



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

### 2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

**2004-05 Record:** 6-4-2 overall, 2-1-1 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 5-1-2 home, 1-3 away

**Current Streak:** 1-game losing streak

Oct. 29	UW-Eau Claire	W	3-1
Nov. 5	Hamline	W	4-2
Nov. 6	Bethel	L	4-0
Nov. 12	at St. Olaf	L	5-3
Nov. 13	at Gustavus Adolphus	W	5-3
Nov. 19	Concordia-Moorhead	T	4-4 ot
Nov. 20	Augsburg	W	4-2
Nov. 24	at St. Thomas	L	4-2
Dec. 3	UW-Stout*	T	5-5 ot
Dec. 4	UW-River Falls*	W	7-4
Dec. 10	UW-Eau Claire*	W	7-3
Dec. 11	at UW-Eau Claire*	L	4-2
Jan. 2	Lawrence		3:30 PM
Jan. 7	at UW-Superior		7:00 PM
Jan. 8	at St. John's (Minn.)		2:00 PM
Jan. 14	at UW-Superior*		7:00 PM
Jan. 15	at St. Scholastica*		3:00 PM
Jan. 21	at St. Norbert*		7:00 PM
Jan. 22	at Lake Forest*		7:30 PM
Jan. 28	Lake Forest*		7:30 PM
Jan. 29	St. Norbert*		7:30 PM
Feb. 4	St. Scholastica*		7:30 PM
Feb. 5	UW-Superior*		7:30 PM
Feb. 11	at UW-River Falls*		7:00 PM
Feb. 12	at UW-Stout*		7:30 PM

**Home games in bold at Willett Arena**

\* - indicates NCHA regular season game

### UW-Stevens Point (6-4-2 overall, 2-1-1 NCHA) vs. Lawrence University (5-5-2 overall) Sun., Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

#### Pointers This Week:

The Pointers return from a 21-day holiday break by hosting Lawrence in a Sunday afternoon non-conference game. UW-Stevens Point concluded the first half of its season by splitting a conference series with UW-Eau Claire and begins a stretch of three straight non-conference games before concluding the year with 10 conference games.

#### Radio:

The game can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette and Tony Bastien on the broadcast.

#### Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 240-134-31 career record in his 14th season. Baldarotta 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. He has had a winning season in 12 of his 13 previous seasons.

### Around the NCHA

#### NCHA Standings - Dec. 13

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Superior	3	0	1	9	0	3
River Falls	3	1	0	8	2	2
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
St. Norbert	1	0	1	9	2	2
Eau Claire	1	2	1	8	5	1
Lake Forest	1	1	0	5	5	1
Stout	0	2	2	7	5	3
St. Scholastica	0	4	0	3	7	2

#### This Week in the NCHA

##### Thursday, Dec. 30

Lake Forest vs. Manhattanville  
(at Norwich Tourney, Vt.), 4 p.m.

##### Friday, Dec. 31

Lake Forest at Norwich Tourney, 2 or 5

##### Sunday, Jan. 2

Lawrence at Stevens Point, 3:30 p.m.

##### Tuesday, Jan. 4

St. Scholastica at Hamline, 7 p.m.  
St. Olaf at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.

## Pointer Update:

The Pointers posted a 7-3 win over UW-Eau Claire on Friday, but the Blugolds rallied with three third period goals on Saturday for a 4-2 victory in the final games before the holiday break.

Brent Halverson had two goals and two assists, while Adam Kostichka added two goals and an assist in the win. Anthony Forgiore broke a 2-2 tie with a second period goal and Nick Molski scored the eventual game-winner later in the period. Jordan Blair added a goal and an assist for the Pointers.

On Saturday, Mike Brolesma gave the Pointers an early lead and assisted a goal by Chris Gehrke midway through the second period for a 2-0 advantage. However, the Blugolds rallied for a goal with five seconds left in the period and three more scores in the third period. The Pointers amassed 57 shots on goal in the defeat.

## Team Notes:

- \* - The Pointers have scored a power play goal in nine straight games and have scored on 32.1 percent (17-for-53) of their power plays during that span after starting the season three-for-24. They currently rank eighth in the country on the power play.
- \* - The Pointers scored seven goals in back-to-back games for the first time since sweeping UW-Eau Claire by scores of 7-1 and 7-3 during the second weekend of the 1999-2000 season.
- \* - UW-Eau Claire scored goals in the final minute of the second and third periods last week as the Pointers have now surrendered eight goals in the final minute of a period this season. They only allowed six such goals all of last season. The Pointers' only final minute goal this year was an empty-netter against UW-River Falls.
- \* - The Pointers had a 27-game unbeaten streak snapped when leading after two periods in their loss to UW-Eau Claire. UW-Stevens Point was 25-0-2 when ahead entering the final period since a losing a 3-2 lead in an eventual 4-3 overtime loss to UW-Superior on March 1, 2002 in the NCHA semifinals.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point's five home victories already surpasses last year's total when the Pointers were 4-5-3. However, the Pointers are just 1-3 on the road this year after a 9-6 record last year.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point had scored first once in its first nine games, but has done so twice in the past three outings.
- \* - Six different players have recorded the Pointers' six game-winning goals this year. In fact, 17 different players have scored among the team's 46 goals.

## Individual Notes:

- \* - Junior forward **Brent Halverson** (Cloquet, MN) had his first career four-point game with two goals and two assists against UW-Eau Claire. Halverson had scored a total of three points over his first eight games of the year prior to Friday's outburst.
- \* - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) registered three points for the third straight game on Friday and extended his scoring streak to eight straight games with an assist on Saturday.
- \* - Senior forward **Mike Brolesma** (Appleton, WI) also has an eight-game scoring streak and has scored in nine of his 11 games played.
- \* - Sophomore defenseman **Chris Gehrke** (Edina, MN) became the sixth player in school history to register five penalties in a single game on Saturday against UW-Eau Claire. He is the first player to be penalized five times since current Pointers' women's hockey coach Brian Idalski against Bemidji State on Nov. 6, 1993. Gehrke has scored points in five straight games.
- \* - Freshman goalie **Bryn Davies** (Newmarket, Ont.) has allowed just seven even-strength goals among his 23 goals allowed this year.

## Scouting the Opponent

Lawrence opened the season strong with a 3-0-2 record over its first five games, however, the Vikings have slipped since, losing five of its last seven games with two-one goal victories over Northland. In its last outing, Lawrence was swept by MSOE by scores of 7-1 and 2-1.

The Vikings are 0-1-2 against NCHA competition this year, losing 8-2 to UW-Stout, while also tying the Blue Devils 3-3 and tying St. Scholastica 7-7. St. Scholastica scored with 1:08 left and UW-Stout scored with four seconds left to force overtimes in the two ties.

Pete Mossberg is the team's leading scorer with six goals and 10 assists for 16 points. Mason Oakes has seven goals and eight assists for 15 points, while Ryan Burkhart has seven goals and six assists for 13 points.

Burkhart recently became the school's all-time leading goal scorer with 41 for his career, while Ryan Blick became the school's all-time assists leader with 50 in his career. Both milestones came in the Vikings' sweep of Northland on Dec. 3-4.

Daniel Ljung has a 4.31 goals against average and .895 save percentage while splitting time in goal with Andrew Isaac, who has a 3.66 goals against average and .913 save percentage.

## Series History

UW-Stevens Point has won both meetings against Lawrence, claiming a 5-2 win at Willett Arena in 2002-03 and an 8-1 victory in Appleton last season.

The Pointers had points by 13 different players in last year's win over the Vikings with David Lee and Brett Coburn each scoring two goals. UW-Stevens Point held a 49-19 advantage in shots.

The Pointers are 10-0 all-time against Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association opponents. They have outscored MCHA teams 59-19 in the 10 meetings.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Dec. 13

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (13)	6-0-1	223	1
2. Manhattanville, N.Y. (1)	9-0-0	198	2
3. Norwich, Vt.	5-0-2	190	3
4. St. Norbert, Wis.	9-2-2	174	4
5. UW-Superior (1)	9-0-3	169	5
6. St. John's, Minn.	9-0-0	150	6
7. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	7-2-1	125	7
8. Fredonia State, N.Y.	11-1-1	122	8
9. UW-River Falls	8-2-2	97	9
tie Curry, Mass.	5-1-0	97	10
11. Oswego State, N.Y.	10-2-2	81	11
12. Trinity, Conn.	7-0-0	74	12
13. Hobart, N.Y.	6-2-4	29	14
14. St. Thomas, Minn.	6-3-3	27	13
15. Colby, Maine	5-1-0	19	-

**Others Receiving Votes:** Bethel 11, Geneseo State 9, Bowdoin 2, Utica 2, St. Olaf 1.