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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 5-2 overall, 3-1 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 3-0 home, 2-2 away, 0-0 ntl.

Nov. 18	Cardinal Stritch	W 69-54
Nov. 25	at Ripon	W 99-89
Nov. 26	at Lakeland	L 63-58
Nov. 30	UW-Oshkosh	W 74-61
Dec. 3	UW-River Falls	W 74-53
Dec. 7	at UW-Whitewater	L 70-64
Dec. 10	at UW-La Crosse	W 71-55
Dec. 16	at Northland	7:00 PM
Dec. 28	#Buena Vista (Iowa)	8:00 PM
Dec. 29/30	#Mid-Am Naz./Grace	TBA
Dec. 30/31	#Championship Game	TBA
Jan. 2	Viterbo	7:00 PM
Jan. 4	at UW-Superior	7:00 PM
Jan. 7	UW-Stout	5:00 PM
Jan. 11	UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Jan. 18	UW-Platteville	7:00 PM
Jan. 21	at UW-River Falls	5:00 PM
Jan. 25	at UW-Oshkosh	7:00 PM
Jan. 28	at Edgewood	3:00 PM
Feb. 1	at UW-Eau Claire	7:00 PM
Feb. 4	UW-La Crosse	5:00 PM
Feb. 8	UW-Whitewater	7:00 PM
Feb. 11	at UW-Stout	5:00 PM
Feb. 15	at UW-Platteville	7:00 PM
Feb. 18	UW-Superior	5:00 PM
Feb. 21-25	WIAC Tournament	7:00 PM

- Clarke Tournament (Dubuque, Iowa)

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

UW-Stevens Point (5-2 overall)

vs. Northland College (0-5 overall)

Fri., Dec. 16, 7 p.m. - Kendrigan Gymnasium - Ashland, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers travel to Northland for their final game before the holiday break. This is the first game against Northland in two years and first trip to Ashland for the Pointers in 10 years. The last time UW-Stevens Point played at Ashland, head coach Bob Semling was in his first tour of duty with the Pointers as an assistant coach under Bob Parker in 1995.

Broadcast:

The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger doing the play-by-play and John Zellmer providing the analysis. Internet broadcasts will be available at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/webcast.htm>.

Head Coach Bob Semling:

Bob Semling is in his first season as the Pointers' head coach after spending the past two years as the top assistant with UW-Stevens Point's NCAA Division III championship squads. Semling also coached seven seasons with the Pointers under Bob Parker from 1988-95 before coaching six seasons at UW-Green Bay and one year at New Mexico.

Around the WIAC

WIAC Standings - Dec. 12

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Stout	4	0	7	1
Whitewater	3	0	5	2
Stevens Point	3	1	5	2
La Crosse	2	2	7	2
Eau Claire	1	2	4	3
Oshkosh	1	2	3	3
Platteville	1	2	5	4
River Falls	1	3	1	7
Superior	0	4	3	4

This Week in the WIAC

Monday, Dec. 12

Finlandia (MI) at Eau Claire, 7:00
Stout at Bethany Lutheran (MN), 7:30

Tuesday, Dec. 13

St. Scholastica (MN) at Eau Claire, 6:00
La Crosse at Edgewood, 7:00

Wednesday, Dec. 14

River Falls at Macalester (MN), 7:30
Olivet (MI) at Whitewater, 7:00

Friday, Dec. 16

River Falls at Bethany Luth. (MN), 7:00
Stevens Point at Northland 7:00

Pointers Update:

The Pointers suffered their first conference loss last week, but bounced back for a win on Saturday in a pair of road WIAC games. UW-Stevens Point led nearly the entire way at UW-Whitewater on Wednesday before the Warhawks rallied in the late minutes and scored the final six points of the game in a 70-64 victory. On Saturday, the Pointers again took control early at UW-La Crosse and never let the Eagles back in the game in posting a 71-55 win.

The Pointers got 15 points from Jon Krull and Pete Rortvedt in the loss at UW-Whitewater. UW-Stevens Point was hampered by 36.4 percent shooting in the game.

In Saturday's game, Brian Bauer scored a career-high 20 points to lead all scorers as the Pointers rolled to their eighth straight win over the Eagles. Krull added 13 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.

Team Notes:

* - Saturday's win at UW-La Crosse marked the eighth straight win for UW-Stevens Point over the Eagles and 15th in the last 16 meetings. The Pointers are a perfect 5-0 against former assistant coach and current Eagles head coach Ken Koelbl.

* - The Pointers lead the WIAC in turnover margin with an average of plus-3.29 per game. That mark is 0.96 better than second place UW-La Crosse. The Pointers have 10 or fewer turnovers in four straight games.

* - UW-Whitewater has handed the Pointers their first conference loss four of the past five years and has won the first meeting between the two teams five straight seasons.

* - The Pointers are third in the WIAC in assists at 14.0 per game, yet lead the conference in assist to turnover margin at 1.32.

* - UW-Stevens Point continues to lead the WIAC in three-point field goals made at 8.0 per game.

* - The Pointers got a lift from the bench Saturday as the reserves combined to score 14 points, compared to only four bench points in the loss Wednesday night at UW-Whitewater.

Individual Notes:

* - Junior forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) ranks second in the WIAC in scoring at 17.9 points per game. Krull is also tied for second in the conference in assists with 28, after dishing out eight Saturday in the win at UW-La Crosse.

* - Sophomore guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex, WI) has his streak of consecutive free throws made snapped at 16 Saturday, yet he continues to lead the WIAC in free throw percentage shooting 92.9 from the charity stripe.

* - Freshman center **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot, WI) took advantage of his first significant playing time Saturday, scoring six points and grabbing six rebounds in eight minutes played. Wotachek also provided a strong defensive presence in the paint, slowing down Eagles' forward Joe Werner.

* - Senior forward **Brian Bauer** (Auburndale, WI) established a new career high scoring mark Saturday, leading the Pointers with a game-high 20 points. Bauer has scored in double figures every game this year and ranks sixth in the WIAC in scoring at 14.3 points per game.

* - Freshman guard **Pete Rortvedt** (Minoqua, WI) scored a career high 15 points in the loss Wednesday night and followed that performance with 12 points Saturday after being held to only four against UW-River Falls.

Scouting the Opponent

Northland enters the non-conference game with an 0-5 overall record. The Lumberjacks dropped their season opener at Northland Baptist 92-90. Northland hosted UW-Superior in the home opener, coming up short 61-54. They lost to another WIAC opponent, falling 68-63 at UW-Stout in a game that was tied with six minutes remaining. Northland's most recent loss was an overtime defeat at Finlandia on Saturday.

Junior guard Mike Christenson leads the Lumberjacks in scoring at 18.8 points per game. Christenson recorded three consecutive 20-point performances to open the season. Junior Mitch Oetken is second at 14.8 points per game, shooting 58.5 percent from the field.

Freshman Jordan Arneson has contributed 11.8 points per game off the bench. John Hoekstra, the only senior on the roster, leads the team in rebounding at 10.3 per game, grabbing 14 rebounds against UW-Superior and 12 boards at UW-Stout.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series against Northland 24-3, dating back to 1920. The Pointers last played Northland when they hosted the Lumberjacks in the 2003-04 Pointer Tipoff Tournament. The Pointers won the game 67-37, leading 38-9 at the break. There are only five current players who were on the roster for that game, four of which played. Steve Hicklin was a redshirt that season.

The Pointers last lost to Northland on Jan. 21 1995, falling 94-70 in their most recent trip to Ashland.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records Through December 12, 2005

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Illinois Wesleyan (23)	6-0	623	1
2. Wooster, Ohio (1)	8-0	598	2
3. Wittenberg, Ohio	6-1	543	3
4. Amherst, Mass. (1)	6-0	537	4
5. Puget Sound, Wash.	4-1	496	5
6. Albion, Mich.	5-1	462	7
7. Hope, Mich.	9-0	457	8
8. Lawrence, Wis.	6-0	435	9
9. Worcester Polytech, Mass.	9-0	393	10
10. York, Pa.	5-1	389	6
11. Randolph-Macon, Va.	6-1	293	12
12. UW-Stout	7-1	274	22
13. Augustana, Ill.	7-0	271	17
14. Hanover, Ind.	6-2	251	13
15. Wartburg, Iowa	6-1	245	15
16. Elmhurst, Ill.	5-2	199	20
17. Lincoln, Pa.	7-1	185	23
18. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	6-1	180	21
19. Rochester, N.Y.	6-2	174	16
20. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	4-1	171	18
21. Hampden-Sydney, Va.	6-0	125	24
22. Maryville, Tenn.	8-0	120	—
23. Carnegie Mellon, Pa.	9-0	114	—
24. John Carroll, Ohio	6-1	108	—
25. UW-Oshkosh	3-3	69	14