



UW-Platteville January Highlights

Pioneers 71, UW-Stout 57 (Jan. 3)

Mike Shaw scored 27 points for the second time in a week, leading top-ranked UW-Platteville to a 71-57 win over visiting UW-Stout. The Pioneers led 28-24 at the half, then used a 15-4 run to open the second half, extending the lead to 43-28. Curt Hanson and Jeff Skemp each added 17 points.

Pioneers 81, UW-Oshkosh 59 (Jan. 7)

UW-Platteville used a 19-5 run to close the first half with a 17-point lead, and the fourth-ranked Pioneers went on to beat UW-Oshkosh 81-59. The Pioneers shot 70 percent in the first half for the 40-23 lead. The Titans never came closer than 13 in the second half and trailed by 20 or more over the final 11:16. Jeff Skemp scored 24 points, making 6-10 from the field and 12-16 from the line. He also grabbed eight rebounds and dished out four assists. Mike Shaw added 19 points, while Curt Hanson recorded 14.

Pioneers 66, UW-Stevens Point 73 OT (Jan. 10)

Sixth-ranked UW-Stevens Point topped fourth-ranked UW-Platteville 73-66 in overtime in a heavyweight battle worthy of all the pre-game hype. The teams exchanged blow after blow for 45 minutes, as the final score was the largest lead the entire game. The contest had 22 lead changes and 13 ties. With 21 points, Lohoff led all scorers. His two free throws with 3.4 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

Pioneers 71, UW-La Crosse 61 (Jan. 14)

Jeff Skemp and Curt Hanson combined for 30 of UW-Platteville's 46 second-half points, as the sixth-ranked Pioneers rallied to win 71-61 at UW-La Crosse. Skemp scored 19 of his game-high 23 in the second period, while Hanson had 11 of his 16, helping the Pioneers overcome a 28-25 deficit.

Pioneers 86, UW-Whitewater 78 (Jan. 21)

When fifth-ranked UW-Platteville took the floor against seventh-ranked UW-Whitewater, Pioneer guard Curt Hanson knew the night could be special. A capacity Bo Ryan Court crowd of 2,316--most wearing orange--greeted the Pioneers, and then were treated to an 86-78 Platteville victory.

"Coming out and seeing full bleachers and everyone standing up was the best part of the game," said Hanson, who scored 21 points. "That really was the best part. We need to thank our fans." The Pioneers, now 15-2 overall, took sole possession of second place in the WIAC with a 7-1 mark. The Warhawks fell to 14-3, 6-2. UW-Platteville led the final 27:19 of the game. Jeff Skemp scored 24 points, making 10-14 from the field, while Hanson connected on 8-14 for his 21 points. Nick Allen added 12, Charlie Lohoff 11, and Mike Shaw 10 for the Pioneers, who made 56.6 percent from the field. UWP had 21 assists on their 30 baskets, getting several back-door layups.

Pioneers 55, UW-Stout 51 (Jan. 24)

Jeff Skemp made the go-ahead free throw, and UW-Platteville forced two UW-Stout turnovers in the final minute, lifting the visiting Pioneers to a 55-51 victory. Skemp was fouled on an offensive rebound, and made one of two free throws with 1:01 left for a 52-51 lead. Charlie Lohoff then forced a loose ball, and Mike Shaw dove to tip the ball to Curt Hanson, who went in for a layup with 38.8 seconds remaining.

Skemp earns WIAC weekly honors (Jan. 27)

UW-Platteville's Jeff Skemp earned the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball player of the week award for the second time this season. Skemp, a 6-10 senior center from Hazel Green (Southwestern High School), led the Pioneers to a 2-0 record last week. The All-American is moving up the Pioneer career scoring charts, reaching 13th during the week.

Pioneers 74, UW-Oshkosh 50 (Jan. 28)

Jeff Skemp scored 21 points, and Charlie Lohoff made five three-point baskets in his final game in his hometown, leading UW-Platteville to a 74-50 victory at UW-Oshkosh. Skemp had 13 of his 21 points in the second half, with nine of them coming from the line. Overall the senior center was 13-14 in free-throw shooting, helping the Pioneers to a 26-29 night from the line. Lohoff, a senior from Oshkosh North, was 5-7 from beyond the three-point line, finishing with 17 points. He had three long-range shots in the first half, in which the Pioneers built a 33-19 lead. His next three-pointer capped a 7-0 run to start the second half, putting UWP up 40-19.

Pioneers 72, UW-River Falls 51 (Jan. 31)

UW-Platteville shot 72 percent in the second half, and the fourth-ranked Pioneers beat UW-River Falls 72-51. The Pioneers, who led 30-20 at the break, made 13-18 from the floor in the final 20 minutes to pull away from the Falcons. The Pioneers are now 18-2 overall and 9-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Jeff Skemp scored 26 points, surpassing 20 points for the 10th time this season. The all-American made 10-13 from the field and 6-7 from the line. He became the 12th player in Pioneer history to surpass 1,300 career points. (He now has 1,309). Charlie Lohoff scored 17 points for the second straight game.