

Warhawks Drop Conference Matchup Against Stevens Point

After a valiant effort to come back, the UW-Whitewater women's basketball team fell short to the UW-Stevens Point Pointers on Wednesday night, 72-64.

It was a fast start for both teams, with sophomore forward Andrea Meinert scoring on three straight possessions, and junior guard Reilly Stewart scoring 6 of her 8 points of the game in the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter, the score read 20-15 Pointers.

Stevens Point junior guard Lauren Anklam was one of the main contributors to the Pointers win Wednesday night. Anklam led the team in scoring with 28 total points and went 9-11 from the free-throw line, 3-6 from beyond the arc, and 8-14 from the field.

The Warhawks came out firing in the second quarter, going on a 6-2 run to start. Meinart was another of the players to contribute to the Warhawks' scoring. With just over 7 minutes in the first half remaining, Whitewater took its first lead off a pair of free throws from junior guard Andrea Olsen, which were her only points of the game.

The Pointers were ranked first in the conference in defensive rebounding for a reason, and continued to get defensive boards off missed shots and went on an 11-7 run to close the half. After 20 minutes of play, Stevens Point led Whitewater 31-30.

It was a lot of back-and-forth action in the third quarter, with both teams sustaining a lead over the other a multitude of times. Whitewater had a 40-36 lead early on, only to have the Pointers come storming back to tie it up at 40 with just under two minutes left in the third.

The 16-ranked Pointers didn't look back after taking a 48-43 lead after the third quarter and went on to win 72-64. Though it was a rough loss, senior forward Lisa Palmer still saw some good in their loss to the Pointers: "we definitely improved our defense from the first time, our rotation D was better."

The Warhawks did fare well against the Pointers in rebounding in both categories, only being outdueled by just five. Palmer felt that “we had a few mental lapses when we got tired, and there’s no excuse for that.”

To go with that, Whitewater underperformed when it came to shooting in either half, specifically from three-point range (35%). Palmer is optimistic about the future but knows the team needs to work hard in order to bounce back from the loss. “We need to get in the gym and shoot... we just need to bounce back tomorrow with a positive attitude and be ready to go.” The Warhawks will travel to play a struggling UW-La Crosse team on Saturday at 3 p.m.