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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2003-04 Pointer Schedule/Results

Current Record: 24-5 overall, 11-5 WIAC

Streak: 4-game winning streak

Breakdown: 15-2 home, 7-3 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	7:00 PM

- Game at Las Vegas, Nev.

\$ - WIAC Tournament

+ - NCAA Division III Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

NCAA Division III Tournament Second Round

#10 UW-Stevens Point (24-5 overall)

vs. #20 Gustavus Adolphus College (22-5 overall)

Sat., Mar. 6, 7 p.m. - Gus Young Court - St. Peter, Minn.

Pointers This Week:

A rematch of last year's second round is set for Saturday as WIAC tournament champion UW-Stevens Point visits Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference winner Gustavus Adolphus. The Pointers advanced with an 84-58 win over Benedictine (Ill.) on Thursday, while Gustavus Adolphus had a first round bye. Last year, the Gusties won a first round game and came to Stevens Point in the second round for a 75-62 victory.

Radio:

The game 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 166-53 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 .758 career winning percentage ranks third in WIAC history of coaches with at least three seasons at the helm.

2004 NCAA Division III Tournament

First Round Results - March 4

Pomona-Pitzer 79, Colorado College 55
UW-Stevens Point 84, Benedictine 58
Sul Ross State 71, Univ. of Dallas 67
Lawrence 86, Lakeland 51
John Carroll 88, Calvin 77
Randolph-Macon 51, Methodist 50
Illinois Wesleyan 82, Maryville (Mo.) 73
Potsdam State 60, Penn St.-Behrend 58
Trinity (Conn.) 72, Lasell 66
Salem State 94, Johnson and Wales 80
St. John Fisher 90, Hamilton 83
Babson 66, Endicott 56
Lycoming 74, Lehman 68
Plymouth State 75, Castleton State 57
Hampden-Sydney 74, Elizabethtown 71
Catholic 75, Old Westbury 50

Second Round Games - March 6

Pomona-Pitzer at Puget Sound
UW-Stevens Point at Gustavus Adolphus
Sul Ross State at Trinity (Texas)
Lawrence at Buena Vista
John Carroll at Wittenberg
Randolph-Macon at Maryville (Tenn.)
Illinois Wesleyan at Hanover
Potsdam State at Wooster
Trinity (Conn.) at Brockport State
Salem State at Williams
St. John Fisher at Rochester
Babson at Keene State
Lycoming at New Jersey City
Plymouth State at Amherst
Hampden-Sydney at Franklin & Marshall
Catholic at Gwynedd-Mercy

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point opened the NCAA Division III tournament with an 84-58 victory over Benedictine (Ill.) on Thursday as Nick Bennett scored 24 points to lead the way. The Pointers shot 58.5 percent from the field and Bennett hit his first four three-pointers en route to 17 first half points. UW-Stevens Point led 46-29 at halftime and cruised through the second half, hitting 63.0 percent of its shots. Jon Krull and Jason Kalsow each added 10 points.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers are 6-3 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.
- * - Gustavus Adolphus is making its 11th tournament appearance and is 19-10 all-time. Last year was the Gusties' first trip to the final four.
- * - Gustavus Adolphus has been a nemesis of the WIAC in the post-season as only four times has a WIAC team been knocked out of the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament by a non-conference opponent with three of those losses to the Gusties. They beat UW-Stevens Point in last year's second round, UW-Whitewater in the 1997 first round and UW-Oshkosh in the 1996 second round. The other was the University of Chicago over UW-Eau Claire in the 2001 second round.
- * - WIAC teams are 71-26 all-time in NCAA tournament play with eight of the losses coming to other WIAC teams. Of the 25 WIAC qualifiers since 1988, 17 have reached the Sweet 16.
- * - UW-Stevens Point's 24 victories mark the seventh time in school history the Pointers have reached that level. They won 24 games last year, 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 and Gusties are very similar teams, ranking among the best in the country in defense and shooting. Gustavus Adolphus is fourth in defense at 57.2 points per game and UW-Stevens Point is sixth at 57.5 points per game. The Gusties are fifth in field goal percentage at 50.7 percent and the Pointers are 12th at 50.0 percent.
- * - Saturday's game will be 16th time the Pointers have faced a team ranked in the top 33 of the country in defense. UW-Stevens Point has 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 Pointers are shooting 55.3 percent from the field over the four postseason games. They are shooting 47.3 percent from three-point range.

Individual Notes:

- * - Junior forward **Nick Bennett** (Stevens Point, WI) has made 55.0 percent (11-for-20) of his shots from three-point range during the postseason. He is also 16-for-17 from the free throw line over the last four games. The Pointers are now 18-0 this season when Bennett scores 14 or more points.
- * - Junior forward **Jason Kalsow** (Huntley, IL) has scored in double figures every game this season and has six double-double doubles. However, Thursday's game of 10 points and nine rebounds was the sixth time this year he's missed a double-double by one rebound.
- * - Junior center **Eric Maus** (Green Bay, WI) is averaging 9.9 points per game and shooting 63.0 percent from the field over the last 12 games. He averaged 7.4 points over the first 17 games.

Scouting the Opponent

Gustavus Adolphus returns four starters and seven of the nine players that played in last year's 75-62 second round victory over UW-Stevens Point. The Golden Gusties went on to finish runner-up in the NCAA Division III tournament, losing to Williams (Mass.) 67-65 in the national title game.

This year, the Gusties are 22-5 after a slow start that saw them post a 6-4 record through 10 games. They have won 16 of their 17 games since with the only loss coming 61-56 at St. Thomas on Feb. 7. Gustavus Adolphus has won 12 straight home games since losing its home opener to Luther.

The Gusties have not played since winning the MIAC tournament with a 75-69 victory at home over Macalester in the title game last Saturday.

Senior Tim Brown leads the team at 15.1 points per game and shoots 51.9 percent from three-point range. He was joined on the first-team All-MIAC squad by senior forward Chris TeBrake and junior guard Doug Espenson.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point and Gustavus Adolphus met for the first time last year with the Gusties posting a 75-62 win in Stevens Point. Tim Brown scored 20 points as the Gusties shot 63.0 percent in the second half. Nick Bennett had 18 points for the Pointers, who shot 38.6 percent from the field.

It was the first time the Pointers played a MIAC foe since playing Hamline at home on Dec. 30, 1988. The Pointers are 14-15 all-time against the MIAC.

The teams have no common opponents this season.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records through February 29, 2004

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Williams, Mass. (23)	26-1	623	1
2. Hanover, Ind. (2)	26-1	590	2
3. Rochester, N.Y.	24-1	575	3
4. Wooster, Ohio	24-3	535	6
5. Amherst, Mass.	24-3	523	4
6. Hampden-Sydney, Va.	24-4	482	8
7. Wittenberg, Ohio	24-4	462	5
8. Puget Sound, Wash.	23-2	456	10
9. Franklin and Marshall, Pa.	24-3	423	11
10. UW-Stevens Point	23-5	372	14
11. Wheaton, Ill.	21-4	344	7
12. Trinity, Texas	24-4	293	16
13. John Carroll, Ohio	22-5	284	18
14. Randolph-Macon, Va.	22-4	276	12
15. Buena Vista, Iowa	24-4	249	19
16. Trinity, Conn.	21-4	230	15
17. Hope, Mich.	21-5	213	9
18. Gwynedd-Mercy, Pa.	25-2	202	21
19. Illinois Wesleyan	19-6	185	—
20. Gustavus Adolphus, Minn.	22-5	157	22
21. UW-River Falls	20-7	144	13
22. Maryville, Tenn.	22-5	122	24
23. Lawrence, Wis.	21-4	97	25
24. Catholic, D.C.	23-5	71	—
25. DeSales, Pa.	22-4	48	17