

2009-10 UW-Platteville Basketball

UW-Platteville Pioneers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
4	Tanner Carlson *	G	6-0	165	So.	Annawan, IL
10	Curt Hanson ***	G	6-1	185	Sr.	Deerfield, IL
12	Mike Shaw ***	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Madison, WI/Edgewood
14	B.J. Litz *	G	5-10	170	So.	Cedarburg, WI
20	Kane Hoffmann	G	6-0	175	Fr.	Benton, WI
21	Brett Stangel *	G	6-0	160	So.	Monroe, WI
22	Shane Kieler	G/F	6-3	185	Jr.	Monona, WI/Monona Grove
24	Connor Finley ***	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Earlville, IL/Serena
30	Nick Allen **	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Barneveld, WI
32	Mitch Tordoff	G	5-11	185	Fr.	Monroe, WI
33	Reid Gibbs **	F	6-4	190	Jr.	Marion, IA/Linn-Mar
34	Allan Ballweg ***	G	5-11	185	Sr.	Mazomanie, WI/Sauk Prairie
40	Matt Weik *	F	6-5	210	So.	Freeport, IL
42	Rob Stallion	F	6-4	190	Fr.	University Heights, OH/Cleveland Benedictine
44	Eric Wall **	F	6-5	210	Jr.	Kaukauna, WI
50	Ben Stecker	F	6-4	185	Fr.	Bettendorf, IA/Pleasant Valley
52	Mark Pace	F	6-4	195	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI/Whitefish Bay Dominican
53	Joe Schweigert	G	6-3	205	Fr.	Cuba City, WI
54	Andrew Brown ***	C	6-8	235	Sr.	Janesville, WI/Milton
55	Alex Bondar *	C	6-8	245	So.	East Troy, WI

*=Number of letters won at UW-Platteville

Head Coach: Jeff Gard

Assistants: Sharif Chambliss, Brad Stangel

Student Assistants: Mitch Farrey, Bo Richter

#34

Allan Ballweg

Guard, 5-11, 185, Senior

Mazomanie, WI/Sauk Prairie

2008-09: Ballweg represented the team at Student-Athlete Day for second straight year ... played in 11 contests, registering season-highs of 6 minutes against both Loras and Clarke ... **2007-08:** appeared in 14 games off the bench, contributing solid play in the backcourt ... made his first attempt of the year in the season opener ... represented the team at Student-Athlete Day for having a perfect 4.00 grade-point average ... **2006-07:** played in 10 games ... had one rebound and one assist ... **High School:** earned two all-conference selections, including a unanimous choice as a senior ... helped Sauk Prairie to conference and regional championships in 2006 ... earned all-conference honors in football and baseball ... **Personal:** son of Rick and Dena Ballweg ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... technology education major.

#54

Andrew Brown

Center, 6-8, 235, Senior

Janesville, WI/Milton

2008-09: Brown saw action in five games off the bench ... **2007-08:** appeared in eight games, providing depth on the front-line ... scored field goal against Robert Morris-Springfield ... **2006-07:** came into 13 games ... shot 100% from the free throw line ... **High School:** led Milton to the school's first conference championship since 1983 ... averaged 12.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, while making 60 percent of his shots from the field



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... earned second team all-conference honors in basketball and first team all-league honors in football ... **Personal:** son of Nancy Jung-Brown and Keith Brown ... member of the Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... physical education/health promotions major.

#24

Connor Finley

Guard, 6-1, 170, Senior

Earlville, IL/Serena

2008-09: Finley saw action in 15 games ... converted three-point plays against both Clarke and UW-Eau Claire ... **2007-08:** played a big role in the win at Dubuque, coming off the bench to make both field-goal and both free-throw attempts, finishing with seven points ... played in nine games in the backcourt ... **2006-07:** appeared in four games ... scored high of five points at UW- La Crosse ... **High School:** earned fourth-team all-state honors after averaging 15 points, 5.4 rebounds and 4 assists per game ... led Serena to a conference championship and the first state ranking (16th) in school history ... helped Serena to league titles in baseball and soccer, earning all-conference honors in soccer ... **Personal:** son of Paul and Debbie Finley ... business marketing major.

#10

Curt Hanson

Guard, 6-1, 185, Senior

Deerfield, IL

2008-09: Hanson earned his second straight all-WIAC first team honor ... started year off with a 24-point performance in 84-79 upset win at NCAA I Bradley ... named to all-tournament teams at UWP and St. Norbert and was the MVP at the Hanover (Ind.) Tournament ... moved into second place on the career three-point list with 181 ... scored in double figures 21 times, reaching 20 or more points four times ... 13.8 ppg ranked 11th in WIAC ... finished 12th in the conference with 32 minutes played per game ... **2007-08:** finished second in NCAA Division III by making 49.7 percent of his three-point shots ... earned first team all-conference honors after averaging 15.1 ppg ... made 72 three-point baskets, the second-highest total in school history ... has made 51.3 percent of his career three-point attempts ... surpassed 20 points six times, including a season-best 24 at the University of Dubuque ... earned Pioneer Tip-Off Tournament MVP honors after scoring 36 points in a pair of UWP wins ... **2006-07:** led the WIAC in three-point shooting accuracy, knocking down 54.3 percent from beyond the arc ... scored the most points by a Pioneer freshman since Tyler Selk in 1999-2000 ... carried the Pioneers in their WIAC playoff game at UW-Whitewater with career-best 27 points, including 5-7 three-point baskets in 58-57 loss ... knocked down 4-5 three-point attempts, all in first half, in 72-58 win at UW-Superior ... hit three-point basket to give Pioneers the lead for good at 46-43 in 70-66 win at UW-River Falls ... scored 19 points in second collegiate game vs. Buena Vista ... averaged 14.5 points over final four contests ... **High School:** averaged 17.4 points, 4.4 rebounds and 4 assists per game while shooting 42 percent from three-point range as a senior ... two-time all-conference selection as well as a first team Pioneer Press Lake Shore all-area pick ... outstanding all-around athlete who twice earned all-conference honors in cross country and also ran track ... one of his most memorable games came in the 2006 regional opening game, when he led 12th-seeded Deerfield to an overtime victory over sixth-seeded Fremd by overcoming a 13-point fourth quarter deficit. Hanson, who nailed four three-point shots in two minutes and scored four points in overtime, played with a sprained ankle and a broken thumb ... **Personal:** son of Brad and Ann Hanson ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... physical education major.

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#12

Mike Shaw

Guard, 6-1, 175, Senior

Madison, WI/Edgewood

2008-09: Shaw was the highest scoring Pioneer to come off the bench all year since 1991 ... came up clutch all year long ... nailed a three-point shot with 39 seconds left for 81-73 lead that sealed upset win at Division I Bradley ... made all 10 free throw attempts in overtime, leading UWP to 77-74 victory over UW-Whitewater in WIAC semifinals ... named to all-tournament teams at Hanover (Ind.) and St. Norbert ... made 6 three-point baskets on 3 occasions ... scored 27 points in back-to-back games, at St. Norbert and vs. UW-Stout ... made at least one three-point basket in 26 of the 29 games ... ranked 29th in NCAA III in free-throw percentage ... made 86.9 percent from the line and 42.6 percent from beyond the three-point arc, third-best in the WIAC in both categories ... scored in double figures 18 times, surpassing 20 points in 7 games ... **2007-08:** provided huge spark off the bench, averaging 10.7 ppg ... scored in double figures 14 times ... made 45 percent of three-point attempts, finishing fourth in the league ... ranked second in WIAC in free-throw percentage, connecting on 56 of 63 (88.9 percent) ... made 9-16 from the field, including 5-9 three-point attempts, to finish with career-high 25 in home win over UW-River Falls ... **2006-07:** began the year by leading the Pioneers in scoring with 11 points at NCAA I tournament team Purdue ... started every game in his freshman year ... had streak of four straight games of at least 11 points midway through year ... scored 16 points, making 4-5 three-point attempts vs. UW-Stevens Point ... also had 16 vs. UW-Superior ... **High School:** earned three first-team all-Badger Conference honors and three years all-area ... Wisconsin Basketball News third team all-state selection after he averaged 20 points and five rebounds per game in his senior season ... scored 11.1 ppg as a sophomore and 17.0 as a junior, helping the Crusaders win Badger South Conference championships in 2004 and 2005 ... 1,000-point career scorer ... played in the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 2 all-star ... **Personal:** son of David and Magali Shaw ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... health promotions major.

#30

Nick Allen

Forward, 6-4, 195, Junior

Barneveld, WI

2008-09: Allen played 29 games (starting 28) and averaged 24 minutes per game ... made game-winning layup with seven seconds remaining in 66-64 win at Anderson (Ind.) ... named Defensive MVP at Hanover (Ind.) Tournament ... scored in double figures five times, with career-best 17 points against Carthage ... for the second year in a row, shot better than 51 percent overall and 41.5 percent from beyond the three-point line ... **2007-08:** made a big impact as a freshman, playing in 26 games, starting 2 of them ... averaged 4.8 ppg but scored 22 in the final two contests ... shot 51.5 percent for the year, including 44 percent from beyond the three-point line ... made 4 of 6 shots and finished with season-high 12 points in the playoff game vs. UW-Eau Claire ... **High School:** became Barneveld's all-time leading scorer with 1,406 points ... earned four Six Rivers all-conference honors, including three straight first team accolades ... twice earned the league Most Valuable Player ... helped the Eagles to three conference titles, two WIAA regional championships and a 72-20 record ... averaged at least 11 points per game throughout his four years, and as a senior recorded 15.6 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.75 assists per game for the second-ranked Eagles ... by hitting a 70-foot shot to beat Dodgeville 45-42 in the Kohl Center in November 2006, Allen became a staple on ESPN and across the internet. His shot has been replayed countless times across the web, and he did a phone interview with ESPN to discuss the game-winner, which was also shown on ABC's Good Morning America ... earned all-conference honors in football and baseball, setting five receiving records in the former and helping the Eagles to the WIAA state tournament in the latter ... **Personal:** son of Brian and Lisa Allen ... National Honor Society ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... accounting major.

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#33

Reid Gibbs

Forward , 6-4, 190, Junior

Marion, IA/Linn-Mar

2008-09: Gibbs returned from preseason surgery to play in the second half of 2009 ... played in 10 or more minutes in 3 straight February games ... made final 4 field goal attempts, including both vs. UW-Superior Feb. 14, adding 1-2 from the line and 5 rebounds vs. Yellowjackets ... **2007-08:** worked his way back into the court, appearing in seven games in the second part of the season ... made both of his field-goal attempts, vs. Robert Morris-Springfield and UW-Superior ... **2006-07:** did not play basketball as he was rehabilitating an injury ... **High School:** earned second team all-Mississippi Valley Conference honors after helping Linn Mar to a 23-4 record and fourth-place finish at the Iowa Class 4-A state tournament ... second-leading rebounder in the state tournament with 22 and shot 56 percent from the field ... high school teammate of Wisconsin's Jason Bohannon and Wyoming's Travis Nelson ... **Personal:** son of Randy and Judy Gibbs ... an IHSAA Distinguished Academic Achievement Award ... business administration major.

#22

Shane Kieler

Guard/Forward , 6-3, 185, Junior

Monona, WI/Monona Grove

2006-09: Kieler played in 29 games in two seasons at NCAA Division II Augustana (S.D.) ... scored 10 points in first collegiate game vs. Minnesota-Crookston in 2007 ... scored career-best 14 in 99-91 win vs. Chadron State Nov. 20, 2007 ... redshirted in 2006-07 ... **High School:** prolific prep player at Monona Grove High School, leading the Silver Eagles to the state championship game in 2006 ... two-time all-conference player ... set Monona Grove records for career three-point accuracy (78-156, 50 percent) and single-season free-throw shooting (90 percent in 2004-05) ... co-captain of the 2005-06 squad--along with current Pioneer baseball player Derrick Rice--that finished 20-7 and state runner-up. ... **Personal:** son of Don and Vicki Kieler ... older brother Chase played for Pioneers in 2004-06 ... accounting/business majors.

#44

Eric Wall

Forward, 6-5, 210, Junior

Kaukauna, WI

2008-09: Wall played in all 29 games, averaging 14 minutes per contest ... poured in 15 points, making all 9 free throws, in victory over Loras ... totaled 10 points, including rim-rattling dunk, against UW-Eau Claire Dec. 10 ... went 4-6 from both field and line for 12 points in 77-74 overtime victory over UW-Whitewater in WIAC semifinals ... grabbed career-high 9 rebounds vs. UW-River Falls Jan. 31 ... **2007-08:** played in 25 games, starting nine of them, as a freshman ... shot 48.9 percent from the field while averaging 2.6 points and 1.8 rebounds per game ... began the year with a bang, scoring season-best 8 vs. Beloit ... made 3-4 and had seven points and four rebounds in home game vs. UW-Whitewater ... **High School:** earned second team all-conference honors after averaging 11.5 points and 9.0 rebounds per game ... broke the school's single-game rebounding record with 15 ... earned all-conference honorable mention honors as a junior and all-league football honors as well ... school's nominee for the WIAA Scholar-Athlete Award ... **Personal:** son of Bob and Carol Wall ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... represented team at National Student-Athlete Day for having a 4.0 grade-point average ... mechanical engineering major.

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#55

Alex Bondar

Center, 6-8, 245, Sophomore

East Troy, WI

2008-09: Bondar played in 14 games in his first year ... reached 10 points in third game, making 3-5 from field and 4-5 from line in win over Loras ... made season-best 5-6 from line against Clarke ... **High School:** earned first team Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 2 All-State honors after averaging 13.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game ... earned the Southern Lakes Conference co-Player of the Year after helping East Troy to a 21-3 overall record and a berth in the sectional finals ... led his team in rebounding all four years and in scoring twice ... earned invitation to the WBCA All-Star Game in Madison ... also an all-conference football lineman. ... **Personal:** son of Andrew and Carolyn Bondar ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... mechanical engineering major.

#4

Tanner Carlson

Guard, 6-0, 165, Sophomore

Annawan, IL

2008-09: Carlson played in 12 games, including 22 minutes in the first three contests ... scored season-best three points vs. UW-La Crosse Feb. 4 ... **High School:** earned Associated Press second team all-state honors and third team by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association after averaging 20.6 points, 6.3 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 4.3 steals per game as a senior for the conference co-championship team ... three-time IBCA all-state pick and all-Lincoln Trail Conference selection, scoring 22.4 ppg as a sophomore and 22.2 as a junior ... finished as Annawan's all-time leading scorer with 2,045 points, including a single-season record 649 as a sophomore ... state medalist in the 400-meter dash ... **Personal:** son of Vern and Debbie Carlson ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... physical education major.

#14

B.J. Litz

Guard, 5-10, 170, Sophomore

Cedarburg, WI

2008-09: Litz began his collegiate career with 5 points vs. Viterbo, making both shots from field, including three-pointer ... played in 10 contests ... **High School:** was a two-year starter at point guard, earning all-conference honors as a senior ... ranked 10th in the conference in scoring at 11.4 ppg and led Cedarburg in assists (4) and steals (2) per game ... also earned all-conference honors in baseball and football ... **Personal:** son of Terry and Kari Litz ... building construction management major.

#21

Brett Stangel

Forward, 6-0, 160, Sophomore

Monroe, WI

2008-09: Stangel led Pioneer first-year players by appearing in 18 games ... long-range shooter made 3-point shots in three different games (Clarke, Dubuque and home vs. UW-River Falls) ... **High School:** named co-Most Valuable Player in the 2007 WIAA Division 2 Championship after leading



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the Cheesemakers to the state title and setting tournament records for points in one game (33 vs. Seymour in the semifinals) and most free throw attempts (17) in a game. ... also tied records for most three-point baskets in a game (five), most free throws made in a two-game state tournament (24) and most free throw attempts in a tournament (29) ... injury sidelined him for part of his senior year, but still earned his second consecutive Badger South honors ... coached by former Pioneer Pat Murphy, Monroe went 63-13 in Stangel's three seasons and won back-to-back conference, regional and sectional championships ... also earned two all-conference honorable mention awards in football, setting a school record with five touchdown passes on one game ... three-year letterman in baseball ... **Personal:** son of Reid and Cheryl Stangel ... two older brothers wore the orange and blue: Brad (1997-2001) and Bryan (1999-2003) ... cousins Kyle Stangel and Marcia Taddy were also all-American runners for UWP ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... business major.

#40

Matt Weik

Forward, 6-5, 210, Sophomore

Freeport, IL

2008-09: Weik saw action in 13 games, including time in the overtime victory over UW-Whitewater in the WIAC playoffs ... scored 4 points in Pioneer debut vs. Viterbo Nov. 15 ... **2007-08:** attended UW-Platteville but did not play to rehabilitate an injury ... **High School:** averaged 8 points and 7 rebounds per game during a senior season that was marred by a broken leg ... helped the Pretzels to a 25-4 record as a junior, turning in a pair of 15-point, 10-rebound games ... NIC-9 Scholar-Athlete ... **Personal:** son of Jim and Roxi Weik ... member of the UWP Gabe Miller Academic Honor Roll ... ornamental horticulture major.

#20

Kane Hoffmann

Guard, 6-0, 175, Freshman

Benton, WI

High School: Hoffmann led the Zephyrs to a WIAA Division 4 state championship as a senior, making Benton the smallest school ever to win a Wisconsin title ... earned first team all-conference honors in both 2008 and 2009 ... earned first team all-state honors as a senior and honorable mention accolades as a junior ... two-time all-area by both the *Wisconsin State Journal* and the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald* ... averaged 11 ppg as a junior and 8 ppg as a senior ... also was an all-conference linebacker and running back, earning the *Queen B Radio* Defensive Player of the Year award ... won the triple jump at the Six Rivers Conference meet held at UW-Platteville ... **Personal:** son of Steve and Mary Jo Hoffmann ... physical education major.

#52

Mark Pace

Forward, 6-4, 195, Freshman

Milwaukee, WI/Whitefish Bay Dominican

High School: Pace earned first team all-Midwest Classic Conference honors after averaging 13.2 points and 7 rebounds per game as a senior ... selected as an alternate for the WBCA Division 3 All-Star Game ... led team to 18-5 mark, second place in conference and a regional championship ... earned second team all-MCC in football ... **Personal:** son of Robert Pace III and Karen Birks-Pace ... biology (pre-dentistry major).

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#53

Joe Schweigert

Guard, 6-3, 205, Freshman

Cuba City, WI

High School: Schweigert earned first team all-conference and second-team all-state honors after averaging 15.4 ppg ... selected to play in the WBCA Division 3 All-Star game for the South Squad ... grabbed more than 200 rebounds in 2 seasons ... led Cubans to back-to-back conference championships ... two-year regional champions ... 22-2 record as a senior ... earned all-conference honors in football as a tight end... **Personal:** son of Lou and Sherri Schweigert... business major.

#42

Rob Stallion

Forward, 6-4, 190, Freshman

University Heights, Ohio/Cleveland Benedictine

High School: Stallion averaged 8.5 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for team that plays national schedule, traveling to face country's best teams ... Benedictine does not play in a conference ... earned honorable mention all-state honors in Ohio's Division II ... named to Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Team and to All-Academic Team ... **Personal:** son of Anthony Stallion and Tanya Edwards ... business major.

#50

Ben Stecker

Forward, 6-4, 185, Freshman

Bettendorf, IA/Pleasant Valley

High School: Stecker was a two-time all-conference and all-Quad Cities Metro selection after leading Pleasant Valley to a two-year mark of 33-13 ... senior year record of 18-5 is fourth-best in school history ... averaged 10 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists per game as a senior ... two-time captain ... 85 percent career free throw shooter ... led team in charges taken ... **Personal:** son of Tim and Kim Stecker ... National Honor Society student ... physical education major.

#32

Mitch Tordoff

Guard, 5-11, 185, Freshman

Monroe, WI

High School: Tordoff earned first team all-state honors in both junior and senior seasons ... broke five D2 state records and tied two more ... averaged 19 ppg in 2008-09, 16 ppg in 2007-08 and 12 ppg the previous year ... led Cheesemakers to three Badger Conference championships, three regional and three sectional championships ... Monroe won WIAA Division 2 in 2007, was a semifinalist in 2008 and runner-up in 2009 ... three-year record of 65-15 ... earned four letters ... selected to play in the WBCA All-Star Game for Division 2 South ... earned Badger Conference honorable mention football honors after breaking the school record with 1,500 passing yards ... **Personal:** son of Jerry and Renee Tordoff ... National Honor Society member with 3.85 g.p.a. ... accounting/business major.