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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 17-2 overall, 9-2 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 8-0 home, 8-2 away, 1-0 ntl.

Nov. 9	at Marquette (exhibition)	(L 78-65)
Nov. 20	#Southwestern (Texas)	W 65-42
Nov. 21	#at Univ. of Chicago	W 70-58
Nov. 26	at Lakeland	W 70-59
Nov. 27	Ripon	W 75-53
Nov. 30	UW-Platteville	W 55-44
Dec. 4	at UW-Eau Claire	W 71-50
Dec. 7	at UW-River Falls	W 65-50
Dec. 11	UW-Stout	W 75-52
Dec. 29	Viterbo	W 86-54
Dec. 30	Wis. Lutheran	W 82-42
Jan. 4	at UW-Whitewater	L 71-63
Jan. 6	at Marian	W 82-57
Jan. 8	UW-La Crosse	W 65-49
Jan. 15	at UW-Superior	W 77-42
Jan. 18	UW-Oshkosh	W 69-44
Jan. 20	Edgewood	W 79-49
Jan. 22	at UW-La Crosse	W 63-62 ot
Jan. 26	at UW-Platteville	L 73-58
Jan. 29	at UW-Stout	W 64-52
Feb. 5	UW-Eau Claire	5:30 PM
Feb. 9	UW-Whitewater	7:00 PM
Feb. 12	UW-Superior	5:30 PM
Feb. 16	UW-River Falls	7:00 PM
Feb. 19	at UW-Oshkosh	7:30 PM
Feb. 22-26	WIAC Tournament	7:00 PM

- Chicago Midway Classic

all games are listed Central Time

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

#2 UW-Stevens Point (17-2 overall, 9-2 WIAC)

vs. UW-Eau Claire (12-8 overall, 5-6 WIAC)

Sat., Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point looks to maintain its hold on first place in the WIAC standings by hosting UW-Eau Claire on Saturday in the opening game of a four-game home stretch. The Pointers have the bye in the league schedule on Wednesday and enter the week one-half game ahead of UW-Platteville in the league standings, but tied with the Pioneers in the loss column with two defeats apiece.

Radio:

The game can be heard live on WSPT (97.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger doing the play-by-play and John Zellmer providing the analysis. The game can also be accessed online at www.sportsjuice.com.

Head Coach Jack Bennett:

Jack Bennett carries a 188-55 record in his ninth season with the Pointers and became the school's all-time winningest coach with a 75-52 win over UW-Stout on Dec. 11. He passed Hale Quandt, who posted a 178-126 record in 15 seasons from 1947-62.

Around the WIAC

WIAC Standings - Jan. 31

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Stevens Point	9	2	17	2
Platteville	8	2	13	5
Oshkosh	8	3	15	5
Stout	7	3	12	5
Whitewater	5	6	13	6
Eau Claire	5	6	12	8
La Crosse	2	8	5	14
Superior	2	9	11	9
River Falls	2	9	6	13

This Week in the WIAC

Wednesday, February 2

Platteville at La Crosse, 5:45 pm
Oshkosh at Stout, 7 pm
River Falls at Superior, 7 pm
Whitewater at Eau Claire, 7 pm

Saturday, February 5

Platteville at Superior, 3:30 pm
Whitewater at Stout, 3:30 pm
Eau Claire at Stevens Point, 5:30 pm
La Crosse at Oshkosh, 7:30 pm

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point split a pair of games last week against two of the top teams in the WIAC and still sits in first place in the league standings entering a stretch of four straight home games.

The Pointers had a six-game winning streak snapped in a 73-58 loss at UW-Platteville on Wednesday as the Pioneers shot 67 percent from the field against a UW-Stevens Point defense that entered the game leading the NCAA Division III in field goal percentage defense at 34.5 percent. The Pioneers used an 11-0 run early in the second half to pull away from a one-point halftime lead. Jason Kalsow and Nick Bennett each scored 17 points in the defeat.

UW-Stevens Point also trailed at halftime against UW-Stout, but used an eight-point spurt early in the second half to regain the lead and pull away from the Blue Devils for a 64-52 lead. Bennett scored 27 points and Kalsow totaled 21 points in the win. Eric Maus matched a career high with 11 rebounds. The Pointers held the Blue Devils to 26.7 percent shooting and 19 points in the second half.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers are still the top defensive team in the NCAA Division III as they have been all season. UW-Stevens Point allows just 52.8 points per game. The Pointers dropped to fourth in field goal percentage defense at 35.8 percent.
- * - The Pointers have won 27 of their last 30 regular season games in February, but lost their most recent game during the month last year in a defeat to UW-Superior. They are 36-9 all-time in February regular season games under Jack Bennett.
- * - UW-Stevens Point ranks among one of the best shooting teams in the country, hitting 49.8 percent of its field goals to rank 15th nationally. The Pointers are also ninth in three-point shooting at 42.4 percent and 29th in free throw shooting at 74.4 percent.
- * - The Pointers had been red-hot at the free throw line, hitting 83.3 percent over five straight games before connecting on just 58.8 percent (10-for-17) in the win over UW-Stout.
- * - It has been rare to see the Pointers trailing at halftime over the past three games, though they have trailed by no more than two points. In fact, it's the first time UW-Stevens Point has been behind at intermission three straight games since Jan. 17-24, 2001. Since that stretch and including the last three outings, the Pointers have trailed at half only 21 times in the last 115 games.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior forward **Jason Kalsow** (Huntley, IL) enters the weekend with 1,610 career points and needs 40 points to pass Tim Naegeli as the school's all-time leader. He needs 16 points to pass Jon Julius for second place. Remarkably, Kalsow could achieve the record without ever having scored 30 points in a game.
- * - Senior forward **Nick Bennett** (Stevens Point, WI) missed a late free throw against UW-Stout, snapping a string of 24 consecutive made charity tosses. He currently ranks seventh in Division III in free throw shooting at 90.6 percent.
- * - Senior center **Eric Maus** (Green Bay, WI) tied a career-high with 11 rebounds at UW-Stout with all coming on defense. He also had 11 boards at home against UW-La Crosse on Jan. 8. Maus hit his first career three-pointer to pull the pointers to within two points at halftime.
- * - Sophomore forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) was held scoreless for the first time as a starter on Saturday. However, the Pointers are still 30-2 all-time with Krull in the starting lineup.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire has rebounded from a recent slump with two straight victories entering Wednesday's home game with UW-Whitewater. After losing to UW-Stevens Point on Dec. 4, the Blugolds had reeled off six straight victories.

The Blugolds had dropped four straight games, but rebounded with a 77-69 overtime win over UW-La Crosse and a 97-72 thumping of Wisconsin Lutheran. UW-Eau Claire shot 63.6 percent from the field on Monday against Wisconsin Lutheran as Dan Archambault was eight-for-10 with all of his shots coming from behind the three-point line to finish with 24 points. The Blugolds hit a school record number of three-pointers and were 16-for-29 from three-point range in the victory.

Casey Drake averages 17.1 points per game to rank second in the WIAC in scoring behind Jason Kalsow. Archambault averages 14.1 points and shoots 44.6 percent from three-point range. Kale Proksch is the team's leading rebounder at 5.7 boards per game.

Series History

UW-Eau Claire owns a 78-70 lead in the all time series, but the Pointers have won seven straight meetings, sweeping the Blugolds the past three seasons and posting a 71-50 victory earlier this season at Zorn Arena.

The teams were tied 31-31 at halftime on Dec. 4, but UW-Stevens Point made its first eight field goal attempts of the second half and outscored the Blugolds 19-5 to open the half. Jason Kalsow had 23 points and the Pointers shot 56.5 percent, including 61.5 percent in the second half.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records Through January 30, 2005

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Illinois Wesleyan (14)	14-2	605	2
2. UW-Stevens Point (5)	17-2	592	1
3. Wooster, Ohio (3)	18-1	575	3
4. Amherst, Mass. (3)	16-1	538	5
5. Albion, Mich.	17-1	503	6
6. Trinity, Texas	15-4	484	8
7. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	18-0	458	7
8. John Carroll, Ohio	15-2	433	4
9. Wittenberg, Ohio	17-2	401	11
10. Puget Sound, Wash.	13-3	378	10
11. Lawrence, Wis.	13-3	368	12
12. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	16-3	352	15
13. Wheaton, Ill.	13-3	330	14
14. Buena Vista, Iowa	15-3	268	9
15. Hanover, Ind.	15-4	264	16
16. Ramapo, N.J.	15-2	261	18
17. Wartburg, Iowa	16-3	194	21
18. Calvin, Mich.	15-4	177	23
19. Potsdam State, N.Y.	16-1	156	13
20. Ripon, Wis.	13-4	136	22
21. UW-Platteville	13-5	121	—
22. UW-Stout	12-5	107	20
23. UW-Oshkosh	15-5	89	—
24. Gwynedd-Mercy, Pa.	14-3	70	24
25. Trinity, Conn.	14-4	68	25