



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

### 2003-04 Pointer Schedule/Results

**2003-04 Record:** 13-11-3 overall, 5-7-2 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 4-5-3 home, 9-6 away

**Streak:** 1-game losing streak

<b>Oct. 31</b>	<b>UW-Superior</b>	<b>L 3-2</b>
Nov. 1	at UW-Eau Claire	L 5-3
Nov. 4	at Lawrence	W 8-1
Nov. 7	at Hamline	W 3-2
Nov. 8	at Bethel	W 7-2
<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Gustavus Adolphus</b>	<b>L 4-3</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>St. Olaf</b>	<b>W 6-3</b>
Nov. 21	at Concordia-Moorhd.	W 8-4
Nov. 22	at Augsburg	W 6-1
<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>T 1-1 ot</b>
Dec. 5	at UW-River Falls*	W 5-3
Dec. 6	at UW-Stout*	L 3-2
Dec. 12	at UW-Eau Claire*	W 4-2
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>UW-Eau Claire*</b>	<b>W 5-3</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>M.S.O.E.</b>	<b>W 4-2</b>
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>St. Scholastica*</b>	<b>T 1-1 ot</b>
<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>UW-Superior*</b>	<b>L 5-1</b>
<b>Jan. 23</b>	<b>Lake Forest*</b>	<b>W 3-2</b>
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>St. Norbert*</b>	<b>L 9-0</b>
Jan. 30	at St. Norbert*	L 5-1
Jan. 31	at Lake Forest*	L 5-1
Feb. 6	at UW-Superior*	L 7-4
Feb. 7	at St. Scholastica*	W 2-1
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>UW-Stout*</b>	<b>T 3-3ot</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>UW-River Falls*</b>	<b>L 8-1</b>
Feb. 20	at UW-Superior#	W 6-4
Feb. 21	at UW-Superior#	L 3-1
Mar. 5	vs UW-River Falls#	3:00 PM
Mar. 6	NCHA Finals#	7:00 PM

**Home games in bold at Willett Arena**

\* - indicates NCHA regular season game

# - indicates NCHA playoff game

### NCHA Peters Cup Playoffs

**UW-Stevens Point (13-11-3) vs. #5 UW-River Falls (19-4-4)**

**#8 Lake Forest (18-5-4) vs. #1 St. Norbert (23-2-2)**

**Semifinals - Fri., March 5 - 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Championship Game - Sat., March 6 - 7 p.m.**

**Cornerstone Community Center - Green Bay, Wis.**

### Pointers This Week:

A berth to the NCAA Division III tournament is at stake this weekend as UW-Stevens Point makes its eighth straight NCHA semifinal appearance at this weekend's Peters Cup Playoffs in Green Bay. The Pointers are the lowest seeded team ever to qualify for the semifinals as the sixth seed after beating third-seeded UW-Superior in a mini-game last weekend. UW-Stevens Point has not played in the NCHA finals since 2000 and is looking for its first trip to the NCAA tournament since the 1997-98 season.

### Radio:

The games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM). The station will broadcast all of the Pointers' games this season.

### Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 234-129-29 career record in his 13th season. Baldarotta has a 26-17-7 all-time record in the postseason and an 8-2 record in mini-games. He has been named NCHA Coach of the Year four times during his career and was the 1993 Division III Coach of the Year when he guided the Pointers to the national championship.

### Around the NCHA

#### NCHA Standings - Feb. 24

	Conf.				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts
St. Norbert	11	2	1	23	23	2	2	48
River Falls	8	3	3	19	19	4	4	40
Superior	7	4	3	17	15	8	4	34
Lake Forest	7	5	2	16	18	5	4	37
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>
Stout	5	7	2	12	14	10	3	29
Eau Claire	4	9	1	9	14	16	1	29
St. Scholastica	1	11	2	4	6	17	4	14

#### This Week in the NCHA

##### NCHA Semifinals

##### at St. Norbert

##### Friday, March 5

Stevens Point vs. River Falls, 3:00

Lake Forest vs. St. Norbert, 7:00

##### Saturday, March 6

NCHA Championship, 7:00

(winner receives automatic berth to NCAA Division III tournament)

## Pointer Update:

The Pointers defeated UW-Superior in a mini-game to advance to the NCHA semifinals for the eighth consecutive year. UW-Stevens Point posted a 6-4 win over UW-Superior on Friday, rallying from a 3-0 first period deficit that saw the Yellowjackets hold a 24-6 advantage in shots. James Jernberg scored two third period goals after the game was tied 4-4. Ryan Scott made 38 saves for the win.

On Saturday, the Pointers lost the regular game 3-1 as Adam Kostichka scored the team's only goal with 1.2 seconds left in the second period when the Pointers were trailing 2-0. UW-Stevens Point won the 20-minute mini-game 3-1. The Pointers jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals by Brett Coburn and Nick Molski. Kostichka added an empty net goal.

## Team Notes:

- \* - Road teams in NCHA quarterfinal games are now 4-69-7 all-time since the round was added in 1992-93. However, UW-Stevens Point is 3-2-1 on the road in the quarterfinals and the only team ever to win a road quarterfinal series with a sweep at UW-Stout in 2001 and the win at UW-Superior this season.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point is now 10-3 all-time in mini-games and 6-3 in NCHA mini-games. The Pointers' three goals in the mini-game against UW-Superior is an NCHA mini-game record.
- \* - The Pointers are in the NCHA semifinals for the eighth straight year and have advanced to the finals twice during that span. They lost to St. Norbert in the 1998 finals and UW-Superior in 2000. UW-Stevens Point's last playoff title came in 1993. The Pointers have made nine NCAA tournament trips with the last in 1998.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has allowed just one shorthanded goal this season. The school record for fewest shorthanded goals allowed in a season is two during the 2001-02 campaign.
- \* - The Pointers average 4.1 goals per game on the road and 2.5 goals per game at home. They also have outscored teams 23-9 in the third period away from home.
- \* - The Pointers have led after the first period just once in the last 12 games and have trailed after one period nine times in that span. Prior to the 12-game stretch, UW-Stevens Point was tied or leading after the first period in 11 straight games.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point is 10-2 all-time in games played on neutral ice, including 3-0 against UW-River Falls. The only losses were in the 2002 NCHA semifinals to UW-Superior and in the 1998 national finals against Middlebury.
- \* - The Pointers have won the NCHA third place game the past two years, but no consolation game will be played this season.

## Individual Notes:

- \* - Sophomore defenseman **James Jernberg** (St. Cloud, MN) recorded his first career multiple-goal game and matched his season total with two goals in the third period to break a 4-4 tie against UW-Superior last Friday. He leads the Pointers' defensemen in points for the second straight year.
- \* - Senior goalie **Ryan Scott** (Plover, WI) had 79 saves in the two games at UW-Superior (mini-game stats do not count) and now has 1,468 for his career to move into fourth place on the school's all-time list. His 31 victories ranks sixth all-time.
- \* - Freshman forward **Brett Coburn** (Addison, IL) has scored some big goals recently for the Pointers, including the first goal in the mini-game victory. He also had both goals in a 2-1 win over St. Scholastica and the first goal in Friday's comeback win at UW-Superior. He totaled four goals in the team's first 21 games.

## Scouting the Opponents

UW-River Falls is making its 12th straight semifinal appearance, which is the longest streak of any school. The Falcons beat UW-Eau Claire 5-1 and 3-0 in the quarterfinal round. UW-River Falls has lost in the semifinals and third place game the past two years since the four-team weekend format started in 2002. The Falcons are 0-9 all-time at the Cornerstone Center, losing six times to St. Norbert, once to UW-Superior and twice to UW-Stevens Point.

The Falcons rank fifth nationally in scoring defense as Andy Scanlon ranks second with a .935 save percentage and sixth with a 1.77 goals against average. Jim Murphy is the leading scorer with 13 goals and 17 assists for 30 points.

St. Norbert won its sixth regular season title in the last eight years and is hosting the finals for the third straight year. The nation's top-ranked team features the country's top power play, which scores 33.8 percent of the time. The Green Knights feature one of the nation's top scorers in Jason Deitsch, who has 18 goals and 30 assists for 48 points.

St. Norbert ranks second in the nation in offense at 6.09 goals per game and third in defense at 1.89 goals per game. Eric Van Den Bosch ranks fifth nationally with a 1.75 goals against average. The Green Knights thumped St. Scholastica 8-0 and 11-1 in the opening round and have won 32 consecutive home games.

Lake Forest is coming off its first-ever NCHA playoff series victory by posting a 4-2 win and 3-3 tie against UW-Stout in the quarterfinals. In fact, the Friday night win was Lake Forest's first-ever NCHA playoff win as the Foresters are now 1-14-3 all-time in the conference postseason.

Lake Forest boasts the nation's leader in save percentage as Joel Cameron has a .946 mark this season. He is fourth nationally with a 1.65 goals against average. The Foresters rank seventh overall in scoring defense at 2.22 goals per game. Freshman Tyler Canal is the team's leading scorer with 14 goals and 14 assists for 28 points.

## Series History

UW-River Falls leads the all-time series with UW-Stevens Point 42-36-5. The teams split their meetings this year with the Pointers winning 5-3 in River Falls and the Falcons taking an 8-1 win in Stevens Point. The Pointers lead the all-time postseason series 8-7, including victories the past two years in the NCHA third place game.

St. Norbert holds a 23-18-5 advantage in the series and is 6-0-1 over the last seven meetings. The Green Knights hold a 22-16-4 series lead since becoming a varsity program in 1987. St. Norbert swept the two games this year 9-0 and 5-1 as just seven of the past 41 meetings have been decided by four goals or more. The all-time postseason series is even 3-3-1 after St. Norbert's 3-1 win in last year's semifinals.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Lake Forest 44-24-2 and is 21-4-1 in the past 26 meetings. The home team won both games this year with the Pointers claiming a 3-2 win and Lake Forest winning 5-1. The Pointers lead the postseason series 5-0-1, taking a 6-5 win and 3-3 tie in last year's quarterfinals. They also played in the 1998 NCHA quarterfinals and 1991 NCAA quarterfinals.