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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 22-3 overall, 13-3 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 13-0 home, 8-3 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	W 83-55
Feb. 9	UW-Whitewater	W 75-64
Feb. 12	UW-Superior	W 83-58
Feb. 16	UW-River Falls	W 94-66
Feb. 19	at UW-Oshkosh	L 74-59
Feb. 22	\$UW-Superior	W 88-68
Feb. 24	\$UW-Oshkosh	7:00 PM
Feb. 26	\$WIAC Finals	7:00 PM

- Chicago Midway Classic

\$ - WIAC Tournament

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

WIAC Tournament Semifinals

#3 UW-Stevens Point (22-3 overall)

vs. #25 UW-Oshkosh (19-7 overall)

Thurs., Feb. 24, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

For the third straight year, UW-Stevens Point Point hosts UW-Oshkosh in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball semifinal at the Quandt Fieldhouse. In fact, the two teams are playing for the 10th time in three years and the second time in six days. The teams have split their postseason encounters the past two years with UW-Oshkosh winning in the 2003 semifinal and UW-Stevens Point prevailing in the 2004 showdown.

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 will also be broadcast on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette and Tony Bastien. The game can be accessed online at www.sportsjuice.com.

Head Coach Jack Bennett:

Jack Bennett carries a 193-56 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 - Feb. 22

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Stevens Point	13	3	22	3
Platteville	13	3	19	6
Oshkosh	11	5	19	7
Whitewater	8	8	18	8
Stout	8	8	13	11
Eau Claire	6	10	13	13
Superior	5	11	14	12
River Falls	4	12	8	17
La Crosse	4	12	7	18

This Week in the WIAC

Tuesday, February 22

(1) Platteville 70, (8) River Falls 55
(4) Whitewater 82, (5) Stout 78 (ot)
(3) Oshkosh 77, (6) Eau Claire 72 (ot)
(2) Stevens Point 88, (7) Superior 68

Thursday, February 24

Whitewater at Platteville, 7 pm
Oshkosh at Stevens Point, 7 pm

Saturday, February 26

Semifinal winners, 3 or 7 pm

Pointer Update:

The Pointers advanced to the semifinals for the fourth straight year with an 88-68 win over UW-Superior. After suffering through its coldest shooting performance of the season on Saturday against UW-Oshkosh at 31.6 percent, UW-Stevens Point more than doubled that effort on Tuesday at 64.7 percent for the game. The Pointers had assists on 20 of their first 23 baskets and 24 for the game.

Nick Bennett had 22 points and became the school's all-time leading three-point field goal shooter, while Jason Kalsow added 11 points, seven assists and seven rebounds to set the school's career rebounding mark.

Team Notes:

- * - UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh are the two winningest teams in WIAC postseason play. The Titans have a league-high 12 tournament victories and have qualified for the semifinals all seven years. The Pointers have won 10 tournament games and made six semifinal appearances. One of the two teams has played in the final six straight years and won the title four of the past five seasons.
- * - Thursday's game marks the Pointers' 12th straight WIAC tournament game at home. UW-Stevens Point has not played a road WIAC tournament game since the 1999 quarterfinals at UW-Whitewater.
- * - The Pointers had a season-high 15 turnovers in Tuesday's game, though five came in the final three minutes with the starters on the bench. UW-Stevens Point was averaging 8.0 turnovers over its previous six games.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has been the top defensive team in Division III all year and is again this week at 55.5 points per game. The Pointers have allowed an average of 66.0 points over the past five games after allowing an average of 52.9 points in the first 20 games.
- * - The Pointers rank fourth nationally in field goal percentage defense at 37.0 percent. Opponents have shot just 34.8 percent at the Quandt Fieldhouse and 40.8 percent on their home floors.
- * - UW-Stevens Point ranks fifth in the country in three-point field goal shooting at 42.7 percent. The Pointers didn't need their long-range accuracy on Tuesday, scoring 25 layups among their 33 baskets and getting a season-low three three-pointers.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior forward **Nick Bennett** (Stevens Point, WI) enters the game with 1,495 points and needs 12 points to pass Brant Bailey for seventh place on the school's all-time scoring list. He has made 20 straight free throws and ranks sixth in the country at 90.8 percent.
- * - Sophomore forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) scored a season-high 20 points in the win over UW-Superior. He also was eight-for-eight at the free throw line. Krull averages 9.5 points per game at home and 6.7 per game on the road.
- * - Senior center **Eric Maus** (Green Bay, WI) had a solid all-around game on Tuesday with a season-high 14 points with six rebounds and five assists. He had no turnovers and leads the WIAC in assist-turnover ratio by a wide margin with 51 assists and 14 turnovers.
- * - Senior forward **Jason Kalsow** (Huntley, IL) set the school's career rebounding record with a putback with 4:36 left. The basket also gave him 11 points, extending his streak of scoring in double figures to 59 straight games. He leads the WIAC in three-point shooting percentage at 51.5 percent and has made one in nine straight games while hitting 21-for-35 (60.0 percent) over the span.
- * - Senior guard **Tamaris Relerford** (Beloit, WI) had a pair of rare inside baskets on Tuesday. Of Relerford's 37 field goals this year, 31 have been three-pointers.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Oshkosh squeaked out a 77-72 overtime decision over UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday, erasing an eight-point deficit in the final nine minutes to keep its perfect quarterfinal record intact. The Titans were just the second No. 3 seed to win a quarterfinal game in the seven-year history of the WIAC tournament.

With the game tied at 70-70, the team's lone senior, Andy Fernholz, knocked down a three-pointer with 39 seconds left. After the Bugolds cut the lead to one, Fernholz made two free throws for a three-point lead and then Gibson added two late free throws to seal the win. Gibson had another big night with a career-high 26 points and eight rebounds, including 12 of the team's overtime points.

Gibson was last week's WIAC Player of the Week and is averaging 15.0 points and 7.0 rebounds over the last five games. He is ranked seventh in the country in blocked shots and has made 31 of his last 37 free throw attempts.

The Titans have won seven of their last nine games since falling to 12-5 after a loss in Stevens Point on Jan. 18.

Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series 105-79 and had won six of the past seven meetings before UW-Oshkosh's 74-59 win last Saturday in Oshkosh when the Titans limited the Pointers to their lowest field goal percentage since Nov. 27, 1999 at 31.6 percent.

The teams are playing in the WIAC semifinals for the third straight year with UW-Oshkosh winning 62-57 in 2003 and UW-Stevens Point claiming a 70-59 win last year.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records Through February 20, 2005

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Wooster, Ohio (19)	24-1	618	2
2. Amherst, Mass. (3)	23-1	577	3
3. UW-Stevens Point	21-3	534	1
4. St. John Fisher, N.Y. (2)	25-0	524	4
5. Wittenberg, Ohio	22-3	516	5
6. Albion, Mich.	22-2	485	8
7. Illinois Wesleyan (1)	18-4	473	9
8. Puget Sound, Wash.	19-3	470	7
9. Wheaton, Ill.	19-4	419	6
10. Buena Vista, Iowa	22-3	415	10
11. John Carroll, Ohio	20-4	367	13
12. Wartburg, Iowa	21-4	326	11
13. Trinity, Texas	19-6	312	16
14. Hanover, Ind.	20-5	265	17
15. Lawrence, Wis.	17-5	240	12
16. UW-Platteville	18-6	225	18
17. Calvin, Mich.	19-6	220	15
18. Ramapo, N.J.	21-4	210	14
19. Gustavus Adolphus, Minn.	20-5	171	22
20. York, Pa.	22-2	151	21
21. Aurora, Ill.	21-4	110	24
22. Ripon, Wis.	17-6	101	23
23. Potsdam State, N.Y.	22-3	84	19
24. Rochester, N.Y.	20-4	77	20
25. UW-Oshkosh	18-7	48	—