



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Wrestling Notes

### 2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

**Current Record:** 13-7 overall, 5-1 WIAC  
**Breakdown:** 4-1 home, 3-1 away, 6-5 ntrl.

Nov. 13 Pointer Open	No scores
Nov. 20 at Olivet (Mich.) Duals	
vs. Bald.-Wallace (Ohio)	W 31-13
vs. Rose-Hulman (Ind.)	W 41-6
vs. Lycoming (Pa.)	L 21-13
vs. Cortland State (N.Y.)	W 37-4
vs. Wabash (Ind.)	W 22-12
<b>Dec. 2 UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>W 30-9</b>
<b>Dec. 9 UW-Platteville</b>	<b>W 34-3</b>
Dec. 12 #UW-La Crosse	L 25-7
Jan. 17 at Wartburg	L 40-0
Jan. 18 at Loras	W 22-14
Jan. 21-22 National Duals (Cleveland, Ohio)	
vs. Coll. of New Jersey	L 19-13
vs. Case West. Reserve	W 46-3
vs. John Carroll (Ohio)	W 31-9
vs. UW-La Crosse	L 28-6
vs. Ithaca (N.Y.)	L 29-9
<b>Jan. 26 UW-Parkside</b>	<b>W 22-19</b>
Jan. 29 at UW-Whitewater	W 24-9
Feb. 1 at Lawrence	W 40-3
Feb. 5 at UW-Eau Claire Invite	1st
<b>Feb. 11 Augsburg</b>	<b>L 31-9</b>
<b>Feb. 12 UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>W 35-7</b>
Feb. 20 WIAC Meet (at Appleton)	2nd of 7
Mar. 4-5 NCAA Championships	TBA
(Northfield, Minn.)	

### 2005 NCAA Division III Championships

at Tostrud Center - Northfield, Minn.

Friday-Saturday, March 4-5, 2005

Begins 11 a.m. each day - Finals at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday

The mindset hasn't changed much from one year to the next for the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team as the Pointers take four qualifiers to the NCAA Division III championships for the third straight year and are picked to repeat their ninth place performance from last year.

The Pointers enter this weekend's championships in Northfield, Minn. ranked ninth in the pre-national poll for the second straight year. Last year, the prognosticators called it perfectly as the Pointers had three All-Americans and finished where they were picked.

UW-Stevens Point wrestled one of the nation's strongest schedules this season, finishing with a 13-7 record and suffering four of its seven losses to the top three ranked teams in the country.

Leading the way for the Pointers is senior 174-pounder Cody Koenig, who has been an All-American the past two seasons after finishing fourth a year ago and winning the national title as a sophomore. Junior Joel Burdick makes his second straight appearance at 141 pounds, while junior heavyweight Mike Hayes and junior 184-pounder Al Stacilauskas each make their first trip to the national meet.

**Koenig** is one of the winningest wrestlers in school history and is ranked fifth in the country entering the meet. It's an experienced field at 174 pounds with the top six wrestlers all being seniors. Koenig is as experienced as any of them, having faced six of the other seven ranked wrestlers at least once over the past two seasons. He brings a 26-2 record and 15-match winning streak into the final weekend of his career and could become the fourth three-time All-American in school history.

**Burdick** was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the WIAC championships and was an at-large selection to nationals a year ago. He enters the national meet ranked fifth in the country and has won 15 of his last 16 matches. Burdick carries a 21-5 overall record with three losses coming to the top three ranked wrestlers in the country.

**Hayes** had a slow start to the year after playing with the UW-Stevens Point football team last fall, but after opening the year 4-5, he is 15-2 since to bring a 19-7 record at No. 4 national ranking into this weekend's meet. Hayes was the WIAC runner-up, but earned an at-large bid to nationals. Three of his losses, including both matches over his current hot streak, have been to top-ranked Ryan Allen of UW-La Crosse.

**Stacilauskas** has wrestled just nine matches during his Pointer career, but has been impressive enough to earn an at-large bid after finishing runner-up at the WIAC championships. His two losses are both to national qualifiers, including an overtime defeat to defending 174-pound national champion Joe Moon of Augsburg.

### **Team Notes:**

- \* - The Pointers have qualified wrestlers for the national meet for the 18th straight year, which is every season since joining the NCAA Division III in 1987-88.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has placed in the top 10 at nationals the past two years despite having four qualifiers. The Pointers were third in 2003 and ninth last season. In 2002, the Pointers finished 12th overall with just three qualifiers.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point enters the national meet ranked ninth in the pre-national poll. It is the highest the Pointers have been ranked all season.
- \* - The Pointers have a 13-7 record with all seven losses coming to teams ranked in the top nine of the final dual meet rankings of the year. Four of the losses were to the top three teams in the country, falling to top-ranked Augsburg, second-ranked Wartburg and twice to third-ranked UW-La Crosse.
- \* - The Pointers have had a Division III All-American 15 of the last 17 years with the only exceptions in 2000 and 1991. They had multiple All-Americans last year for the second straight year and had three or more for six straight years from 1992 to 1997.
- \* - The Pointers have finished among the top three teams at the WIAC meet 15 consecutive years and placed first or second 13 of the 15 seasons.
- \* - Head coach Johnny Johnson has had 10 All-Americans and 15 conference champions in his seven seasons, including the two conference titlists this season.

### **Individual Notes:**

#### **Cody Koenig (Sr., 26-2, 174 pounds, Underwood, Iowa)**

- \* - Owns a 115-16 career record with 39 career pins. Is eight wins behind Perry Miller's school record of 123 career victories. Enters meet with an .878 career winning percentage and could eclipse school record of .872 held by Yan White (103-15).
- \* - Was an All-American the past two years, placing fourth last year and winning the national title in 2003. Attempting to join Jere Hamel, Perry Miller and Yan White as only three-time All-Americans in school history.
- \* - Brings a 15-match winning streak and No. 5 national ranking into national meet. Won third straight conference title at 174 pounds and is making fourth appearance at national meet. Joins Colin Green, Bret Stamper, Perry Miller and Yan White as only three-time conference champions in school history.
- \* - Only defeats this season came to second-ranked Chris Healy of Wabash 8-5 and fourth-ranked Mark Sturm of Wartburg 3-1.
- \* - First wrestler in UW-Stevens Point history to post an undefeated season, finishing 36-0 in 2003. Pinned Montclair State's Ed Aliakseyenka in 4:50 in title match for national title.
- \* - Attempting to become second wrestler in school history to win two national titles. Perry Miller won consecutive heavyweight titles in 1997 and 1998. Bob Berceau won at 134 pounds in 1989 and finished third the following year. Yan White won at 197 pounds in 2002 and was runner-up the next two years. Brad Marten won at 184 pounds in 2003 as a senior.
- \* - Has a 6-2 record against other 2005 national qualifiers. Four of the wins came in his five matches at the national duals in Cleveland, beating Josh Chelf of UW-La Crosse 6-4, Jeff Harrington of New Jersey 11-6, Mark Hawald of John Carroll 4-1 and Matthais Keib of Ithaca 12-5. Beat Adam Reid of Coe 3-2

in first match of the season at the Pointer Open. Also beat Chelf 5-4 in WIAC title match.

- \* - Beat Keib and Healy at nationals last year and lost to eventual champion Joe Moon of Augsburg in semifinals. Beat Jason Shivak of Delaware Valley in consolation and lost to Hawald in third place match.
- \* - Has a 4-1 career record against Sturm, including a win in 2003 quarterfinals.
- \* - Has a 4-2 mark against Moon, including a pin in the 2003 semifinals and a pin in last year's dual match.
- \* - Was second-winningest prep wrestler in Iowa High School history with 188-19 record, including 41-1 record as a senior.

#### **Joel Burdick (Jr., 21-5, 141 pounds, Racine, Wis.)**

- \* - Named Outstanding Wrestler at WIAC meet, posting a 9-4 win over sixth-ranked Nick Karls of UW-Whitewater in semifinals and 3-2 win over Adam Kuchina of UW-La Crosse in title match. Avenged a 2-1 loss to Kuchina during the season. Third time in four years UW-Stevens Point won outstanding wrestler.
- \* - Making second appearance at nationals. Earned at-large bid last year and lost both matches to Jeff Patzke of Luther 10-8 and Mike Gaeta of Springfield 9-3.
- \* - Enters meet ranked fifth nationally. Has a 2-3 record against other qualifiers, beating Karls twice (also 3-2) and losing to top-ranked Dustin Hirschberger of Wartburg 15-3, second-ranked Jamell Tidwell of Augsburg 3-2 and Jeff Patzke of Luther 8-3.
- \* - Has won 15 of his last 16 matches with the only loss coming to Tidwell.
- \* - Was 22-14 last year and 11-13 as a freshman for a 54-32 career record.

#### **Mike Hayes (Jr., 19-7, 285 pounds, Beaver Dam, Wis.)**

- \* - First UW-Stevens Point heavyweight to qualify for nationals since two-time national champion Perry Miller in 1998.
- \* - Played defensive line for football team and joined team late, opening the season with a 4-5 record. Has a 15-2 record since with both losses to top-ranked Ryan Allen of UW-La Crosse.
- \* - Earned an at-large bid to nationals after losing to Allen 8-3 in the WIAC title match and beating UW-Eau Claire's Larry Moen 9-4 in a wrestleback.
- \* - Enters meet ranked fourth nationally. Has a 2-5 record against national qualifiers with three losses to Allen (also 4-1 and 11-8). Beat Ben McCready of Loras 12-3 and Keith Bjorhus of New Jersey 5-1. Lost to second-ranked Blake Gillis of Wartburg and Tommy Snyder of Lycoming 6-4.
- \* - Was 17-9 and conference runner-up last year. Posted 12-16 record as a freshman for a 48-32 career record.

#### **Al Stacilauskas (Jr., 7-2, 184 pounds, Escanaba, Mich.)**

- \* - Transfer from Central Michigan where he attended for two years. Sat out first semester due to eligibility rules.
- \* - Finished runner-up to Ben Dictus of Lawrence at WIAC meet, losing 5-3 to earn at-large bid to nationals. Beat Dictus 2-1 in double overtime in second career match.
- \* - Has two victories by pin and two by technical fall among seven victories this season.
- \* - Other defeat came to Augsburg's Joe Moon, who is nation's top-ranked 174-pounder, 6-4 in sudden-death overtime.