



# 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:** 5-3-2 overall, 1-0-1 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 4-1-2 home, 1-2 away

**Current Streak:** 2-game unbeaten 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*		7:30 PM
Dec. 11	at UW-Eau Claire*		7:05 PM
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 (5-3-2 overall, 1-0-1 NCHA)  
vs. UW-Eau Claire (7-4-1 overall, 0-1-1 NCHA)**  
Fri., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.  
Sat., Dec. 11, 7:05 p.m. - Hobbs Ice Arena - Eau Claire, Wis.

### Pointers This Week:

Fresh off a three-point opening league weekend, the Pointers play two more games this weekend in their final contests before the holiday break. UW-Stevens Point is in a three-way tie for first place after two games and plays a two-game series against UW-Eau Claire this weekend with Friday's game at Willett Arena and Saturday's game in Eau Claire.

### Radio:

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

Friday's game will be broadcast live on WSPT (1010 AM) with Tom Weaver providing the call.

### Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 239-133-31 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. 6

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

### This Week in the NCHA

Tuesday, Dec. 7
Superior at Northland, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8
St. Norbert at Marian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10
St. Scholastica at Superior, 7:05 p.m.
Stout at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
Eau Claire at Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
Superior at St. Scholastica, 7:05 p.m.
Stevens Point at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
River Falls at Stout, 7:30 p.m.

## Pointer Update:

The Pointers began NCHA play on a strong note, posting a 7-4 win over fifth-ranked UW-River Falls and a 5-5 tie with UW-Stout.

Mike Brolsma assisted the team's first five goals in the win over UW-River Falls and became the 20th player in school history to amass 100 career points. Adam Kostichka added a hat trick, including two empty net goals to seal the victory. With the game tied 4-4 in the third period, Chris Gehrke scored his first goal of the season with 9:39 remaining to put the Pointers ahead.

Kostichka scored the game-tying goal with an assist from Gehrke early in the third period of the tie with UW-Stout. Kostichka also had a shorthanded goal and assisted another goal. Brolsma had a goal and an assist in the win, while Ryan Kirchoff added two goals.

## Team Notes:

- \* - The Pointers extended their streak to scoring a power play goal in seven straight games by going five-for-13 over the weekend. They have scored on 32.5 percent (13-for-40) of their power play chances over the last seven games after starting the season three-for-24. They currently rank 10th in the country on the power play.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point had three five-on-three power plays in the two games last week and scored on all three opportunities. They also faced a three-on-five shorthanded situation against UW-Stout and scored.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point is tied for fifth in the country with six shorthanded goals, including two last Friday against UW-Stout. UW-Eau Claire has also scored six times in shorthanded situations.
- \* - The Pointers allowed their first two shorthanded goals of the season over the weekend, giving one up in each game. They set a school record last year by allowing just one all season.
- \* - After tying its conference opener on Friday, the Pointers are now 9-1-1 in their last 11 NCHA openers. They are now undefeated in their last five league openers.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point had one league weekend over each of the past two seasons that they earned at least three points in the standings. Both came in sweeps of UW-Eau Claire.
- \* - With the 5-5 tie against UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point had a streak snapped of 45 straight victories when scoring five goals or more. The last non-win was an 8-5 defeat to St. Thomas in 2000.
- \* - Saturday's seven-goal outburst marked the most goals the Pointers have scored against UW-River Falls since an 8-5 victory in 1997. It was the most goals allowed by the Falcons since an 8-1 loss to St. Norbert in the 1999 NCHA semifinals.

## Individual Notes:

- \* - Senior forward **Mike Brolsma** (Appleton, WI) was named the NCHA and WIAC Player of the Week for his performance last weekend. His five assists against UW-River Falls tied an NCHA regular season single-game record.
- \* - Sophomore defenseman **Chris Gehrke** (Edina, MN) had four points over the weekend, scoring the game-winner against UW-River Falls and assisting the tying goal against UW-Stout. His eight points this year already matches his total from last season.
- \* - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) had the rarity of scoring two empty net goals in Saturday's win for a hat trick. His last hat trick against Lake Forest also came on an empty-netter. The Pointers had one empty-net goal all of last year and none this season. Kostichka and Brolsma each bring a six-game scoring streak into the weekend.

## Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire had a six-game winning streak snapped over the weekend with a 5-3 loss to UW-River Falls and a 2-2 tie against UW-Stout. The Blugolds jumped out to a 2-0 lead on UW-River Falls on Friday, but the Falcons scored four unanswered goals to rally for the win. On Saturday, UW-Eau Claire fell behind 2-0, but Rob Ouimette scored two goals in the final 10 minutes of the game to tie UW-Stout.

Ouimette is the team's leading scorer with 13 goals and eight assists for 21 points. He currently ranks second in the NCHA and 10th in Division III in goals per game. His six power play goals rank fourth in the nation. The senior forward has scored in 10 of the last 11 games after being held scoreless in the season opener at UW-Stevens Point.

Chip Dunleavy has six goals and seven assists for 13 points while also leading the country with four shorthanded goals. Dave Coleman assisted both goals in the comeback against UW-Stout and has five goals and seven assists. Phil Cherneski has eight goals and four assists.

Steffan Braunlich has a 2.82 goals against average and a .917 save percentage for the Blugolds. Chris Nelson has a 3.61 goals against average and .885 save percentage. Nelson had 25 saves against the Pointers in the first meeting.

## Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series over UW-Eau Claire 51-23-3 and have won seven of the last eight meetings, including three straight and a 3-1 win in this year's season opener.

UW-Stevens Point fell behind UW-Eau Claire on a goal by Brooks Lockwood 2:36 into the game on Oct. 29, but the Pointers rallied three minutes later with a goal by Anthony Forgione. James Jernberg scored on a five-on-three in the second period and Brett Coburn added a late goal. Bryn Davies had 19 saves in net for the Pointers.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Dec. 6

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (14)	5-0-1	224	1
2. Manhattanville, N.Y. (1)	6-0-0	200	3
3. Norwich, Vt.	4-0-2	192	2
4. St. Norbert, Wis.	8-2-2	162	4
5. UW-Superior	6-0-3	157	7
6. St. John's, Minn.	7-0-0	151	6
7. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	6-2-1	121	8
8. Fredonia State, N.Y.	9-1-1	112	11
9. UW-River Falls	6-2-2	103	5
10. Curry, Mass.	5-1-0	97	9
11. Oswego State, N.Y.	9-2-2	73	10
12. Trinity, Conn.	6-0-0	64	13
13. St. Thomas, Minn.	5-2-3	50	12
14. Hobart, N.Y.	5-1-4	42	14
15. Bethel, Minn.	7-2-0	17	15

**Others Receiving Votes:** Bowdoin 12, Geneseo State 10, Lake Forest 7, Wentworth 3, Colby 2, Babson 1, St. Olaf 1, UW-Stout 1.