



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Baseball Playoff Notes

### Regional Participants

\* - **Ripon** went undefeated through the Midwest Conference season and claimed the league's automatic berth. The Red Hawks are making their fifth regional appearance, which have all come in the last eight years.

\* - **St. Olaf** placed second in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and captured the league tournament title on Sunday for the automatic berth. The Oles are in their 17th NCAA regional.

\* - **St. Thomas** was the regular season champion in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, but lost in the conference tournament semifinals and was granted an at-large berth for its 13th regional appearance, including its 11th in the past 12 years.

\* - **St. Scholastica** rolled through the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference undefeated and won the league's tournament title. The conference does not have an automatic bid and the Saints were given an at-large berth for their third tournament appearance.

\* - **UW-Stevens Point** placed fourth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and won three games in one day for the league's tournament title and automatic berth. The Pointers earned their eighth regional berth, including their seventh in the past 10 years.

\* - **Coe** was the fourth place team in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, but received the league's automatic berth as the lone remaining undefeated team when the final day of the conference tournament was rained out. The Kohawks are making their third trip to regionals and first since 1978.

\* - **Dominican** claimed the Lake Michigan Conference's automatic berth after winning the league tournament as the fourth seed. The Stars are making their first NCAA tournament appearance.

### NCAA Division III Wisconsin Rapids Regional

#### All Games at Witter Field, Wisconsin Rapids

#### Wednesday, May 17

Game 1 - 9:30 a.m. - UW-Stevens Point (29-15) vs. St. Scholastica (36-4)

Game 2 - 1 p.m. - St. Olaf (28-8) vs. Dominican (21-19)

Game 3 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Thomas (29-9) vs. Coe (26-17)

Game 4 - 8 p.m. - Ripon (32-5) vs. Winner Game 1

#### Thursday, May 18

Game 5 - 9:30 a.m. - Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 3

Game 6 - 1 p.m. - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Game 7 - 4:30 p.m. - Loser Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5

Game 8 - 8 p.m. - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 6

#### Friday, May 19

Game 9 - Noon - Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 6

Game 10 - 3:30 p.m. - Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

Game 11 - 7 p.m. - Loser Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10

#### Saturday, May 20

Game 12 - Noon - Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 11

Game 13 - 4 p.m. - if necessary

### Pointers This Week:

For the first time ever, UW-Stevens Point hosts an NCAA Division III baseball regional as the Pointers return to the site of their Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament wins the past two years at Witter Field in Wisconsin Rapids. The Pointers will take on St. Scholastica in the opening round for the second straight year.

### Head Coach Pat Bloom:

UW-Stevens Point coach Pat Bloom carries a 92-42 record in his third season with the Pointers. Sunday's WIAC title game victory moved Bloom past Scott Pritchard for third place on the school's all-time wins list. He is a 2001 graduate of the school and owns a Master's Degree in Sports Sciences from Miami (Ohio).

### At Stake:

The winner of this weekend's regional earns a berth to the NCAA Division III World Series May 26-30 at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton. Seven other regionals are being conducted this week around the country and the eight winners will gather in Appleton to decide the national champion. The Wisconsin Rapids regional winner will open the tournament against the Terre Haute, Ind. regional winner on Friday, May 26 at 7:45 p.m.

## Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point won three games in one day on Sunday to clinch the WIAC tournament title as the fourth seed. The Pointers lost their opening game to UW-Whitewater 5-4 after the Warhawks scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth, but they battled back for four straight wins for their fourth tournament title in six years.

## Team Notes:

- \* - The Pointers lead the WIAC in batting, pitching and fielding with a .332 batting average, 3.37 ERA and .964 fielding percentage.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has scored 10 or more runs 19 times this season and allowed its opponents to reach double figures just twice. The Pointers have won 49 straight games when scoring in double figures. They average 8.2 runs per game and have outscored opponents 361-176 this year.
- \* - Over the last 10 games, the Pointers are hitting a sizzling .401 with 35 doubles and 19 home runs while averaging 11.1 runs per game.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has won 13 of its 29 victories by the 10-run rule, including the WIAC tournament final, which ended in eight innings with a 12-2 score.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has slugged 55 home runs this year to rank third nationally in home runs per game. They are 23-3 in games they hit a home run. The Pointers led the nation last year with 93 homers, which was the fifth-highest total in NCAA Division III history.
- \* - The Pointers are 2-8 in one-run games this year, but won their most recent close game with a 10-9 win over UW-La Crosse in the WIAC tournament. They went 4-5 on their Florida trip with four one-run defeats.
- \* - The Pointers' WIAC tournament title was their fifth since 1999. They also won titles in 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2005. UW-Stevens Point has been among the top three finishers in all 10 WIAC tournaments.
- \* - Since 2000, UW-Stevens Point ranks 20th among all NCAA Division III schools in total victories. The Pointers entered this season with a 184-76-1 record over the past six seasons.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point needs one win for its sixth 30-win season in school history. All of the 30-win campaigns have been since 1997.
- \* - The Pointers used seven different pitchers on the final day of the WIAC tournament. In addition to ace Jordan Zimmermann who pitched on Saturday, the Pointers' top eight pitchers all have ERA's of 4.17 or better.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has six shutouts this season. The other six teams in the WIAC combined had a total of eight shutouts this year.
- \* - Pointers' pitchers set a single-season school record this year with 308 strikeouts, surpassing the 302 strikeouts posted by the 2002 squad.
- \* - The Pointers' 66 stolen bases are their most since 1999 and 10 short of the school record set in 1990. UW-Stevens Point has been caught just 14 times and is 29-for-31 on steals during the month of May.
- \* - The Pointers' opponents have 18 stolen bases while having been caught 20 times this season. Opponents are just five-for-19 in steal attempts over the last 29 games.

## Probable Batting Order/Pitching Rotation

1 - Senior shortstop **Jake Frombach** (Stratford, WI) has led off and played shortstop for every game the past two seasons. He has had hits in 39 of the team's 44 games and leads the WIAC with 75 hits this season. Frombach is the school's all-time hits leader and ranks fourth in WIAC history with 230 hits. He also holds the school record with 629 career at-bats.

2 - Senior second baseman **Nat Richter** (Green Bay, WI) is hitting .419 with four home runs and 19 RBI's over the last 10 games. He missed 16 games after being hit by a line drive in batting practice prior to the Pointers' game with Lakeland on April 12.

3 - Senior centerfielder **Chuck Brehm** (Spencer, WI) set the school's single-season stolen bases record with 27. With 13 home runs, he is the first player in WIAC history with at least 10 homers and 20 steals. Brehm ranks second in school history with 33 home runs and 49 stolen bases. The only baseball Academic All-American in school history, Brehm was cut from the team in 2002 and redshirted in 2003 before starting the third game in 2004.

4 - Junior leftfielder **Ryan Byrnes** (Beaver Dam, WI) was hitting just .200 with three RBI's on April 7. He joined the regular lineup on April 12 and has since started 25 straight games and now leads the team with a .421 average and 41 RBI's. He is hitting .543 with runners in scoring position.

5 - Junior first baseman **Adam Evanoff** (Plover, WI) has started all but one of the 35 games since the team returned from Florida. He has hits in 18 of his last 21 games and hits .436 with runners in scoring position.

6 - Junior catcher **Doug Coe** (Appleton, WI) ranked 10th in the nation in batting last year with a .451 average at Lawrence. He has thrown out 10 of 17 potential base stealers this season and has not allowed a stolen base since April 19.

7 - Sophomore designated hitter/righthanded pitcher **Jordan Zimmermann** (Auburndale, WI) was hitting .413 as of May 2, but has gone two-for-22 since that time. He leads the WIAC with a 1.92 ERA and has allowed opponents to hit for just a .182 average.

8 - Sophomore third baseman **Tim Schlosser** (Oconomowoc, WI) is hitting .400 over the past seven games. Schlosser is seven-for-11 with the bases loaded this year. He is hitting .438 in the eighth spot in the batting order and .283 in the other spots.

9 - Sophomore rightfielder **Brandon Scheidler** (Chippewa Falls, WI) missed 17 games with a foot injury suffered in practice and made his first start against UW-Oshkosh in the WIAC tournament. He was two-for-four with a double and a home run and also made a diving catch in the WIAC tournament title game.

\* - Senior righthanded pitcher **Josh Perkins** (Two Rivers, WI) threw 11 scoreless innings in the WIAC tournament, setting a school record with 15 strikeouts against UW-Oshkosh and earning a save in the title game. He missed the last two seasons serving in Iraq and leads the WIAC with 72 strikeouts. A first-team all-WIAC pitcher in 2003, he was the winning pitcher in the 2001 and 2002 WIAC finals and threw a nine-inning shutout against Calvin in the 2002 NCAA regional.

\* - Junior righthanded pitcher **Ryan Hopkins** (Libertyville, IL) ranks second in the WIAC with a 2.68 ERA. He has 11 strikeouts and no walks over his last 15 innings pitched.

\* - Junior righthanded pitcher **Travis Kempf** (Kewaskum, WI) pitched a career-high eight and one-third innings in the first title game against UW-Whitewater on Sunday. He had allowed only four earned runs over his last 29 and two-thirds innings before giving up three runs in the ninth inning Sunday.

## **Regional Participants Quick Facts**

### **Coe**

- \* - Making its third NCAA tournament appearance, having competed in 1977 and 1978
- \* - Earned the automatic bid by virtue of being the only remaining undefeated team when the final four games of the conference tournament were rained out
- \* - Defeated two of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season tri-champions to win the conference tournament
- \* - Team's 26 wins this season matches its most ever, tying the 26-18 mark from 2004
- \* - School's softball team advanced to the Division III World Series this weekend in Raleigh, N.C.

### **Dominican**

- \* - Making its first NCAA tournament appearance
- \* - Won the Lake Michigan Conference tournament championship 6-2 over Marian in its first year in the league
- \* - Previously members of the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference
- \* - Defeated regular season conference champion Edgewood 7-3 in tournament semifinal
- \* - Started the season 0-7 and have gone 21-12 in their last 33 contests
- \* - Finished fourth in the conference during regular season play
- \* - School was previously known as Rosary College until 1997

### **Ripon**

- \* - Has won 28 of its last 30 games, including 11 straight since two losses to UW-Stevens Point
- \* - Won its third straight Midwest Conference tournament title with 7-3 win over Monmouth
- \* - Went undefeated in conference play with a 16-0 record
- \* - Coach Bob Gillespie began coaching at Ripon in 1980. He was the head coach for 16 years and then served as assistant coach under his father, Gordie, for 10 seasons before returning to the helm again this year
- \* - Won Coach of the year (Gillespie), player of the year (Eric Schwendiman) and pitcher of the year (Tyler Haddock) accolades in the conference this season

### **St. Olaf**

- \* - Had a 4-1 regular season record against teams in this regional, beating St. Scholastica twice, splitting with St. Thomas and beating UW-Stevens Point once.
- \* - Defeated fourth seed Hamline 3-2 in the MIAC conference tournament championship
- \* - Pitcher Eric Tobias earned MIAC pitcher of the year accolades with a 6-1 record and 2.30 earned run average
- \* - Making its 17th regional appearance and looking for its first World Series appearance
- \* - Pitcher Paul Johnson won conference tournament MVP honors, pitching a complete game with 12 strikeouts against Hamline

### **St. Scholastica**

- \* - Currently ranked fourth in the nation by the American Baseball Coaches Association
- \* - Has won 16 of its last 17 games
- \* - Won its 10th consecutive UMAC tournament title with 17-1 victory over Northland
- \* - All four losses are to teams in the NCAA tournament with two losses to St. Olaf and one loss each to Alvernia (Pa.) and St. Thomas
- \* - Went undefeated in Upper Midwest Athletic Conference play at 21-0
- \* - Making its third NCAA tournament appearance and will play UW-Stevens Point in every appearance, having played the Pointers in 1999 and 2005

### **St. Thomas**

- \* - Making its 11th NCAA Tournament appearance in the last 12 years
- \* - Played 11 games against NCAA tournament teams this season going 6-5 in those games
- \* - Four of its six victories over tournament opponents came against teams seeded first or second in their respective regionals
- \* - Became the first team in 86 seasons of Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference baseball to win four consecutive conference titles
- \* - Has won the regular-season or post-season MIAC title in each of the last 11 seasons
- \* - One win short of winning 30 or more games for the eighth time in nine seasons

### **UW-Stevens Point**

- \* - Making its eighth NCAA tournament appearance and owns a 13-15 all-time postseason record
- \* - Lost in regional title game in previous two trips, falling to UW-Whitewater in 2005 and Lakeland in 2002
- \* - Fifth seed is lowest team has had in eight tournament trips. Was the top-seeded team in its previous two appearances.
- \* - Hosting a regional for the first time, but marks the 28th consecutive year that a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school has hosted a regional tournament.
- \* - Won its only regional title and made its only World Series appearance in 1997 at Salem, Va.