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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 8-6-3 overall, 3-2-1 NCHA

Breakdown: 6-1-2 home, 2-5-1 away

Current Streak: 1-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*		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 (8-6-3 overall, 3-2-1 NCHA)
vs. #3 St. Norbert College (13-2-2 overall, 5-0-1 NCHA)
Fri., Jan. 21, 7 p.m. - Cornerstone Community Center - De Pere, Wis.
vs. Lake Forest College (5-11-1 overall, 1-5 NCHA)
Sat., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. - Alumni Fieldhouse - Lake Forest, Ill.**

Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point enters a pair of NCHA road contests this week in fourth place in the NCHA standings. The Pointers take on first place St. Norbert, which is currently ranked third in the NCAA Division III, on Friday and then travel to Lake Forest on Saturday. The games conclude a six-game road stretch for UW-Stevens Point.

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 242-136-32 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	5	0	1	12	0	5
St. Norbert	5	0	1	13	2	2
River Falls	4	2	0	11	4	2
Stevens Point	3	2	1	8	6	3
Eau Claire	1	3	2	8	6	3
Stout	1	3	2	8	6	3
Lake Forest	1	5	0	5	11	1
St. Scholastica	0	5	1	3	10	4

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Jan. 21

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

Saturday, Jan. 22

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

Pointer Update:

The Pointers suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to UW-Superior on Friday, but bounced back with a 9-6 victory over St. Scholastica on Saturday to remain in fourth place in the NCHA standings.

UW-Stevens Point took a 3-2 lead in the third period on UW-Superior with a goal from Tom Vernelli, however, the Yellowjackets scored with nine minutes left to tie the game and then notched the game-winner with three seconds remaining for the win. Nick Zebro and James Jernberg also had goals for the Pointers.

On Saturday, UW-Stevens Point scored five goals in the third period to rally past St. Scholastica after facing a 5-2 deficit. Mike Brolesma had two goals and three assists, while Adam Kostichka posted two goals and an assist. Ryan Kirchhoff added a goal and three assists, while Vernelli had a goal and two assists.

Team Notes:

* - Saturday's game at St. Scholastica marked the highest-scoring game the Pointers have played since a 14-4 win over Bethel on Dec. 11, 1999. It was the most goals UW-Stevens Point has allowed in a victory since a 9-7 win over UW-Stout on Nov. 6, 1998.

* - Friday's game with St. Norbert features two of the nation's top power play units as UW-Stevens Point ranks sixth at 25.5 percent (25-for-98) and St. Norbert is third at 26.6 percent (34-for-128). The Pointers were four-for-six with a man-advantage in the victory at St. Scholastica.

* - The Pointers' combined special teams ranks sixth in Division III as they have scored on or killed off 56.9 percent of special situations.

* - The Pointers had killed off all 20 shorthanded situations since the holiday break prior to UW-Superior's game-winning power play goal with three seconds left in regulation last Friday.

* - UW-Stevens Point has scored first in just three of 17 games and has led after one period four times this year. The Pointers have rebounded to outscore opponents 31-17 in the third period.

* - St. Norbert owns an incredible record of 194-0-5 in its last 199 games when leading after two periods. UW-Stevens Point rallied to win when trailing after two periods on Saturday at St. Scholastica and is now 2-4-3 in such situations this season.

* - UW-Stevens Point has scored 31 of its 68 goals this year in the third period despite taking considerably fewer shots. The Pointers have scored on 15.7 percent of its third period shots compared to 9.0 percent in the first period and 9.3 percent in the second period.

Individual Notes:

* - Senior forward **Mike Brolesma** (Appleton, WI) currently ranks seventh in Division III in assists per game with 20 helpers this season. He tied Ryan Maxson for 14th place on the school's all-time scoring list with 115 career points. Brolesma has scored points in 13 consecutive games and tied a career-high with five points in the win over St. Scholastica.

* - Freshman forward **Tom Vernelli** (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) scored in the third period at UW-Superior to break a 2-2 tie as his first four goals this year came when the game was tied. He also scored the final goal in Saturday's win over St. Scholastica.

* - Senior forward **Ryan Kirchhoff** (Fairway, KS) achieved a career-high four points against St. Scholastica and has scored 12 of his 17 points over the last nine games.

* - Junior forward **Brent Halverson** (Cloquet, MN) posted two assists against St. Scholastica to give him 11 points for the year, surpassing last season's total of nine points.

Scouting the Opponents

St. Norbert brings a 14-game unbeaten streak and six-game winning streak into the weekend. The Green Knights also have a 42-game unbeaten streak at the Cornerstone Center and feature one of the league's most prolific scorers in Jason Deitsch, who has seven goals and 17 assists for 24 points this year after leading the NCHA in scoring the past two seasons.

Jon Schultz was the league's Player of the Week after scoring game-winning goals in an 8-5 win over UW-Stout and 3-2 triumph over UW-River Falls last weekend. Schultz leads Division III with five game-winning goals this season. Freshman goalie Kyle Jones has a 1.19 goals against average and .923 save percentage with an 8-0 record.

Lake Forest has a seven-game losing streak entering Friday's game with UW-Eau Claire. The Foresters, who were picked fourth in the NCHA preseason poll, have scored just 11 goals over the past six games, but played tough last weekend with a 3-2 overtime loss at UW-River Falls and a 4-3 loss at UW-Stout.

Lake Forest has 18 returning players from last year's team that finished 18-6-4 overall, including senior goalies Cody Brown and Joel Cameron. Robin Charest is the team's leading scorer with nine goals and 11 assists for 20 points.

Series History

St. Norbert holds a 23-18-5 advantage in the all-time 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 and swept the Pointers last year 9-0 and 5-1. Of the past 41 meetings, 34 have been decided by three goals or less.

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 last year with the Pointers claiming a 3-2 win and Lake Forest winning 5-1.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Jan. 17, 2005

Rank	Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1.	Manhattanville, N.Y. (11)	14-0-0	220	2
2.	UW-Superior (2)	12-0-5	208	3
3.	St. Norbert, Wis. (1)	13-2-2	188	4
4.	St. John's, Minn. (1)	14-0-1	178	5
5.	Middlebury, Vt.	9-2-1	168	1
6.	Fredonia State, N.Y.	13-1-1	147	7
7.	Norwich, Vt.	9-2-3	134	6
8.	Trinity, Conn.	11-1-0	115	11
9.	UW-River Falls	11-4-2	75	10
10.	Oswego State, N.Y.	11-3-3	72	9
11.	Bowdoin, Maine	9-2-1	67	13
12.	Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	8-5-1	62	8
13.	Colby, Maine	9-2-1	51	-
14.	Hobart, N.Y.	8-2-4	36	14
15.	St. Thomas, Minn.	8-3-4	28	15

Others Receiving Votes: Plattsburgh State 26, Curry 14, Bethel 6, Utica 4, Babson 1