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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 8-8-3 overall, 3-4-1 NCHA

Breakdown: 6-1-2 home, 2-7-1 away

Current Streak: 2-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*	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*		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 (8-8-3 overall, 3-4-1 NCHA)

vs. Lake Forest College (7-11-1 overall, 3-5 NCHA)

Fri., Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. #2 St. Norbert College (15-2-2 overall, 7-0-1 NCHA)

Sat., Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

Coming off a six-game road trip, the Pointers return home this weekend for a pair of league games. UW-Stevens Point was swept for the first time this season last weekend and faces the same two teams as Lake Forest visits on Friday and St. Norbert comes to town on Saturday. The Pointers are currently in fourth place and one point ahead of Lake Forest in the NCHA standings. St. Norbert enters the weekend in first place in the league.

Radio:

The games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette and Tony Bastien on the broadcast. Both games will also be broadcast live on WSPT (1010 AM) with Tom Weaver on the call.

Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 242-138-32 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. 24

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

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

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

Pointer Update:

The Pointers were swept in a weekend series for the first time this season and face the same two opponents this weekend in a pair of home games.

Last weekend, the Pointers lost to St. Norbert 7-2 and Lake Forest 3-2. UW-Stevens Point fell behind St. Norbert 4-0 after the first period, but rallied on second period goals by Brett Coburn and Dan Francis. However, the Green Knights outshot the Pointers 12-1 in the final period to take the victory.

The Pointers dominated the third period at Lake Forest, but couldn't overcome an early deficit to rally for the win. Trailing 2-0, Tom Vernelli scored a second period goal, but the Foresters added another goal for a 3-1 lead. Brent Halverson scored in the third period as the Pointers owned a 16-4 advantage in shots and missed on several opportunities to tie the game.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers have scored first in a game just three times in 19 games this season. Dating to last season, the Pointers have fallen behind in 22 of their last 25 games. The games that the Pointers led were wins against Gustavus Adolphus and UW-River Falls and a loss to UW-Eau Claire. Both Gustavus Adolphus and UW-River Falls rallied to tie the game, but never took the lead.
- * - Despite winning eight games and having a .500 record, the Pointers have led a total of 268 of a possible 1,155 minutes this season (23.2 percent of total minutes). They have rallied to outscore opponents 32-19 in the third period of games this season.
- * - St. Norbert's two shorthanded goals marked the first time the Pointers have allowed two shorthanded scores in the same game since Nov. 4, 2000 against UW-Eau Claire. The Blugolds' second goal came on an empty net with one second left in the game.
- * - The Pointers scored a pair of power play goals over the weekend and still rank sixth nationally on the power play at 25.0 percent (27-for-108). UW-Stevens Point has scored a power play goal in 15 of its 19 games. Saturday's game features two of the nation's top units as St. Norbert ranks second at 26.2 percent (39-for-149).
- * - The Pointers' combined special teams ranks sixth in Division III, scoring on or killing off 55.9 percent of special situations.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has been strong at home this year with a 6-1-2 record, compared to a 2-7-1 record on the road. Oddly, last year was just the opposite as the Pointers were 9-6 on the road and 4-5-3 at Willett Arena.
- * - The Pointers committed a season-low two penalties in the loss to Lake Forest on Saturday. The Foresters' three penalties were a season-low for an opponent.
- * - In eight league games, UW-Stevens Point and St. Norbert share the league lead with 37 goals scored. The Pointers also lead the NCHA with 15 power play goals and a 34.1 power play percentage.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior forward **Mike Broksma** (Appleton, WI) is the league's leading scorer in NCHA games. Broksma has scored 17 of his team-high 27 points in the team's eight conference contests. However, he was held scoreless last weekend, snapping a 14-game scoring streak.
- * - Senior forward **David Lee** (Stevens Point, WI) played in his 83rd and final game with the Pointers on Saturday. Lee used up his 10 semesters of playing eligibility through the fall semester.
- * - Freshman forward **Tom Vernelli** (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) has nine points in the seven games since the holiday break. He had a total of five points in the 12 games before the break.

Scouting the Opponents

St. Norbert extended its unbeaten streak to 16 games with wins over UW-Stevens Point 7-2 and UW-Eau Claire 5-2 last weekend. The Green Knights outshot the Blugolds 44-9, including 21-1 in the second period, though the one shot resulted in a goal.

Jason Deitsch has led the NCHA in scoring the past two years and has a team-best nine goals and 20 assists for 29 points. Jon Schultz leads Division III with five game-winning goals this season. Freshman goalie Kyle Jones ranks sixth nationally with a 1.93 goals against average and has a national-best winning percentage with a 9-0 record.

Lake Forest snapped its seven-game losing streak with a 4-2 win over UW-Eau Claire and then followed with a 3-2 win over UW-Stevens Point last weekend. The Foresters' seven goals came following a stretch that saw them score 11 goals over the previous six games.

Tyler Canal scored two goals in the win over UW-Eau Claire and assisted the game-winner against the Pointers. He shares the team lead with 10 goals and 12 assists for 22 points. Robin Charest also has 22 points with nine goals and 13 assists.

Joel Cameron has a 3.18 goals against average and Cody Brown has a 3.38 goals against average while splitting time.

Series History

St. Norbert holds a 24-18-5 advantage in the all-time series and is 7-0-1 over the last seven meetings, including its 7-2 win last weekend. The Green Knights hold a 23-16-4 series lead since becoming a varsity program in 1987.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Lake Forest 44-25-2 and is 21-5-1 in the past 27 meetings. The home team is undefeated in the last seven games of the series as the teams split their regular season series the past two years and UW-Stevens Point had a win and tie in an NCHA quarterfinal series in 2002-03.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Jan. 24, 2005

Rank, Team	Record	Pts.	Last
1. UW-Superior (11)	14-0-5	220	2
2. St. Norbert, Wis. (3)	15-2-2	199	3
3. St. John's, Minn. (1)	16-0-1	196	4
4. Manhattanville, N.Y.	14-1-0	182	1
5. Middlebury, Vt.	11-3-1	158	5
6. Norwich, Vt.	11-2-3	154	7
7. Fredonia State, N.Y.	13-1-3	140	6
8. Oswego State, N.Y.	13-3-3	104	10
9. UW-River Falls	12-5-2	93	9
10. Trinity, Conn.	12-2-0	88	8
11. Hobart, N.Y.	10-2-4	76	14
12. Bowdoin, Maine	10-2-2	57	11
13. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	9-5-1	54	12
14. St. Thomas, Minn.	10-3-4	38	15
15. Colby, Maine	10-3-1	21	13

Others Receiving Votes: Babson 6, Utica 6, Plattsburgh State 5, Curry 2, Bethel 1.