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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 11-9-3 overall, 6-5-1 NCHA

Breakdown: 9-2-2 home, 2-7-1 away

Current Streak: 2-game winning 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	W	6-3
Jan. 7	at UW-Superior	T	3-3 ot
Jan. 8	at St. John's (Minn.)	L	3-1
Jan. 14	at UW-Superior*	L	4-3
Jan. 15	at St. Scholastica*	W	9-6
Jan. 21	at St. Norbert*	L	7-2
Jan. 22	at Lake Forest*	L	3-2
Jan. 28	Lake Forest*	W	3-2
Jan. 29	St. Norbert*	L	6-2
Feb. 4	St. Scholastica*	W	4-2
Feb. 5	UW-Superior*	W	7-5
Feb. 11	at UW-River Falls*		7:00 PM
Feb. 12	at UW-Stout*		7:30 PM
Feb. 18-19	NCHA Quarterfinals	TBA	

Home games in bold at Willett Arena
* - indicates NCHA regular season game

**UW-Stevens Point (11-9-3 overall, 6-5-1 NCHA)
vs. #11 UW-River Falls (14-7-2 overall, 7-5 NCHA)**

Fri., Feb. 11, 7 p.m. - Hunt Arena - River Falls, Wis.

vs. UW-Stout (8-11-4 overall, 1-8-3 NCHA)

Sat., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. - Dunn County Ice Arena - Menomonie, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The regular season comes to an end this weekend and the Pointers hit the road for a pair of games to determine their final seeding in the NCHA playoffs. UW-Stevens Point is just one point behind UW-River Falls for third place and plays the Falcons on Friday. The Pointers lead Lake Forest by one point for fourth place. Also, with two wins this weekend, the Pointers would tie UW-Superior for the WIAC championship.

Radio:

The games 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 245-139-32 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 - Feb. 7

	Conf.				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts
St. Norbert	11	0	1	23	19	2	2	
Superior	8	2	2	18	15	2	6	
River Falls	7	5	0	14	14	7	2	
Stevens Point	6	5	1	13	11	9	3	
Lake Forest	6	6	0	12	10	12	1	
St. Scholastica	2	8	2	6	4	14	5	
Stout	1	8	3	5	8	11	4	
Eau Claire	1	8	3	5	8	11	4	

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, February 11

Lake Forest at Superior, 7:05 p.m.
St. Norbert at St. Scholastica, 7:05 p.m.
Stevens Point at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
Eau Claire at Stout, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 12

Lake Forest at St. Scholastica, 2 p.m.
St. Norbert at Superior, 7:05 p.m.
Eau Claire at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
Stevens Point at Stout, 7:30 p.m.

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point swept a weekend series from St. Scholastica and UW-Superior to move within one point of third place in the NCHA standings entering the final weekend of regular season play.

The Pointers knocked off third-ranked UW-Superior 7-5 on Saturday night as Ryan Kirchhoff scored the Pointers' final two goals and added three assists in the victory. Mike Brolsma scored two shorthanded goals and had a pair of assists. Tom Vernelli and Dan Francis each scored first period goals to stake the Pointers to a 2-0 lead and Brett Coburn added a goal in the second period.

UW-Stevens Point beat St. Scholastica 4-2 on Friday as freshman goalie Eric Shimon made 23 saves in his first collegiate game. Brolsma scored the game-winner to break a 2-2 tie with 6:01 left and Coburn added a late goal for a 4-2 lead. Anthony Noreen scored his first career goal in the first period and Jordan Blair also scored for the Pointers.

Team Notes:

- * - UW-Stevens Point could win a conference championship with two wins this weekend. The Pointers are 3-2-1 in WIAC games and could tie UW-Superior, which has concluded its season with a 5-2-1 record against WIAC opponents. UW-River Falls is 4-2 in the WIAC and would also win the title with two wins this weekend. UW-Stevens Point's last WIAC title came in 1999-2000.
- * - The Pointers scored first in both games last weekend after falling behind in 24 of their previous 27 games. UW-Stevens Point is now 4-1 when scoring first this season. The Pointers held both opponents scoreless in the first period after having held teams without scoring in the first period three previous times this season. UW-Stevens Point has not led a game from start to finish yet this season.
- * - The Pointers had three power play goals on Saturday and now rank fifth in the country on the man advantage at 24.4 percent (32-for-131). UW-Superior entered the game ranked second nationally on the penalty kill.
- * - Last weekend marked the Pointers' first weekend series sweep of the year. The Pointers have not gone through a season without a weekend sweep since 1984-85.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior forward **Ryan Kirchhoff** (Fairway, KS) continued his hot streak with a career-high five points, including the final two goals, in Saturday's win over UW-Superior. He also assisted the game-winner on Friday and now has 18 points in the last 12 games. Kirchhoff moved into the top 25 all-time scorers in school history with 89 career points.
- * - Sophomore defenseman **Anthony Noreen** (Chicago, IL) officially scored his first career point with a goal that gave the Pointers a 1-0 lead against St. Scholastica, but it really wasn't his first point as a Pointer. He also had an assist in last year's mini-game win over UW-Superior, but those stats don't count in individual records.
- * - Senior forward **Mike Brolsma** (Appleton, WI) scored two shorthanded goals in a game for the second time this year, having also done so against Augsburg. He now has four shorthanded scores, which is tied for the Division III lead and is one short of the school record held by four players. Brolsma leads the NCHA and ranks sixth in the nation with 1.09 assists per game. He also scored his 50th career goal for the game-winner on Friday.
- * - Freshman goalie **Eric Shimon** (Hudson, WI) played in his first career game on Friday and stopped 23 shots, while allowing two power play goals for the victory against St. Scholastica.

Scouting the Opponents

UW-River Falls suffered a pair of losses over the weekend to St. Norbert 5-0 and Lake Forest 3-2 after posting a pair of shutouts the previous weekend. The Falcons had beaten Lake Forest nine straight times before the defeat.

The Falcons are once again one of the nation's top defensive teams and feature a pair of outstanding goalies in Dan Meneghin, who has a 1.95 goals against average and .939 save percentage, and Andy Scanlon, who has a 2.47 goals against average and .915 save percentage. Senior Garrett Larson is having a big year offensively with 18 goals and 18 assists for 36 points.

UW-Stout opened the season 7-3-1, but is 1-8-3 over its last 12 games, starting with its 5-5 tie at UW-Stevens Point on Dec. 3. The Blue Devils lost to Lake Forest 6-3 and St. Norbert 5-0 over the weekend.

UW-Stout has struggled in the third period this season, having been outscored 33-17. The Blue Devils allowed just 35 goals over the first 11 games, but have given up 51 over the last 12 games.

Freshman goalie Mike Stone is having a solid year with a 2.95 goals against average and .910 save percentage. Andrew Stearns leads the team in scoring with 12 goals and 10 assists for 22 points.

Series History

UW-River Falls leads the all-time series with UW-Stevens Point 43-37-5, though the Pointers won the first meeting this year 7-4, marking the most goals the Falcons allowed in a game since 1999. UW-Stevens Point also won the most recent meeting in River Falls with a 5-3 victory last season.

UW-Stevens Point owns the all-time series lead over UW-Stout 16-7-2, holding a 15-2-2 record in the last 19 meetings. The teams have tied their last two meetings, including a 5-5 tie earlier this season.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Feb. 6, 2005

Rank, Team	Record	Pts.	Last
1. St. Norbert, Wis. (13)	19-2-2	221	2
2. Manhattanville, N.Y. (1)	16-1-1	196	4
3. St. John's, Minn. (1)	18-1-2	195	1
4. Norwich, Vt.	15-2-3	183	5
5. UW-Superior	15-2-6	160	3
6. Trinity, Conn.	16-2-1	135	9
7. Middlebury, Vt.	14-4-2	113	6
8. Oswego State, N.Y.	14-3-4	111	7
9. Bowdoin, Maine	12-3-3	86	10
10. St. Thomas, Minn.	12-3-4	79	12
11. UW-River Falls	14-7-2	67	8
12. Fredonia State, N.Y.	14-3-4	64	10
13. Geneseo State, N.Y.	15-5-2	49	-
14. Hobart, N.Y.	12-4-4	45	13
15. Babson, Mass.	13-4-3	39	14

Others Receiving Votes: Rochester Inst. of Tech. 26, Utica 15, Curry 9, Colby 4, Bethel 2, Milw. School of Eng. 1.