

Athletics Update

Pointers in the Pros

Porter Heads Suns

Terry Porter was recently named head coach for the Phoenix Suns, making him the 13th coach in franchise history.

After a dominating basketball career at UWSP, Porter was the 24th overall pick in the NBA draft and spent 17 years in the NBA as a player, three as an assistant coach, and two as a head coach.



Porter received his degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. In 1999, he was given the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Zimmermann Named Pitcher of the Year

It has been just over a year since Jordan Zimmermann was drafted by the Washington Nationals and already he is making a splash.



Along with Leonard Davis, who was named player of the year, Zimmermann was named the organization's pitcher of the year.

There is already speculation that Zimmermann could make the Nats' rotation this spring after making his way to the Double-A mid-season all-star game and finishing this season with a 10-3 record and a 2.89 ERA for Class A Potomac and Class AA Harrisburg.

Pointer Basketball: Showcasing Success

Chancellor Linda Bunnell and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are proud to announce that a campaign is under way to renovate Quandt gym and Quandt lobby and to honor Coach Dick Bennett and Coach Jack Bennett by dedicating Quandt gym basketball court to the two brothers for their lifelong commitment and dedication to basketball in the community, state, and nation.

Quandt gym renovations are focused primarily on the game experience for players, fans, coaches, and future Pointers. In addition to a new scoring system, media tables, and lighting, Quandt gym will be enhanced with new customized portable basketball standards, shot clocks, and goal lights.

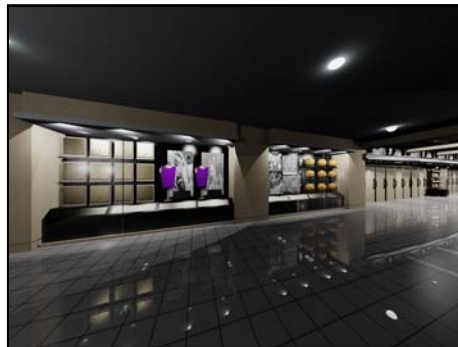
Quandt lobby will also be renovated in order to showcase the long tradition of Pointer basketball success and will feature custom display cases, wall murals, National Championship displays, and new lighting.

Another focus of the lobby is to better accommodate fans, community members, staff, faculty, and students by increasing the ease of traffic flow for the ticket office, entrance, restrooms, and other facilities by increasing the size of the lobby.



The floor dedication will take place on Saturday February 7th against UW-Superior and will consist of a personalized logo with the names of both Dick and Jack Bennett placed permanently on the Quandt gym floor.

This \$200,000 project is part of a comprehensive athletic campaign focused on showcasing Pointer tradition and success.



Bennett Logo concept only

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Letter from the Director: Welcome to 2008–09!

Welcome to another year of athletics at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, and welcome to our first edition of the Pointer Update. We hope this newsletter finds you as excited as we are for the '08–'09 college athletics season.



Frank O'Brien
UWSP Athletic Director

The fall is often a time of reflection on the past year as the bar is set for the one ahead. The '07–'08 year proved to be another great one both in the classroom and in athletics.

Once again this year, the average GPA for our student athletes was higher than non-athletes and our retention rate remains higher as well. This year UWSP had two Academic All-Americans, which brings the total to 36 in school history; 33 of those were in the last nine years. In addition, we had five WIAC Scholar-Athlete award winners. As part of our mission, academics will continue to be a focus on our campus and in athletics.

Last year we finished 15th, out of 443 Division III schools nationally, in the Director's Cup, which is an overall measurement of athletic success. This continues our streak of 11 years of being ranked in the top 25. We have also finished as the top WIAC school 6 times in the Director's Cup 13-year history.

The Pointers had one national champion this season and qualified teams or athletes to NCAA tournament competition in 13 different sports. We had two conference titles, two WIAC conference tournament championships, 16 NCAA Division III First Team All-Americans, 6 Coaches Association First-team All-Americans in their respective sports, four conference athletes of the year, and four conference coaches of the year. Overall, our teams finished 203-83-8 with a .704 winning percentage.

In addition to our successful teams and athletes, we are proud and thankful to say that we had our most successful Excellence in Athletics Fund annual campaign since it started in 1999.

This fund impacts all the coaches and student-athletes by enhancing opportuni-

ties and experiences. The Excellence Fund is a vital source of annual revenue that helps support travel, equipment upgrades, meals, uniforms, coaching, facilities, events, and much more. In this newsletter we recognize and thank all of those who helped this last year's annual campaign be so successful.

Our facilities have changed greatly over the last year with the help of our coaches, players, and most importantly, alumni, parents, fans, and members of the Stevens Point community through their support and donations. These renovations directly affect all 20 of our varsity sports and are highlighted in this newsletter as well.

On behalf of all our student-athletes, coaches, and staff, thank you again for your continuous support and loyalty to Pointer Athletics. Without your generosity and enthusiasm for UWSP, none of our success would be possible.

Go Pointers!

Frank O'Brien, Athletic Director

Pointers on the Web

<http://athletics.uwsp.edu/>

Sign Up for the Pointer Weekly Report!

The Weekly Report keeps readers up to date on the latest UWSP sports action. This free bulletin is delivered to the email account of your choice. Sign up now at <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/>.

Keep in touch!

There is no better way to check schedules, listen to games, and read about the latest in Pointer Athletics than to check us out on the Web. The Pointer Athletics Homepage also contains links to university, WIAC, NCHA, and NCAA pages as well.

Support Athletics Online!

UW-Stevens Point now has the capability of processing donations **online**. If you would like to give a gift to your favorite sport or the Excellence in Athletics Fund visit <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/> today or contact Tony Romano at (715)346-3406 or toll free at 1-866-291-5707.

2007-08 Director's Cup Standings

1. Williams (Mass.)
2. Washington (Mo.)
3. New Jersey
4. Amherst (Mass.)
5. Middlebury (Vt.)
6. Wisconsin Whitewater
7. Emory (Ga.)
8. Wartburg (Iowa.)
9. Cortland State (N.Y.)
10. Wisconsin Eau-Claire
11. Messiah (Penn.)
12. St. Thomas (Minn.)
13. Trinity (TX)
14. Ithaca (N.Y.)
15. **Wisconsin Stevens Point**
16. Tufts (Mass.)
17. John Hopkins (Md.)
18. De Pauw (Ind.)
19. Wisconsin LaCrosse
20. Illinois Wesleyan



Thank you!

Gold Club

Mary Ann and James Nigbor
Jim and Krista Mendyke

Silver Club

Kenneth and Sandra Falkinham
Ken Kulick
Greg Diemer and Peggy Carrier-Diemer
Philip and Helen Marshall
Bob and Kim Spoerl

Excellence in Athletics Fund Surpasses Annual Goal to Reach \$14,000

This year the Excellence fund surpassed our goal by over \$4,000 thanks to generous contributions from alumni, fans, former Pointer athletes, friends and the community.

The fund is designed to enhance opportunities and experiences for student-athletes at UWSP; this is a vital source of annual revenue that helps support travel, equipment upgrades, meals, uniforms, coaching, facilities, events, and much more.

The UWSP Athletic Department would like to recognize and thank everyone who made this possible.

Pewter Club

Sean and Lisa Brick
Carlton and Gail Ruys
Marvin and Becci Van Kekerix
Wendy M. Kohrt
Allen and Adeline Barrows
Richard B. Berndt
Gary and Cheryl Bork
Alice Clawson in memory of Duaine Counsell
Helen R. Godfrey
Marjorie Spring in memory of Duaine Counsell
Susan M. Brogaard in memory of Carol Huettig
Richard and Barbara Jordanger
Scott and Renee Pompe
John and Mary Jo Boyne
Anonymous
Karen and Bob Engelhard in honor of Dick Bennett,
Jack Bennett, John Miech, and Terry Porter
Alice L. Faust
James and Patricia Hansen in memory of Hale Quandt and
Duaine Counsell ("These men were the best")

Stephanie and Keith Hicklin
Fred and Gail Kestly
Chris L. Kuter
Richard L. Lund
Roy and Margaret Menzel
Anonymous in honor of Eileen
Carl R. Moesche
Ray and Ruth Mundt
Anonymous
Storm and Joan North
Orland and Marge Radke
Richard C. Raisler
Kenneth and Barbara Roloff in honor of Coach John Roberts
Joseph and Linda Serpico
James and Sheryl Sharp
Gregory C. Simonis in memory of Duaine Counsell
Anonymous
Rick and Joan Witt
Barbara and William Koehler

Fan Club

John and Janet Roberts
Jody and Jason Berry in honor of Whitney Offedahl
Karen K. Hoffman
Yvonne and Terrell Arnold
Jeffrey and Lori Boeder
Jack and Ann Larsen
Roxanne and Mark Pawluk
Eugene and Jack Van Beaver in honor of John and Sheila Miech and
great job they are doing with young men and women
Brad Fox
Barbara and Michael Slagle
Patrick and Mary Ann Fee in memory of Coach Duaine Counsell
Philip and Beverly Jones
Pete and Joyce Kasson
Gary and Suzanne Kostuchowski

Gordon and Patricia Parsons
Terry and Connie Pease in honor and memory of Joe Pease
Bryan and Arlyss Purchatzke
Anonymous
Thomas and Nora Schnell
Paul and Cathie Woita
Donald at Barbara Yahr
Brion and Laura Demski
Mary and John Hauke
Gerard and Pam O'Connor
Gary C. Grossman
Mary Beth and John Peteski
Mark and Peggy Beiffuss
Anonymous
Brad and Vickie Fehl in honor and memory of Walter Fehl



Focus on Athletic Facilities Point Joins the Arms Race

Why Facilities....?

The past year has been a busy time for the UWSP athletic facilities, and the next year promises to be just as busy.

The demand for great student-athletes has not changed in recent years, but new and improved facilities across campuses nationwide have created a facilities race aimed at recruiting and retaining the state's, region's, and nation's best students, athletes, and coaches.

What has typically been reserved for mid-major and major Division I schools competing for the top recruits, the race to having the best facilities has found a home at all levels, including the public and private schools of Division III.

UWSP has joined the race at full speed, making facility upgrades and renovations that have immediately impacted all of Point's 20 varsity sports and over 500 student-athletes.

The Multi-Activity Center (MAC) and the fitness center, which are two of the most widely used facilities by UWSP students and student-athletes, have received complete renovations along with partial renovations to the baseball field, softball field, soccer field, football field, Quandt gym, Berg gym, and baseball and men's hockey locker rooms.

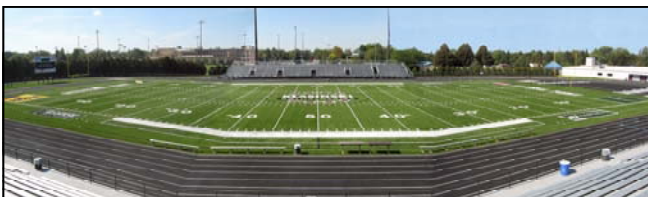
Plans are currently in place for a renovation of Quandt lobby and the wrestling practice facility, focusing on showcasing Pointer success and tradition and recruiting and retaining great players and coaches.

Outdoor Facilities

Community Field at Goerke Park

In August, through a community effort, Goerke Park, home of the UWSP football team, SPASH football and track, and Pacelli football and track was renovated and will now feature a new synthetic football and track surface by Mondo, a new scoreboard, and additional seating. A dedication was held August 27 to recognize members of the community who made the project possible. Additional renovations are planned for future phases.

Stevens Point Normal, now known as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been competing at Goerke Park since 1938.



Community Field at Goerke Park.

McCarty Field—Softball

Softball has recently completed construction on new dugouts. The work was done primarily by Tom Ludwig and UWSP grounds crews.



Newly renovated dugouts at McCarty Field.

University Field—UWSP Baseball

Through private funding, the baseball team has completed a field renovation consisting of new dugouts, infield, warning track, and watering system.



Newly renovated dugouts at University Field.

Point Soccer Bowl

Home to the UWSP women's soccer team, the Point Soccer Bowl added a new scoreboard this summer, and newly installed seating increased capacity for fans.



Newly renovated Point Soccer Bowl and scoreboard.



Indoor Facilities

Fitness Center

Fitness Center renovations were completed almost a year ago. This complete renovation includes a new floor, new weight and cardio equipment, eight flat screen televisions, and a layout focused on efficiency in training sports teams.



View from the second floor of the newly renovated Strength Fitness Center.

Multi-Activity Center—MAC

A more recent and even larger renovation was just recently completed to the Multi-Activity Center (MAC). This multi-million dollar facility is home to both men's and women's track and cross-country teams, off-season baseball, intramurals, classes, climbing wall, and countless practices when weather forces outdoor sports inside.



The Multi-Activity Center.

Originally built in 1991, the MAC was the premier indoor track facility in the WIAC, but was outdated. The MAC now boasts of a new eight lane Mondo track surface, which is also the track of choice for the Olympics. The MAC also is now home to an office center for student workers and student supervisors.

As part of the design team, students in the Interior Architecture program in the College of Professional Studies helped plan color schemes, increase natural light to the facility through the implementation of clerestories, and design the new office structure.

Quandt and Berg Gym

Men's and women's basketball as well as volleyball will be playing on newly designed and refinished flooring this season. New logos and floor designs were completed in August.



Quant Gym Floor Design.



Berg Gym Floor Design.

In addition to the new floor, women's basketball, volleyball, and wrestling now also have a new scoring system, scoreboard, and message center thanks an advertising contract with Aspirus Clinics.

Willett Arena—Men's Ice Hockey

Men's ice hockey is currently raising private funds to renovate their locker room at K.B. Willett arena.

Continuing Projects...Baseball's Locker Legacy Project

Locker room renovations are almost complete thanks to a project that is aimed at providing an opportunity for individuals, families, and corporations to leave a permanent mark on the Pointer baseball program.

With a \$300 donation, you can assist with the installation of new lockers for the Pointers and be a part of our progressive campaign to align the quality of our facilities with the excellence established on the field. For more information contact [Tony Romano](mailto:Tony.Romano@uwsp.edu) at (715)346-3406 or at Tony.Romano@uwsp.edu.





Celebrating 35 Years: The Aerial Circus

Members of the early 70s football rosters were invited to come back and celebrate 35 years since the birth of the Aerial Circus.

The Aerial Circus was the phrase used to describe the offense of Head Coach Monte Charles. Unconventional and unprecedented at the time, the Pointers adopted an offense that focused solely on passing.

Behind Aerial Circus quarterbacks and future Hall-of-Famers Mark Olejniczak and Reed Giordana, the Pointers quickly became one of the most entertaining and exciting football teams in the country.

Monte Charles went on to a 20–30 (.400) record in five seasons for the Pointers. Charles also produced six Hall-of-Famers from the early 1970s group that included Mike Blasczyk (pictured above), Reed Giordana (pictured



Standing (L to R): Gary Starzinski, Reed Giordana, Jack Renken, Lee Duerst, Dennis Eskritt, Orie Sjoberg, Pete Thompson, Mike Sexton, Mike Wideen, Mike Blasczyk, Steve Zimmerman, and Jeff Hinz. Kneeling (L to R): John Shoenberger, Jerry Griffin, Dave Brewer, Pat Robbins, John Nevins, Mark Olejniczak, and Joe Farmer.

above), Joe LaFleur, Mark Olejniczak (pictured above), Don Solin, and Bruce Weinkauf.

Some records set by individuals and teams of this era stand today.



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