

Pointers top Whitewater, will play for regional title

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WHITEWATER — Been here. Done that.

Now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team needs to finish the job if it wants its season to culminate with a trip to the NCAA Division III World Series.

UW-Stevens Point moved into the championship game of the Midwest Regional with a convincing 12-4 victory Friday over rival UW-Whitewater in a battle of regional unbeaten teams at Prucha Field in James B. Miller Stadium.

The outcome leaves the Pointers (32-15) as the lone unbeaten team in the six-team field. A victory today over Whitewater would lock up their first trip to the World Series since 2007.

Should UW-Stevens Point drop the first game at noon, a second championship game will be played at 3 p.m. for the right to compete at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute. Whitewater and Stevens Point have played a total of eight games this season, with each team winning four.

“You always like your position when you’re 3-0, but we also understand that we’re going to be playing a quality ball club that can beat anybody twice,” UW-Stevens Point coach Pat Bloom said.

Bloom doesn’t have to search far into the memory banks for an example of how that can happen.

Just a week ago, the Pointers rolled into the championship game of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament unbeaten, only to have second-ranked UW-Whitewater hand them a pair of losses last Saturday. Goodbye, automatic NCAA berth.



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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Sam Spurney gets congratulated by coach Pat Bloom while rounding third base after hitting a two-run homer Friday.

Given a new life with an at-large bid to the national tourney, the Pointers don’t want to make the same mistake again, because there are no more second chances.

Pointers 12, Warhawks 4

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WP — Tyler Lorenz (6-5), LP — Jeff Donovan (4-1), SO — Lorenz 1; Donovan 0, Aaron Leitner 1.
BB — Lorenz 2; Donovan 0, Leitner 0. 2B — Stevens Point, Brad Archambeau. HR — Stevens Point, Sam Spurney.

Records: UW-Stevens Point 32-15; UW-Whitewater 40-6.

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