



# 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:** 4-3-1 overall, 0-0 NCHA

**Breakdown:** 3-1-1 home, 1-2 away

**Current Streak:** 1-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*		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 (4-3-1 overall)

#### vs. UW-Stout (7-3-1)

**Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.**

#### vs. #5 UW-River Falls (5-1-2)

**Sat., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.**

### Pointers This Week:

The Pointers open Northern Collegiate Hockey Association play this weekend with a pair of home games against UW-Stout and UW-River Falls. The Pointers play four NCHA games before the holiday break and then have three more non-conference games before completing the season with 10 straight league games. UW-Stevens Point wrapped up a seven-game stretch against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes with a 4-2 loss to St. Thomas last week.

### 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 238-133-30 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. 29

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Superior	0	0	0	5	0	2
St. Norbert	0	0	0	7	2	1
River Falls	0	0	0	5	1	2
Eau Claire	0	0	0	7	3	0
Stout	0	0	0	7	3	1
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Lake Forest	0	0	0	4	4	1
St. Scholastica	0	0	0	3	3	2

### This Week in the NCHA

#### Friday, Dec. 3

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

#### Saturday, Dec. 4

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

## Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point wrapped up a seven-game stretch against Minnesota non-conference opponents last week in a 4-2 loss at St. Thomas on Wednesday. The Tommies jumped on the Pointers with two first period goals, but UW-Stevens Point came back on a goal by Adam Kostichka in the second period. Kostichka then assisted a goal by Nick Zebro later in the period to tie the game. However, St. Thomas scored with 59 seconds left in the second period and then added an empty net goal with 15 seconds left in the game.

The eighth-ranked Tommies held a 26-23 advantage in shots as Jim Redpath stopped 22 shots in net for the Pointers.

## Team Notes:

\* - The Pointers' 25 goals this season have been scored by 15 different players. Eight different players have scored the team's 11 power play goals.

\* - The Pointers have had solid special teams over the past four games, holding teams to two-for-21 on the power play (9.5 percent) and scoring on six of 21 power play chances (28.6 percent). The Pointers have scored on the power play in five straight games and seven of their eight contests. Of the team's 25 goals, 15 have come in special teams situations.

\* - UW-Stevens Point has held seven of its eight opponents under 30 shots on goal. Only St. Olaf managed more than 30 shots, getting 34 in its win over the Pointers.

\* - After averaging 11 penalties over the first five games, the Pointers have averaged 5.3 penalties over the past three contests.

\* - Six of the Pointers' eight games have been decided by two-goal margins. The St. Thomas game was the first to include an empty net goal.

\* - St. Thomas scored goals in the final minute of each period last week as the Pointers have now surrendered five last-minute goals this season. They only allowed six such goals all of last season. The Pointers have not scored in the final minute of a period this year.

\* - The Pointers have led entering the third period just once in eight games, coming when they held a 2-1 lead over UW-Eau Claire in a 3-1 season-opening win. They have trailed five times and been tied twice after two periods. 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 eight games, having scored 26 seconds into the game against Gustavus Adolphus. Dating to last season, the Pointers have fallen behind in 13 of their last 14 games.

## Individual Notes:

\* - Senior forward **Adam Kostichka** (Stevens Point, WI) has now scored in four straight games and taken over the team's scoring lead with seven points this year. Kostichka led the team in scoring the past two seasons and did not score in the team's first four games.

\* - Sophomore forward **Nick Zebro** (Mosinee, WI) also has a four-game scoring streak after being held scoreless over the team's first four contests.

\* - Freshman forward **Anthony Forgione** (Hingham, MA) returned to the lineup on Wednesday after missing the previous four games due to injury.

\* - Junior forward **Brent Halverson** (Cloquet, MN) has points in the past two games for the Pointers. He is the only player on the team without a penalty this year after committing 14 penalties in 16 games last season.

## Scouting the Opponents

UW-Stout won both games in its Thanksgiving tournament over the weekend, beating MSOE 7-2 and Lawrence 8-2. Seven different players scored against MSOE, while Justin Huth and Scott Holtz each had two goals in the win over Lawrence.

Huth leads a balanced offensive attack with seven goals and seven assists for 14 points, including five power play goals. The Blue Devils have had 17 different players score goals and 20 players record a point. They rank fourth in the nation with a 27.0 power play percentage and rank third nationally in fewest penalties with just 14.4 minutes per game.

UW-River Falls opened the year with six-game unbeaten streak before suffering its only loss to Bethel. The Falcons bounced back to beat Hamline the following night. Goalie Dan Meneghin leads the nation with a .963 save percentage and ranks third nationally with a 1.25 goals against average. Andy Scanlon is 13th in the country with a 2.17 goals against average.

Garrett Larson, a senior transfer from St. Cloud State, leads the team with seven goals and six assists for 13 points. Defenseman Marc-Andre Lalande was an All-NCHA selection last season and has two goals and seven assists.

## Series History

UW-Stevens Point owns the all-time series lead over UW-Stout 16-7-1, holding a 15-2-1 record in the last 18 meetings. The Blue Devils won 3-2 last year in Menomonie and the teams tied 3-3 in Stevens Point.

UW-River Falls leads the all-time series with UW-Stevens Point 43-36-5, winning two of three meetings last year, including a 4-1 win in the NCHA semifinals and an 8-1 win at Willett Arena. The Pointers beat the Falcons 5-3 in River Falls. The teams have played in the postseason three straight years and six of the past seven seasons.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Nov. 29

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (11)	3-0-1	220	1
2. Norwich, Vt. (3)	3-0-1	206	2
3. Manhattanville, N.Y. (1)	6-0-0	190	4
4. St. Norbert, Wis.	7-2-1	170	3
<b>5. UW-River Falls</b>	<b>5-1-2</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>5</b>
6. St. John's, Minn.	5-0-0	144	7
7. UW-Superior	5-0-2	131	9
8. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	5-2-0	117	10
9. Curry, Mass.	3-1-0	111	6
10. Oswego State, N.Y.	8-1-2	92	12
11. Fredonia State, N.Y.	7-1-1	82	11
12. St. Thomas, Minn.	3-2-3	71	8
13. Trinity, Conn.	4-0-0	38	14
14. Hobart, N.Y.	4-1-3	24	15
15. Bethel, Minn.	5-2-0	15	NR

**Others Receiving Votes:** Bowdoin 12, UW-Stout 11, Colby 3, Plattsburgh State 3, St. Olaf 3, Babson 1, Geneseo State 1.