



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Men's Basketball Notes

### 2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

**Record:** 17-9 overall, 11-5 WIAC

**Streak:** 2-game winning streak

**Breakdown:** 9-2 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	W 70-65
Feb. 23	+at UW-Stout	7:00 PM

+ - WIAC Tournament

# - Clarke Tournament (Dubuque, Iowa)

Home games at Quandt Fieldhouse

### WIAC Semifinals

UW-Stevens Point (17-9 overall)

vs. #14 UW-Stout (20-5 overall)

Thurs., Feb. 23, 7 p.m. - Johnson Fieldhouse - Menomonie, Wis.

### Pointers This Week:

After playing a pair of classic regular season games, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout meet in the postseason for the first time ever. The Pointers have beaten the Blue Devils eight straight times, including double overtime and one-point victories this season. Thursday's game will be the Pointers' first road WIAC tournament game since 1999.

### 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. An Internet broadcast 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. 21

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	13	3	20	5
Stout	12	4	20	5
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>
La Crosse	10	6	20	6
Oshkosh	10	6	17	9
Platteville	7	9	12	13
River Falls	5	11	6	19
Eau Claire	4	12	12	14
Superior	0	16	5	20

#### This Week in the WIAC

##### Tuesday, February 21

(1) Whitewater 88, (8) Eau Claire 47  
(5) La Crosse 70, (4) Oshkosh 67 (ot)  
(3) Stevens Point 70, (6) Platteville 67  
(2) Stout 75, (7) River Falls 65

##### Thursday, February 23

La Crosse at Whitewater, 7 pm  
Stevens Point at Stout, 7 pm

##### Saturday, February 25

Semifinal winners, 3 or 7 pm

## Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point opened the WIAC tournament with a victory for the fifth straight year and extended its postseason win streak to 18 games after beating UW-Platteville 70-65 on Tuesday. Freshman Pete Rortvedt had a big night for the Pointers, setting conference tournament and school records with nine three-pointers made.

Rortvedt finished with 30 points and hit three of his long-range shots during a 13-0 run that put the Pointers ahead 52-37 with 6:11 left. Jon Krull added all 14 of his points in the second half.

## Team Notes:

\* - UW-Stevens Point's postseason winning streak of 18 straight games among conference and NCAA tournament games is the longest in Division III history. North Park won 15 straight from 1978-80, Williams won 15 straight from 2003-04 and UW-Platteville won 14 straight from 1998-99. The Pointers' last loss was to Gustavus Adolphus in the 2003 NCAA Division III tournament.

\* - UW-Stevens Point has won seven straight WIAC tournament games, matching the record for longest winning streak in the tournament's history. UW-Oshkosh won seven straight before a loss to the Pointers in the 2004 semifinals.

\* - The Pointers played their last 15 conference tournament games at home and are playing their first road WIAC tournament game since the 1999 semifinals at UW-Platteville.

\* - UW-Stevens Point is attempting to become the second No. 3 seed to reach the tournament finals. UW-Whitewater was the other in 2002. No third seed has ever won the WIAC tournament.

\* - Having already won at UW-Stout this year, the Pointers are looking to win twice on an opponents' home court in the same season for just the second time since 1963. The other came in 1992-93 when they won regular season and NAIA playoff games at Viterbo.

\* - The Pointers are 3-0 against top 20 teams this year, having beaten UW-Oshkosh when the Titans were ranked seventh and defeated UW-Stout twice when the Blue Devils were ranked 11th and 12th. UW-Stout is ranked 14th in this week's poll.

\* - UW-Stevens Point leads the nation in free throw shooting at 79.1 percent, but has been below 70 percent in two straight games. The Pointers have only shot below 70 percent four times this year, though oddly, won all four games by an average of 21.0 points.

\* - Of the Pointers' 70 points on Tuesday, 48 were scored by freshmen. The class has scored 38.7 percent of the team's points this year.

## Individual Notes:

\* - Freshman guard **Pete Rortvedt** (Minocqua, WI) was the 10th player in WIAC history to make nine three-pointers in a game and tied the best percentage of anyone to reach that mark. His nine-for-11 matched current UW-Whitewater coach Pat Miller, who did it against the Pointers in 1989.

\* - Freshman center **Jerome Wotachek** (Mishicot, WI) had a career-high 10 rebounds in his first career start on Tuesday, grabbing six offensive boards. He has averaged 23.5 minutes over the past four games after getting 4.9 minutes per game over his first 17 games.

\* - Freshman forward **Drew Jackson** (Milwaukee, WI) grabbed a season-high six rebounds in the win over UW-Platteville. He also had eight points in the win and has now scored 31 points in the past five games. Jackson scored a total of 21 points over his first 16 games.

\* - Junior forward **Jon Krull** (Marshall, WI) has made more free throws this season than any other WIAC player has attempted. Krull is 162-for-197 at the line. Kerry Gibson of UW-Oshkosh ranks second in most attempts with 158.

## Scouting the Opponent

UW-Stout qualified for the conference semifinals for the first time since 2001 and won its first-ever home WIAC tournament game on Tuesday with a 75-65 win over UW-River Falls. Terry Farmer had 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Blue Devils rallied from an eight-point halftime deficit by outscoring the Falcons 18-4 to open the second half.

The victory improved the Blue Devils to 20-5, marking their first 20-win season since the 1968-69 season. UW-Stout has won nine of its last 10 games with the only loss coming at home to UW-Stevens Point 69-68 on Feb. 11.

The Blue Devils have none of the league's top nine scorers, but feature four players averaging in double figures. Ryan Stangl averages 12.8 points and Jacob Nonemacher scores 12.2 points per game. Farmer averages 11.4 points and Adam Chandler scores 10.8 points per game. UW-Stout ranks 13th in the NCAA Division III in rebound margin, averaging 8.0 more rebounds than its opponents.

## Series History

UW-Stevens Point holds the all-time series advantage over UW-Stout 85-53. The Pointers have won the last eight meetings between the two schools, including a 89-84 double overtime victory on Jan. 7 in Stevens Point and a 69-68 win in Menomonie on Feb. 11 when Drew Jackson made the game-winning basket with one second left to rally the Pointers from an 18-point deficit with 13 minutes left.

The teams are meeting in the WIAC tournament for the first time. UW-River Falls is the only remaining school the Pointers have never played in the conference tournament.

## 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
<b>14. UW-Stout</b>	<b>19-5</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>13</b>
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	—