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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 6-2 overall, 3-1 WIAC

Streak: 2-game winning streak

Breakdown: 3-0 home, 3-2 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	W 84-59
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

Clarke College Holiday Tournament

Dec. 27-31 - Robert and Ruth Kehl Center - Dubuque, Iowa

- Dec. 27 - Cardinal Stritch (9-4) vs. Robert Morris, Ill. (12-1), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 27 - Purdue-N. Cent., Ind. (4-10) vs. Clarke, Iowa (4-6), 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 28 - Mid-America Naz., Kan. (7-5) vs. Grace, Ind. (9-5), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 28 - UW-Stevens Point (6-2) vs. Buena Vista, Iowa (2-5), 8 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - Stritch/Morris loser vs. Purdue/Clarke loser, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 29 - Mid-America/Grace loser vs. UWSP/BV loser, 3:45 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - Stritch/Morris winner vs. Purdue/Clarke winner, 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30 - Seventh Place Game, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 30 - Fifth Place Game, 3:45 p.m.
- Dec. 30 - Mid-America/Grace winner vs. UWSP/BV winner, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 31 - Third Place Game, 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 31 - Championship Game, 6 p.m.

Pointers This Week:

Two of the winningest NCAA Division III programs since 2000 square off for the first time ever as UW-Stevens Point meets Buena Vista in the opening game of the Clarke Holiday Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa. The Pointers will play three games in the tournament, which features five NAIA teams among the eight participating teams. The meeting with Buena Vista will be the Pointers' first game after a 12-day layoff over the holiday break.

Broadcast:

Pointer games 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 linked 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. 20

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Stout	4	0	9	1
Whitewater	3	0	7	2
Stevens Point	3	1	6	2
La Crosse	2	2	8	2
Eau Claire	1	2	6	3
Oshkosh	1	2	5	3
Platteville	1	2	5	4
River Falls	1	3	2	8
Superior	0	4	3	4

Pointers Update:

Brian Bauer had a career-high scoring output for the second straight game with 22 points as the Pointers defeated Northland 84-59 on Friday to enter the holiday break with a 6-2 record.

The Pointers led 34-33 at halftime before Bauer scored 12 points on the team's first four possessions of the second half. The senior hit three straight three-pointers and three free throws as UW-Stevens Point pulled away for the win.

The Pointers were 15-for-22 from three-point range in the game, including 11-for-15 in the second half. Jon Krull made all three of his attempts from behind the arc and totaled 19 points. Pete Rortvedt added 12 points.

Team Notes:

- * - The opening game features two of the winningest teams in NCAA Division III since 2000 meeting for the first time. Buena Vista ranks second at 148-27 (.846 pct.) and UW-Stevens Point is fourth at 146-30 (.830). Wooster (Ohio) leads at .865 and Hanover (Ind.) is third at .831.
- * - The Pointers have won 21 straight regular season games on neutral courts since a 55-53 loss to Grand Valley State (Mich.) in the Quincy (Ill.) Tournament on Dec. 27, 1982. They did not play any neutral court games last season.
- * - WIAC teams are 17-7 all-time in eight appearances in the eight-year history of the Clarke tournament. UW-Platteville played in six tournaments and won three titles. UW-Oshkosh won the consolation title last year and UW-La Crosse placed sixth in 2002.
- * - The Pointers' 71-55 win over UW-La Crosse on Dec. 10 marked their 74th consecutive win when holding an opponent below 57 points. Their last such defeat came in a 52-44 loss at UW-Platteville on Dec. 13, 1997.
- * - UW-Stevens Point's 15 three-pointers against Northland matched the third-highest single-game total in school history. UW-Stevens Point was 11-for-15 from behind the arc in the second half, marking the most the Pointers ever made in one half. The Pointers made 17 threes in a win over UW-River Falls on Jan. 9, 2002.
- * - The Pointers have by far the fewest turnovers in the league at 10.8 per game. No other league team averages fewer than 13.1.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is the top rebounding team in the league with a plus-6.8 margin. Despite an average height of 6-4 1/2 in the starting lineup, the Pointers have outrebounded seven of their eight opponents this year with UW-Oshkosh the only exception.
- * - The Pointers shot at least 43.9 percent from the field in their six victories and were held to 36.4 percent or below in their two losses.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman forward **Bryan Beamish** (Wisconsin Rapids, WI) made his first career start at Northland and dished out a season-high seven assists while scoring seven points.
- * - Senior forward **Brian Bauer** (Auburndale, WI) had his fourth career-high scoring performance in the past six games with 22 points against Northland. He had 15 against Lakeland, 17 against UW-Oshkosh and 20 against UW-La Crosse. Bauer leads the WIAC with 2.75 three-pointers made per game.
- * - Freshman guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee, WI) made his first career start at Northland and totaled five points and four assists. El-Amin has 13 assists with just six turnovers for the year.
- * - Freshman forward **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua, WI) has scored in double figures three straight games. He ranks third in the WIAC in three-point shooting percentage at 47.4 percent.

Scouting the Opponents

Buena Vista is off to a rare rough start with a 2-5 record. One of the winningest Division III programs in recent seasons, the team's five losses matches the most the Beavers have had in any of the past three seasons. Buena Vista lost to UW-La Crosse 80-57 and UW-Eau Claire 70-64 earlier this year. Buena Vista beat Central (Iowa) and defeated Marian 72-71 in its most recent outing. Andre Wagner averages 13.6 points for the Beavers, who lost four all-conference players from last year's 26-4 squad.

Mid-America Nazarene was last year's Clarke tournament runner-up and has finished in at least third place in all four previous appearances. The Pioneers advanced to last year's NAIA Division II Sweet 16 in their seventh straight tournament appearance. Jacob Nellor leads the team at 17.8 points per game and 43.7 percent three-point shooting. The Pioneers are the top shot-blocking team in the NAIA as Akuien Wour is fourth individually at 3.5 per game.

Grace is ranked second among National Christian College Athletic Association members and is led by Marcus Moore, who ranks 15th in the NAIA in scoring at 20.2 points per game. His twin brother, Scott, averages 10.5 points and 5.0 assists per game. The Lancers rank fourth in the NAIA in free throw shooting at 78.1 percent.

Cardinal Stritch has been on a roll, having won seven of its last eight since losing to UW-Stevens Point on Nov. 19. The Wolves are ranked 24th in NAIA Division II. Marquell Joyner averages 17.8 points and has scored at least 14 points in every game, except when he was held to eight points by UW-Stevens Point. Ronald Bell scores 15.2 points per game.

Robert Morris is ranked sixth in NAIA Division I and advanced to last year's NAIA final four with a 30-5 record. The Eagles won their first 10 games this year before losing to Lubbock Christian (Texas). They won at UW-Platteville 77-71 earlier this year. Reggie George averages 16.3 points.

Purdue-North Central opened the year 2-8 as the Panthers recover from the early-season loss of last year's conference Player of the Year Adam Dobrzeniecki, who has not played since the fourth game. Nate Mrozinski averages a team-high 13.1 points.

Clarke has never reached the title game in the eight-year history of its tournament. The Crusaders were 20-7 last year, but lost two all-conference players. DeMonte Bynum leads the squad at 18.2 points per game.

Series History

The only teams in the tournament that UW-Stevens Point has previously faced are Cardinal Stritch and Grace.

The Pointers played Cardinal Stritch in the opening game this season and posted a 69-54 win to improve to 4-0 in the all-time series. Jon Krull led the Pointers with 19 points. The Wolves did not make a three-pointer, but shot 35 free throws compared to 12 for UW-Stevens Point. The teams were playing for the first time since 1990.

Both previous encounters with Grace were played on neutral sites. The Pointers won 92-79 in the Bahamas in 1992 and 80-52 at the Wisconsin Lutheran tournament in 1997.

UW-Stevens Point played two games at Buena Vista in the 2000 NCAA sectional, but did not face the host school.