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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 15-8 overall, 10-4 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 7-2 home, 7-5 away, 1-1 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)	W 75-70
Dec. 30	#MidAmerica Naz.	L 77-64
Dec. 31	at Clarke (Iowa)	L 73-67
Jan. 2	Viterbo	W 73-52
Jan. 4	at UW-Superior	W 79-46
Jan. 7	UW-Stout	W 89-84 2ot
Jan. 11	UW-Eau Claire	W 90-66
Jan. 18	UW-Platteville	L 70-66
Jan. 21	at UW-River Falls	W 70-56
Jan. 25	at UW-Oshkosh	L 74-62
Jan. 28	at Edgewood	L 67-66
Feb. 1	at UW-Eau Claire	W 79-76
Feb. 4	UW-La Crosse	W 83-77
Feb. 8	UW-Whitewater	L 79-64
Feb. 11	at UW-Stout	W 69-68
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 (15-8 overall, 10-4 WIAC)

vs. UW-Platteville (11-11 overall, 6-8 WIAC)

Wed., Feb. 15, 7 p.m. - Williams Fieldhouse - Platteville, Wis.

vs. UW-Superior (5-18 overall, 0-14 WIAC)

Sat., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point enters the final week of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season a game behind front runner UW-Whitewater. The Pointers looks to avenge an earlier season loss to the Pioneers before the season finale at home against UW-Superior.

Broadcast:

Both games can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling 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 begins 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 - Feb. 11

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	11	3	17	5
Stout	11	4	18	5
Stevens Point	10	4	15	8
La Crosse	9	5	18	5
Oshkosh	9	5	16	7
Platteville	6	8	11	11
River Falls	5	10	6	17
Eau Claire	3	11	11	12
Superior	0	14	5	18

This Week in the WIAC

Wednesday, February 15

Eau Claire at Superior, 7:00 PM
La Crosse at River Falls, 7:00 PM
Stevens Point at Platteville, 7:00 PM
Whitewater at Oshkosh, 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 18

Stout at La Crosse, 5:00 PM
Superior at Stevens Point, 5:00 PM
Whitewater at Eau Claire, 5:00 PM
Platteville at Oshkosh, 7:00 PM

Pointers Update:

The Pointers kept their conference championship hopes alive in dramatic fashion on Saturday, rallying from an 18-point deficit with under 13 minutes left to beat UW-Stout 69-68 on a basket by freshman Drew Jackson with 1.2 seconds left.

Jackson also had a three-point play with 54 seconds left in the comeback win on Saturday and finished with a career-high 11 points. Steve Hicklin led all scorers with 16 points, while Jon Krull had 10 points, nine rebounds and five assists, including helpers on both of Jackson's baskets. The Pointers outscored the 12th-ranked Blue Devils 15-4 over the final 7:25 of the game.

On Wednesday, UW-Whitewater took control of the game with an early 14-0 run to build a 17-4 lead and roll to a 79-64 victory. UW-Stevens Point managed to cut the lead to nine points in the final minute of the game, but came no closer. Krull had 21 points and Pete Rortvedt added 13 points in the loss.

Team Notes:

- * - UW-Stevens Point enters the final week of the regular season either in first place or a game behind for the seventh consecutive year. The Pointers have won the title five of the past six seasons.
- * - The Pointers can tie for their second straight WIAC title with two wins this week and a UW-Whitewater loss. UW-Stevens Point needs one win to clinch a first round home game in the WIAC tournament.
- * - The Pointers are still the only NCAA or NAIA team in all divisions of college basketball shooting over 80 percent at the line. UW-Stevens Point is shooting 80.4 percent for the season. Since Division III began in 1974, only five Division III teams have ever finished the season shooting above 80 percent at the charity stripe.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has scored 40 or more points in the second half of four straight games. The Pointers reached that mark a total of four times over the first 19 games of the season.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has had 10 or fewer turnovers in 10 straight games is averaging 8.4 turnovers per game over the span. The Pointers are averaging just 10.2 turnovers per game for the season.
- * - The Pointers have made the most three-pointers of any WIAC team with 8.4 per game. They also have attempted by far the most of any team with 22.6 per game.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman forward **Drew Jackson** (Milwaukee, WI) scored a career-high 11 points, including the last five points of the game Saturday. Jackson scored 15 of his season total 36 points last week.
- * - Freshman forward **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot, WI) had a career day Saturday, scoring seven points and matching a career-best four rebounds. Wotachek also provided solid defense in the post and tipped away UW-Stout's inbound pass to end the game.
- * - Sophomore guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex, WI) ranks third in the country in free throw shooting at 91.5 percent. He also is second in the WIAC in assists at 3.91 per game and ranks third in assist-turnover ratio with 86 assists against 43 turnovers.
- * - Freshman guard **Khalifa El-Amin** (Milwaukee, WI) made his second career start Saturday at UW-Stout. He hit a three-pointer with 1:35 remaining to pull the Pointers within two points. El-Amin has eight assists to just one turnover in the last four games.
- * - Freshman forward **Bryan Beamish** (Wisconsin Rapids, WI) sparked the Pointers' rally Saturday with a pair of three-pointers, including one that brought the team within 59-50 with 9:12 left.
- * - Junior forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) is second in the WIAC in scoring at 17.3 points per game and sixth in both assists and steals.

Scouting the Opponents

UW-Platteville has gone 2-4 since it last played UW-Stevens Point, but has won two of its past three games. The Pioneers suffered a 60-55 loss at UW-La Crosse before beating UW-Superior 72-43 at home last week.

Senior LeVon Crawford is fifth in the league in scoring at 14.3 points per game. Sophomore Jeff Skemp is second on the team in scoring with 10.6 points per game while leading the team in rebounding with 6.2 boards per game.

Junior guard Mike Jamerson and senior forward Mark Gossens average 9.7 and 9.2 points per game, respectively.

UW-Superior is currently riding a three-game losing streak and has lost 18 of its last 20 games, since opening the year with three straight wins.

The Yellowjackets are led by junior forward Leonard Cobb who leads the WIAC in scoring with 21.1 points per game. He also leads the league in rebounding pulling down 8.7 boards per game.

Sophomore guard Tyler Hildebrandt and freshman guard Brandon Ely average 9.4 and 8.1 points per game, respectively. Ely also averages 4.4 rebounds per game.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over UW-Platteville 77-72 and has won 12 of the past 16 meetings. The Pioneers defeated the Pointers 70-66 earlier this year, snapping the Pointers' 28-game home winning streak.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series with UW-Superior 84-37. The Pointers have won the past five meetings including 79-49 at Superior in January.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records Through February 12, 2006

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Wooster, Ohio (23)	22-1	623	1
2. Lawrence, Wis. (1)	20-0	595	2
3. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio (1)	21-2	560	5
4. Wittenberg, Ohio	21-2	553	6
5. Hope, Mich.	21-2	495	4
6. York, Pa.	21-2	493	8
7. Amherst, Mass.	22-2	465	9
8. Albion, Mich.	18-4	428	10
9. Augustana, Ill.	20-3	391	3
10. Illinois Wesleyan	18-4	378	7
11. Mississippi College	21-1	373	14
12. Virginia Wesleyan	21-3	311	19
13. UW-Stout	18-5	260	12
14. Carroll, Wis.	19-2	242	22
15. Occidental, Calif.	18-2	241	18
16. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	20-3	233	20
17. Puget Sound, Wash.	18-4	212	11
18. Lincoln, Pa.	20-4	194	21
19. Calvin, Mich.	18-5	188	25
20. Carnegie Mellon, Pa.	18-4	137	16
21. North Central, Ill.	18-5	136	15
22. Wartburg, Iowa	18-4	135	23
23. Transylvania, Ky.	19-4	99	17
24. UW-Whitewater	17-5	88	—
25. Elmhurst, Ill.	16-7	74	—