryan Rozek of UW-Platteville 6-1 in wrestleback to place second in WIAC.
- \* - Carries a 39-6 record over past 45 matches with four losses to Allen. Has an 0-10 career record against Allen. In addition to three defeats this year, lost three times last year (8-3, 11-8, 4-1), twice in 2003-04 (10-5, 11-0) and twice in 2002-03 (13-5, 2:45).
- \* - Has a 5-3 record against other national qualifiers this year. Has wins over Rozek 6-1 and 11-4. Pinned top-ranked Blake Gillis following a reversal in 2:12. Pinned Andrew Neumann of Augsburg in 5:39 and beat John Miller of Luther 18-2.
- \* - Enters meet ranked fourth in pre-national poll for second straight season.
- \* - Went 4-2 at national meet last year with pin over Arkaidy Levitan of Hunter in 6:45, overtime win over Andrew Reinecker of McDaniel 4-2, win over Tommy Hunter of Lycoming 3-2 and win over Brett Christensen of Simpson 8-4 in fifth place match. Lost to Gillis in quarterfinals 4-2 in overtime and Mark Simmonds of Augsburg 7-4 in consolation round. Snyder and Christensen are also returning to national meet.
- \* - Played defensive line for football team and joined team late. Started all 10 games in football and ranked sixth on team with 45 tackles.
- \* - Went 25-9 last year and 17-9 as a sophomore. Posted 12-16 record as a freshman for a 77-37 career record. Has been conference runner-up three straight year.