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UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

Record: 16-9 overall, 11-5 WIAC

Streak: 1-game winning streak

Breakdown: 8-2 home, 7-6 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	L 66-65
Feb. 18	UW-Superior	W 85-56
Feb. 21	+UW-Platteville	7:00 PM

+ - WIAC Tournament

- Clarke Tournament (Dubuque, Iowa)

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

WIAC Quarterfinals

UW-Stevens Point (16-9 overall, 11-5 WIAC)

vs. UW-Platteville (12-12 overall, 7-9 WIAC)

Tue., Feb. 21, 7 p.m. - Quandt Fieldhouse - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The two-time defending WIAC tournament and NCAA Division III champion Pointers open the postseason by taking on UW-Platteville for the second time in a seven-day span. The defending league co-champions played two tight games during this year's regular season with UW-Platteville scoring the go-ahead points with less than 20 seconds left in both meetings.

Broadcast:

The game 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 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 - Feb. 19

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	13	3	19	5
Stout	12	4	19	5
Stevens Point	11	5	16	9
La Crosse	10	6	19	6
Oshkosh	10	6	17	8
Platteville	7	9	12	12
River Falls	5	11	6	18
Eau Claire	4	12	12	13
Superior	0	16	5	20

This Week in the WIAC

Tuesday, February 21

- (8) Eau Claire at (1) Whitewater, 7 pm
- (5) La Crosse at (4) Oshkosh, 7 pm
- (6) Platteville at (3) Stevens Point, 7 pm
- (7) River Falls at (2) Stout, 7 pm

Thursday, February 23

- LC/OSH winner vs. EC/WW winner, 7 pm
- PLT/SP winner vs. RF/ST winner, 7 pm

Saturday, February 25

- Semifinal winners, 3 or 7 pm

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point finished the regular season last week by falling to UW-Platteville 66-65 on Wednesday before beating UW-Superior 85-56 on Saturday.

The Pointers had a six-point lead in the second half last week against UW-Platteville and then held a one-point advantage in the final minute before the Pioneers made two free throws to pull out the win. Steve Hicklin and Pete Rortvedt each had 14 points in the loss.

On Saturday, the Pointers closed the first half with an 11-2 run and opened the second half with an 8-0 run in the win over UW-Superior. Hicklin had 19 points and Rortvedt totaled career-highs 18 points and 10 rebounds. Jon Krull added 14 points and six assists.

Team Notes:

* - UW-Stevens Point begins this week with a 15-game postseason winning streak. The Pointers won all eight games last year and nine the previous year. Their last loss was to Gustavus Adolphus in the 2003 NCAA Division III tournament.

* - UW-Stevens Point has won six straight WIAC tournament games and can tie the record for longest winning streak in the tournament with one more win. UW-Oshkosh won seven straight before a loss to the Pointers in the 2004 semifinals.

* - Tuesday's game will mark the Pointers' 15th straight WIAC tournament game at home. UW-Stevens Point's only road WIAC tournament games came in the 1999 quarterfinals at UW-Whitewater and semifinals at UW-Platteville.

* - The Pointers are 6-1 all-time in WIAC quarterfinal games with the only loss coming in 2001 to UW-Platteville when Bryan Stangel made a 30-footer at the buzzer for a 57-56 victory.

* - No. 3 seeds are just 2-5 all-time in the opening round of the tournament. UW-Oshkosh reached the semifinals last year and UW-Whitewater made the finals in 2002. UW-Stevens Point is a third seed for the first time after being first or second the past six years.

* - The Pointers have lost twice to UW-Platteville this season and haven't lost to an opponent three times in the same season since UW-Platteville won all three meetings in 1998-99.

* - UW-Stevens Point continues to lead the NCAA Division III in free throw shooting at 79.9 percent. The Pointers' 10-for-16 shooting on Saturday was their second-lowest of the season.

Individual Notes:

* - Sophomore guard **Steve Hicklin** (Sussex, WI) ranks fourth in the NCAA Division III in free throw shooting at 92.1 percent. He has made 23 straight attempts with his last miss coming on Jan. 21 at UW-River Falls.

* - Freshman guard **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua, WI) had career-highs in points and rebounds on Saturday with 18 points and 10 boards. He is shooting 50 percent (24-for-48) from three-point range at home this year and made five of six attempts in the two games against UW-Platteville.

* - Junior forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) shot a season-best seven-for-nine from the field on Saturday, but was held without a free throw attempt for the first time this season. His 155 free throws *made* are almost as many as any other player in the league has *attempted*. Kerry Gibson of UW-Oshkosh has 157 attempts and Leonard Cobb of UW-Superior has 156 attempts.

* - Freshman center **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot, WI) has averaged 21.0 minutes over the past three games after getting 4.9 minutes per game over his first 17 appearances. Wotachek was six-for-eight from the field and had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the three games.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Platteville finished the year with four wins in its last nine games, though two of the victories came over UW-Stevens Point. The Pioneers also lost their final four road games of the year after their win at the Quandt Fieldhouse and were 4-7 away from home this season.

UW-Platteville lost its most recent outing at UW-Oshkosh 80-66 on Saturday, marking the third-highest point total allowed this year by the Pioneers' defense which ranks 22nd in the NCAA Division III at 61.5 points per game.

LeVon Crawford averages a team-high 14.7 points and has scored in double figures in 14 straight games, while averaging 17.7 points during the span.

Jeff Skemp scored 18 points in the loss to UW-Oshkosh and averages 10.7 points and 6.1 rebounds.

Series History

UW-Platteville scored the go-ahead points in the final 15 seconds of both meetings this season. The Pioneers' Charlie Lohoff hit a three-pointer with 13 seconds left to put the Pioneers ahead by two points in a 70-66 win on Jan. 18. Last Wednesday, Jeff Skemp made two free throws with 15 seconds left to give UW-Platteville a 66-65 win.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 77-74 and the teams are meeting in the postseason for the sixth time. In addition to WIAC tournament games in 2004, 2001 and 1999, the Pointers won in the 1997 NCAA tournament and the Pioneers had a victory in the 1989 NAIA playoffs.

D3hoops.com NCAA Division III Rankings Records Through February 19, 2006

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Lawrence, Wis. (22)	22-0	622	2
2. Hope, Mich. (1)	23-2	571	5
3. Wooster, Ohio (2)	23-2	569	1
4. York, Pa.	23-2	536	6
5. Amherst, Mass.	23-2	515	7
6. Wittenberg, Ohio	22-3	478	4
7. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	21-4	419	3
8. Virginia Wesleyan	24-3	391	12
9. Augustana, Ill.	21-4	374	9
10. Mississippi College	24-1	360	11
11. Albion, Mich.	19-5	356	8
12. Illinois Wesleyan	19-5	344	10
13. Calvin, Mich.	20-5	315	19
14. UW-Stout	19-5	298	13
15. Carroll, Wis.	20-3	276	14
16. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	22-3	263	16
17. Puget Sound, Wash.	20-4	260	17
18. Lincoln, Pa.	20-4	217	18
19. North Central, Ill.	20-5	202	21
20. UW-Whitewater	19-5	164	24
21. Transylvania, Ky.	21-4	134	23
22. Ohio Northern	19-5	63	—
23. Worcester Polytech, Mass.	20-3	59	—
24. Carnegie Mellon, Pa.	19-5	55	20
25. Randolph-Macon, Va.	22-5	47	—