



# 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:** 7-5-3 overall, 2-1-1 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 6-1-2 home, 1-4-1 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	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*		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 (7-5-3 overall, 2-1-1 NCHA)  
vs. #3 UW-Superior (10-0-5 overall, 3-0-1 NCHA)  
Fri., Jan. 14, 7 p.m. - Wessman Arena - Superior, Wis.  
vs. College of St. Scholastica (3-9-3 overall, 0-4 NCHA)  
Sat., Jan. 15, 3 p.m. - Mars Lakeview Arena - Duluth, Minn.**

### Pointers This Week:

A stretch of 10 straight conference games to close the season begins this weekend for the Pointers as they head to UW-Superior and St. Scholastica for a pair of games. The Pointers are playing in Superior for the second consecutive weekend after tying the Yellowjackets last Friday. UW-Stevens Point enters the week in fourth place in the NCHA standings.

### 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 241-135-32 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 - Jan. 10

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Superior	3	0	1	10	0	5
St. Norbert	3	0	1	11	2	2
River Falls	3	1	0	10	3	2
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Eau Claire	1	2	1	8	5	2
Lake Forest	1	3	0	5	9	1
Stout	0	2	2	7	5	3
St. Scholastica	0	4	0	3	9	3

### This Week in the NCHA

#### Friday, Jan. 14

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

#### Saturday, Jan. 15

Lake Forest at Stout\*, 3 p.m.  
Stevens Point at St. Scholastica\*, 3 p.m.  
St. Norbert at River Falls\*, 7:05 p.m.  
Eau Claire at Superior\*, 7:05 p.m.

## Pointer Update:

The Pointers rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period to tie third-ranked UW-Superior 3-3 on Friday. Mike Brolesma scored a first period goal, but the Pointers trailed 3-1 entering the final period before getting goals from Adam Kostichka and Nate Sorenson to tie the game, which did not count in the NCHA standings.

UW-Stevens Point also suffered a 3-1 loss to sixth-ranked St. John's on Saturday. The Johnnies scored two goals in the second period and the Pointers rallied with a goal from Jordan Blair early in the third period before the Johnnies put the game away with a goal midway through the final period.

## Team Notes:

\* - The Pointers faced two of the top three penalty killing teams in the country last weekend and went one-for-10 on the man-advantage to drop to 13th in the nation on the power play at 23.3 percent (21-for-90). St. John's leads the nation in penalty killing and UW-Superior is third.

\* - After allowing three power play goals in a loss to UW-Eau Claire, the Pointers have killed off all 17 penalties since the holiday break and rank 18th in nationally on the penalty kill. The Pointers' combined special teams ranks seventh in Division III as they have scored on or killed off 56.3 percent of special situations.

\* - UW-Stevens Point has scored first in just three of 15 games and has led after one period four times this year. The Pointers have rebounded to outscore opponents 24-13 in the third period.

\* - UW-Stevens Point has trailed entering the third period eight times this year and has rallied to win or tie four of the games.

\* - The Pointers have scored 31 goals over their last seven games after scoring a total of 25 goals over the first eight games.

\* - Friday's game at UW-Superior marks the first time the Pointers have ever played at the same opponent on consecutive regular season weekends. It happened once in the postseason when they played at St. Norbert in the NCHA finals and NCAA quarterfinals in 1998.

## Individual Notes:

\* - Freshman defenseman **Nate Sorenson** (Tomah, WI) has two goals this year and both have been very timely. He scored with 6:08 left to tie Friday's game at UW-Superior and also scored 26 seconds into the first period to spark a win at Gustavus Adolphus.

\* - Freshman forward **Tom Vernelli** (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) assisted two of the three goals in Friday's tie at UW-Superior. He also scored to break a 2-2 tie in the second period of the previous week's victory over Lawrence.

\* - Senior forward **Mike Brolesma** (Appleton, WI) played in his 100th career game on Saturday and tied a personal best by recording a point in his 11th straight game. He also scored in the final 11 contests of the 2002-03 season. Brolesma tied Mikhail Salienko for 15th place on the school's all-time scoring list with 109 career points.

\* - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) had his 10-game scoring streak snapped on Saturday at St. John's after scoring a third period goal at UW-Superior. He has 85 career points and needs three more to move into the top 25 in school history.

\* - Sophomore defenseman **Chris Gehrke** (Edina, MN) had a six-game scoring streak end in Saturday's loss. He assisted the team's first goal at UW-Superior on Friday.

\* - Sophomore defenseman **Jordan Blair** (Wausau, WI) scored his second goal of the year in Saturday's game at St. John's that resulted in a rare Pointer loss. The Pointers are now 12-2-1 when Blair scores a point.

## Scouting the Opponents

UW-Superior brings the nation's longest unbeaten streak into Friday's game at 16 straight games since losing to UW-Stevens Point in the first game of last year's NCHA quarter-final series. The Yellowjackets feature the nation's leading goal scorer in Michael Wiggins, who has 18 goals in 15 games. He also has nine assists for 27 points.

Kyle Nosan has eight goals and 18 assists for 26 points, while Dale Lupul is the third-highest scoring defenseman in Division III with three goals and 17 assists for 20 points. Among the Yellowjackets 10 victories, eight have been by three goals or more.

St. Scholastica snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 2-2 tie against Minnesota-Crookston on Sunday. However, the Saints are still winless in their last nine outings since opening the year 3-1-1 with wins over Marian, Gustavus Adolphus and Concordia-Moorhead. They also have a tie against St. Thomas.

The Saints scored 25 goals over their first seven games, but have scored just 14 goals over the last eight games and have not scored more than two in any of those contests.

Mike Rossa is the team's leading scorer with eight goals and two assists for 10 points. The Saints rank 66th of 67 Division III teams on the power play at 9.6 percent.

## Series History

The Pointers trail the all-time series to UW-Superior 48-41-5 in the most played rivalry in UW-Stevens Point history. The Pointers are 1-13-3 in the last 17 meetings with the lone victory coming 6-4 in last year's NCHA quarterfinals. UW-Superior won four of five meetings last season.

UW-Stevens Point is 37-5-2 all-time against St. Scholastica as the Saints' five wins came the first five meetings in the series, including four victories during UW-Stevens Point's first varsity season in 1981-82. St. Scholastica's last victory came during the 1986-87 season.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Jan. 10, 2005

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (12)	9-0-1	222	1
2. Manhattanville, N.Y. (3)	11-0-0	210	2
<b>3. UW-Superior</b>	<b>10-0-5</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>3</b>
4. St. Norbert, Wis.	11-2-2	174	4
5. St. John's, Minn.	12-0-1	154	6
6. Norwich, Vt.	8-2-2	140	5
7. Fredonia State, N.Y.	11-1-1	116	8
8. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	7-3-1	103	7
9. Oswego State, N.Y.	10-2-3	102	11
10. UW-River Falls	10-3-2	89	9
11. Trinity, Conn.	9-1-0	86	10
12. Curry, Mass.	6-2-2	63	12
13. Bowdoin, Maine	8-1-1	50	14
14. Hobart, N.Y.	6-2-4	28	13
15. St. Thomas, Minn.	6-3-4	26	15

**Others Receiving Votes:** Plattsburgh State 20, Utica 12, Bethel 10, St. Olaf 8, Colby 7, Wentworth 3, Gustavus Adolphus 1.