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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 3-2 overall, 0-0 NCHA

Breakdown: 2-1 home, 1-1 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	7:30 PM
Nov. 20	Augsburg	7:30 PM
Nov. 24	at St. Thomas	7:00 PM
Dec. 3	UW-Stout*	7:30 PM
Dec. 4	UW-River Falls*	7:30 PM
Dec. 10	UW-Eau Claire*	7:30 PM
Dec. 11	at UW-Eau Claire*	7:00 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 (3-2 overall)

vs. Concordia College-Moorhead (0-4)

Fri., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. Augsburg College (2-1-1)

Sat., Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers continue their series of games against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents with home games against Concordia-Moorhead and Augsburg. UW-Stevens Point has split games the past two weekends against MIAC teams.

Radio:

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

Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 237-132-29 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 - Nov. 15

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
River Falls	0	0	0	4	0	2
Superior	0	0	0	3	0	1
Stout	0	0	0	4	1	1
St. Norbert	0	0	0	4	2	0
Stevens Point	0	0	0	3	2	0
Lake Forest	0	0	0	3	2	0
St. Scholastica	0	0	0	3	2	1
Eau Claire	0	0	0	3	3	0

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Nov. 19

St. Olaf at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.
St. Mary's at Superior, 7:05 p.m.
Bethel at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
Augsburg at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
St. Thomas at St. Scholastica, 7:05 p.m.
Hamline at Stout, 7:30 p.m.
C.-Moorhead at Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
Gus. Adolphus at Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20

St. Mary's at St. Scholastica, 2 p.m.
St. Olaf at Lake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
Gus. Adolphus at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.
Stout at Bethel, 7 p.m.
Con.-Moorhead at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
Hamline at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
St. Thomas at Superior, 7:05 p.m.
Augsburg at Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.

Pointer Update:

The Pointers posted a 5-3 win over Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday night after suffering a 5-3 loss at St. Olaf on Friday.

Dan Francis scored a pair of third period goals, including the game-winner midway through the third period in Saturday's win. The Pointers jumped out to a 2-0 lead with first period goals by Nate Sorenson and Nick Zebro. The Gusties tied the game with two second period goals before Francis broke the deadlock with a score in the first minute of the third period. After Gustavus Adolphus again tied the game with 13 minutes left, Francis scored again to put the Pointers ahead.

Mark Peters added a power play goal for the final scoring with under three minutes remaining. Jim Redpath picked up the victory in goal with 20 saves.

On Friday, the Pointers were unable to rally from an early three-goal deficit in the loss to St. Olaf. Brett Coburn and Nick Molski scored goals to pull the Pointers within 3-2 in the second period, but the Oles added two more goals before Francis scored a power play goal with five minutes left.

Team Notes:

- * - The Pointers have shown outstanding balance on offense so far this season with 16 different players recording points and 11 different players scoring the team's 15 goals. The team's seven power play goals have been scored by seven different players.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has dominated teams in the third period this year, outscoring its foes 7-3 while owning a 54-29 advantage in shots.
- * - The Pointers evened the all-time series with Gustavus Adolphus after the win on Saturday and could do the same with Augsburg this weekend. That would leave Bethel and Middlebury as the only non-conference Division III opponents with winning records against UW-Stevens Point.
- * - The NCHA was a combined 11-4-1 against the MIAC last weekend and is now 20-9-3 after the first two weekends of the inter-league schedule.
- * - UW-Stevens Point extended its streak to 45 straight victories when scoring five goals or more. The last loss was an 8-5 defeat to St. Thomas in 1999-2000.

Individual Notes:

- * - Junior forward **Dan Francis** (Roseville, MI) entered last weekend with no points over the first three games, but had a big series with two goals and an assist in the third period against Gustavus Adolphus and a third period goal against St. Olaf.
- * - Freshman goaltender **Jim Redpath** (Mahtomedi, MN) had a solid outing on Saturday with 20 saves against Gustavus Adolphus. He also had nine saves in the third period against St. Olaf and now has a .901 save percentage and 2.33 goals against average.
- * - Freshman defenseman **Nate Sorenson** (Tomah, WI) recorded his first career goal on Saturday, scoring just 26 seconds into the game to spark the win at Gustavus Adolphus. It was the first time in five games that the Pointers have scored first.
- * - Junior forward **Mark Peters** (Arlington Heights, IL) had his third career multi-point game on Saturday, assisting the game-winning goal and adding a late goal in the third period.
- * - Senior forward **Mike Broksma** (Appleton, WI) had assists in both games over the weekend and now has 91 career points to move into 21st on the school's all-time scoring list.

Scouting the Opponents

Concordia-Moorhead opened the season with four straight losses to NCHA opponents. The Cobbers have lost seven games overall, dating to last season and have primarily struggled defensively. In the four games this year, they have surrendered six goals per game.

Matt Hansen is the team's leading scorer with four goals and one assist. Nate Ronning has a goal and three assists. The Cobbers are currently ranked fourth in the country on the power play, having scored on seven of their 25 opportunities. Concordia-Moorhead has started three different goalies in its four games.

Augsburg opened the season with a 3-3 tie against UW-River Falls and suffered losses to UW-Stout and UW-Superior before bouncing back to beat St. Scholastica 5-4 on Saturday behind a pair of shorthanded goals.

The Auggies nearly matched their offensive output from the first three games on Saturday, having scored a total of 11 goals this season. They have particularly struggled on the power play with three goals in 31 chances.

Aaron Johnson is the team's leading scorer with two goals and two assists. Tony Ciro has played every minute in goal with a 4.41 goals against average and .866 save percentage.

Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series over Concordia-Moorhead 4-2, including an 8-4 win last year. The Cobbers had won one-goal games the previous two seasons after the Pointers won the first three meetings in the series. Adam Kostichka had two goals and an assist and Ryan Kirchhoff had three assists in last year's win.

Augsburg leads the all-time series against the Pointers 3-2-1 after the Pointers won last year's game 5-1 in Minneapolis for their first victory over the Auggies since the first-ever meeting in 1986-87. Augsburg's last visit to Willett Arena was a 6-4 Auggies win in 1999-2000.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Nov. 15

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (14)	0-0-0	224	1
2. UW-River Falls (1)	4-0-2	190	4
3. Norwich, Vt.	0-0-0	183	2
4. St. Norbert, Wis.	4-2-0	146	7
5. St. Thomas, Minn.	2-1-1	136	3
6. Manhattanville, N.Y.	3-0-0	135	11
7. Curry, Mass.	1-0-0	134	10
8. St. John's, Minn.	0-0-0	115	8
9. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	3-2-0	113	5
10. UW-Superior	3-0-1	104	12
11. Oswego State, N.Y.	5-1-2	103	6
12. Fredonia State, N.Y.	6-1-1	56	-
13. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	3-2-0	36	9
14. New England College, N.H.	0-0-0	29	14
15. Hobart, N.Y.	2-1-2	22	15

Others Receiving Votes: Trinity, Conn. 20, St. Olaf 18, UW-Stout 15, Lake Forest 6, Babson 5, St. Mary's 4, Bethel 2, Elmira 2, Wentworth 2.