



# 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:** 4-2-1 overall, 0-0 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 3-1-1 home, 1-1 away

**Current Streak:** 3-game unbeaten 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
Nov. 20	Augsburg	W	4-2
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 (4-2-1 overall)

vs. #5 University of St. Thomas (2-1-3)

Wed., Nov. 23, 7 p.m. - St. Thomas Arena - Mendota Heights, Minn.

### Pointers This Week:

The Pointers bring a three-game unbeaten streak into their final tune up before the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association season begins. Wednesday's game at fifth-ranked St. Thomas concludes a streak of seven straight games against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents.

### Radio:

The game 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 238-132-30 career record in his 14th season. Saturday's win over Augsburg came in the 400th game of Baldarotta's coaching career. 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. 22

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Superior	0	0	0	4	0	2
River Falls	0	0	0	5	1	2
St. Norbert	0	0	0	6	2	0
Stout	0	0	0	5	2	1
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Eau Claire	0	0	0	5	3	0
Lake Forest	0	0	0	3	3	1
St. Scholastica	0	0	0	3	3	2

### This Week in the NCHA

#### Tuesday, Nov. 23

Stout at St. John's, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 24

Stevens Point at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, Nov. 26

Marian at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.

Eau Claire at Finlandia, 6 p.m.

#### Saturday, Nov. 27

Eau Claire at Finlandia, 1 p.m.

MSOE at Stout, 7:30 p.m.

Superior at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

Lake Forest at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, Nov. 28

Lawrence at Stout, 4 p.m.

Marian at Lake Forest, 2 p.m.

## Pointer Update:

The Pointers rallied twice over the weekend to pick up a win and a tie. UW-Stevens Point trailed entering the third period in both games, but battled back to tie Concordia-Moorhead 4-4 on Friday and defeat Augsburg 4-2 on Saturday.

Nick Zebro had a shorthanded goal in the first period on Friday, but the Pointers trailed 3-1 late in the second period until a power play goal by Brett Coburn made it 3-2. Nick Laird tied the game midway through the third period and James Jernberg gave the Pointers a 4-3 lead with 1:16 left, however, Concordia pulled the goalie and tied the game with 32 seconds left.

Mike Brolsma had a pair of shorthanded goals in the third period on Saturday as the Pointers rallied from a 2-1 deficit. After Brolsma tied the game, Adam Kostichka put the Pointers ahead 3-2 with a power play goal midway through the period. Brent Halverson had the Pointers' first goal of the game.

## Team Notes:

- \* - The Pointers' 23 goals this season have been scored by 15 different players.
- \* - With its two comebacks last weekend, the Pointers continued their outstanding third period play, having outscored teams 11-5 and outshot opponents 78-43. Concordia-Moorhead's tying goal with 32 seconds left on Friday was the first time the Pointers have allowed a goal in the final nine minutes of a game this year.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point nearly had two wins when trailing after two periods last weekend. The Pointers won once in 12 of those situations all of last year, posting a 2-1 win over St. Scholastica that saw a 1-0 deficit at the end of the second period.
- \* - The Pointers have led entering the third period just once in seven games, coming when they held a 2-1 lead over UW-Eau Claire in a 3-1 season-opening win. UW-Stevens Point is 23-0-2 in its last 25 games when leading after two periods.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point has scored first once in the first seven games, having scored 26 seconds into the game against Gustavus Adolphus.
- \* - The Pointers already have four shorthanded goals after tallying five all of last season. They have also held opponents to just 14.3 percent (seven-for-49) on the power play.
- \* - After averaging 11 penalties over the first five games, the Pointers had a total of 13 penalties in the two games last weekend.

## Individual Notes:

- \* - Senior forward **Mike Brolsma** (Appleton, WI) matched his career total for shorthanded goals with two in the third period of Saturday's win over Augsburg. Brolsma had two shorthanders in his first 92 games with the Pointers.
- \* - Freshman forward **Nick Laird** (Appleton, WI) picked a perfect time for his first career point with the Pointers, scoring a goal with 10:04 left to tie Friday's game with Concordia-Moorhead at 3-3.
- \* - Junior defenseman **James Jernberg** (St. Cloud, MN) gave the Pointers a 4-3 lead in the third period on Friday with a power play goal. It was Jernberg's second power play goal of the season after having one during his first two seasons.
- \* - Freshman forward **Nick Zebro** (Mosinee, WI) had his first career shorthanded score in Friday's game with Concordia-Moorhead.
- \* - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) got off to a slow start with one point over the first five games, but broke out this weekend with four points, including the game-winning goal in Saturday's win over Augsburg.

## Scouting the Opponents

St. Thomas played to a pair of ties over the weekend against St. Scholastica and UW-Superior to bring a 2-1-3 record into the weekend. The Tommies opened the year by sweeping St. Norbert and Lake Forest and then tied UW-River Falls. St. Thomas suffered its only loss 5-4 to UW-Stout, but bounced back for a 2-2 tie with St. Scholastica and a 4-4 draw with UW-Superior.

The Tommies had to score the game-tying goals in both games over the weekend as Dan Krmpotich scored with 9:19 left against St. Scholastica and Brandon Wilcox scored an extra attacker goal with 55 seconds left to force overtime against UW-Superior. Ryan Hoehn scored with 3:51 left to tie their game with UW-River Falls the previous week.

Wilcox is the team's leading scorer with five goals and five assists for 10 points. Dustan Lick has four goals - all on the power play - with five assists for nine points. Lick was a first-team All-American forward last season. The Tommies have scored 11 of their 24 goals this season with a man advantage.

Zach Sikich has a 3.31 goals against average and .890 save percentage. He stopped 25 of 26 shots against the Pointers last season.

## Series History

The Pointers and Tommies have had a good rivalry in recent years and the all-time series is even at 5-5-2. Since a 9-5 win by the Tommies in UW-Stevens Point's first varsity season in 1981, the past 11 meetings have all been decided by three goals or less.

The teams tied 1-1 last year in Stevens Point after St. Thomas had won the past two matchups, including a 4-1 win at Willett Arena in 2002-03. The Pointers last played in St. Paul in 2001-02, suffering a 5-4 loss after posting a 4-2 win in 2000-01. The teams are meeting for the seventh straight year.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Nov. 22

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (15)	2-0-0	225	1
2. Norwich, Vt.	2-0-0	189	3
3. St. Norbert, Wis.	6-2-0	187	4
4. Manhattanville, N.Y.	5-0-0	170	6
5. UW-River Falls	5-1-2	155	2
6. Curry, Mass.	2-0-0	139	7
7. St. John's, Minn.	2-0-0	132	8
8. St. Thomas, Minn.	2-1-3	115	5
9. UW-Superior	4-0-2	106	10
10. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	3-2-0	101	9
11. Fredonia State, N.Y.	7-1-1	79	12
12. Oswego State, N.Y.	6-1-2	78	11
13. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	4-2-0	39	13
14. Trinity, Conn.	2-0-0	31	-
15. Hobart, N.Y.	4-1-2	23	15

**Others Receiving Votes:** Bethel 13, St. Olaf 6, UW-Stout 4, Wentworth 3, Babson 2, Bowdoin 2, Lake Forest 1.