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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 1-0 overall, 0-0 NCHA

Current Streak: 1-game winning streak

Oct. 29	UW-Eau Claire	W 3-1
Nov. 5	Hamline	7:30 PM
Nov. 6	Bethel	5:30 PM
Nov. 12	at St. Olaf	8:00 PM
Nov. 13	at Gustavus Adolphus	7:00 PM
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 (1-0 overall)

vs. Hamline University (0-0)

Fri., Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. Bethel College (0-0)

Sat., Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers opened the season with a 3-1 non-NCHA victory over UW-Eau Claire last week and continue their non-conference slate with home games against two Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference squads that open their seasons this weekend.

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 235-130-29 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. 1

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

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Nov. 5

St. Norbert at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.
Lake Forest at St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m.
St. Scholastica at Gust. Adolphus, 7 p.m.
Bethel at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
Hamline at Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
Con.-Moorhead at Stout, 7:30 p.m.
Superior at St. Olaf, 8 p.m.
River Falls at Augsburg, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

St. Scholastica at St. Olaf, 2 p.m.
Bethel at Stevens Point, 5:30 p.m.
Stout at Augsburg, 7 p.m.
Lake Forest at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.
Superior at Gust. Adolphus, 7:05 p.m.
Con.-Moorhead at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.
Hamline at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
St. Norbert at St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m.

Pointer Update:

The Pointers opened the year with a 3-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire last weekend, rallying from an early deficit with goals in each period..

UW-Stevens Point trailed 1-0 early in the game before Anthony Forgione tied the game with a goal at the 5:36 mark of the opening period. James Jernberg put the Pointers ahead with a power play goal midway through the second period and Brett Coburn scored with 8:04 left in the third period to finish the scoring.

Freshman Bryn Davies made 19 saves in goal for the Pointers. The victory did not count in the NCHA standings.

Team Notes:

- * - With last week's victory, UW-Stevens Point is now 13-4 in season openers since the 1988-89 season.
- * - UW-Stevens Point had plenty of success against the MIAC last year, posting a 5-1-1 record and outscoring teams 34-17. The only loss was a 4-3 setback to Gustavus Adolphus. They outscored the seven opponents 11-4 in the first period.
- * - The Pointers are opening the season with three straight home games for the first time since the 1995-96 season when they played their first six at home and won the first three. That season was also the last time UW-Stevens Point opened the year 3-0.
- * - Hamline coach Chris Brown was 0-3 against the Pointers in four seasons at Marian. The Pointers beat Brown's Marian team once in 2002-03 and twice in 2001-02.
- * - The Pointers received the second-most votes of any team not in this week's NCAA Division III top 15 rankings with 16 votes. They lost two votes in this week's poll despite their win last week.
- * - After holding a 18-17 edge in shots through two periods, the Pointers outshot UW-Eau Claire 10-3 in the third period of last week's victory despite the fact that the Blugolds had four power plays in the period.

Individual Notes:

- * - Senior defenseman **Derrick Johnson** (Hayward, WI) scored all four of his points last year against MIAC opponents. He had a goal and an assist against Concordia-Moorhead and assists against Gustavus Adolphus and Augsburg.
- * - Junior defenseman **James Jernberg** (St. Cloud, MN) has been a key component of the Pointers' last two victories. He had the game-winning goal with his second career power play goal in the second period last week to break a 1-1 tie and also scored both third period goals in last year's 6-4 win in the NCHA playoffs at UW-Superior.
- * - Sophomore forward **Brett Coburn** (Addison, IL) carried over his hot play from the end of last season with a goal in last week's win over UW-Eau Claire. He now has points in six of the Pointers' last nine games.
- * - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) scored both of his shorthanded goals last season in the weekend series against Hamline and Bethel.
- * - Freshman forward **Anthony Forgione** (Hingham, MA) had a successful debut for the Pointers, scoring the team's first goal and assisting the second. He scored 40 points last year for Wichita Falls of the North American Hockey League.
- * - Freshman goaltender **Bryn Davies** (Newmarket, Ont.) allowed a goal on the second shot he saw last week, coming on a power play just 2:56 into the game, but was perfect the rest of the way. Davies stopped 19 shots in his collegiate debut. He had a .925 save percentage for Wexford of the Ontario Provincial League last year.

Scouting the Opponents

Hamline is playing its first game under new head coach Chris Brown, who coached Marian the past four seasons. The Pipers struggled to a 3-22 overall record and 1-15 mark in the MIAC, but had just two seniors on that squad. They opened the year 0-19, but won three of their last six games.

Returning for Hamline are leading scorers Eric Weum, who had 19 points, and Ryan Manke, who had eight goals and 18 points a year ago. The Pipers also return both of their goalies, who posted nearly identical numbers last year. John Harstad had a 4.55 goals against average and .885 save percentage, while Tom Lovett had a 4.56 goals against average and .875 save percentage.

Bethel was 6-17-1 last season and won all six of its games in three weekend sweeps over Hamline, Finlandia and Concordia-Moorhead. The Royals open the season at UW-Eau Claire on Friday.

Bethel's top returner is sophomore goalie Dustin Thompson, who posted a 3.44 goals against average and .907 save percentage last year, including 40 saves in a 1-1 tie with UW-River Falls. Kris Birch is the top returning scorer after posting 21 points a year ago. Jon Kramer had 10 goals, including five on the power play.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point is 6-0 all-time against Hamline and hasn't played the Pipers at Willett Arena since a sweep by 11-3 and 7-1 scores in 1996-97. The Pointers beat Hamline 3-2 last season on a goal by Dan Francis with 4:45 left in the third period.

Bethel is one of the few non-conference opponents to own a winning record against the Pointers, boasting a 5-3-1 advantage in the series. However, all five of the Royals' victories and the tie came from 1982-86. The Pointers have won the only three meetings since, including a 7-2 win last year and a 14-4 home victory in 1999-2000.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Nov. 1

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (9)	0-0-0	219	2
2. St. Norbert, Wis. (4)	1-1-0	201	1
3. Norwich, Vt. (1)	0-0-0	197	3
4. UW-River Falls (1)	2-0-0	159	6
tie Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	1-0-0	159	4
6. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	1-1-0	155	7
7. St. John's, Minn.	0-0-0	140	5
8. Curry, Mass.	0-0-0	99	8
9. Oswego State, N.Y.	2-0-2	88	9
10. St. Thomas, Minn.	0-0-0	75	11
11. UW-Superior	0-0-0	64	10
12. Hobart, N.Y.	1-0-1	53	12
13. Lake Forest, Ill.	1-0-0	46	13
14. Manhattanville, N.Y.	0-0-0	45	NR
15. New England College, N.H.	0-0-0	28	14

Others Receiving Votes: Trinity 18, **UW-Stevens Point** 16, Geneseo 11, Wentworth 9, Elmira 8, Bowdoin, St. Marys 2, Babson 1, Gustavus Adolphus 1.