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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2004-05 Pointer Schedule/Results

2004-05 Record: 2-1 overall, 0-0 NCHA

Breakdown: 2-1 home, 0-0 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	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 (2-1 overall)

vs. St. Olaf College (1-0-1)

Fri., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. - Northfield Ice Arena - Northfield, Minn.

vs. Gustavus Adolphus College (0-2)

Sat., Nov. 13, 7:05 p.m. - Don Roberts Ice Arena - St. Peter, Minn.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers hit the road for the first time this season and continue a stretch of seven straight games against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes with games at St. Olaf and Gustavus Adolphus. UW-Stevens Point is coming off a weekend split with a win over Hamline and loss to Bethel.

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 236-131-29 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. 8

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

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Nov. 12

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

Saturday, Nov. 13

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

Pointer Update:

The Pointers split a pair of games over the weekend in the start of a string of seven straight games against MIAC opponents. UW-Stevens Point beat Hamline 4-2 on Friday and lost to Bethel 4-0 on Saturday.

Freshman Tom Vernelli scored two goals and added an assist in Friday's win. He broke a 1-1 tie midway through the second period and then snapped a 2-2 deadlock with eight minutes left in the third period before assisting a late goal by Ryan Kirchhoff. Colin Trulock scored a shorthanded goal for the Pointers' first score of the game. Jim Redpath had 25 saves for the victory in goal.

On Saturday, the Pointers fired 21 shots in the first period and 34 for the game, but were unable to rally from a 3-0 first period deficit in the loss to Bethel. UW-Stevens Point had nine power play chances and could not avoid its first loss to the Royals since 1985.

Team Notes:

- * - The NCHA opened up its interlocking schedule with the MIAC with a 9-5-2 record last weekend after a 13-1-2 mark on the opening weekend last season.
- * - Gustavus Adolphus was the only MIAC team to beat the Pointers last season as UW-Stevens Point posted a 5-1-1 mark against the rival league.
- * - The Pointers have shown outstanding balance on offense so far this season with 12 different players recording points and six different players scoring the team's seven goals.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has outshot all three opponents this year and fired 21 shots on goal in the first period against Bethel. The Pointers have allowed just 14 third period shot attempts in three games.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has held teams to just two-for-23 on power plays this season.
- * - Opponents have scored the game's first goal in all three of the Pointers' games this year. UW-Stevens Point has been outscored 5-1 in the first period, but has outscored foes 6-2 in the final two periods. The Pointers had a similar start last year as they fell behind in three of their first four games, but then scored first in eight straight games.
- * - The Pointers have struggled in their first away game of the season, dropping six of their last seven road openers. The lone win was a 2-1 overtime win at UW-Stout in 2001-02.
- * - UW-Stevens Point's shutout loss to Bethel on Saturday marked only the second time in school history the Pointers have been blanked by a non-NCHA opponent. The only other time it happened was an 8-0 setback at St. John's in 1982-83. The Pointers beat the Johnnies 7-2 the following night for their only win of that season.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman defenseman **Colin Trulock** (Champaign, IL) became the first Pointer blueliner to score a shorthanded goal since Josh Strassman on Nov. 30, 2001 in a 10-0 win at St. Scholastica.
- * - Senior forward **Mike Broksma** (Appleton, WI) had an assist in Friday's game to move into 22nd place on the school's all-time scoring list with 89 career points.
- * - Freshman goaltender **Jim Redpath** (Mahtomedi, MN) made 25 saves to earn the victory in his collegiate debut against Hamline. He also stopped 10 shots and allowed just one goal in a 40-minute relief appearance against Bethel.
- * - Senior forward **Ryan Kirchhoff** (Fairway, KS) had a goal and an assist against Hamline as the Pointers improved to 36-9-3 in his career when he scores a point.

Scouting the Opponents

St. Olaf opened the season with a strong start last weekend by tying UW-Superior 3-3 on Friday and then blanking St. Scholastica 6-0 on Saturday.

Teddy Bickel scored two goals less than two minutes apart in the final 12 minutes to lead the Oles back for the tie against UW-Superior. He was also one of six players to score goals in the win over St. Scholastica. Patrick Gilles had four assists for the weekend, including three in Saturday's win. Five of the Oles' nine goals came on the power play.

Dan Kahler made 35 saves in the Oles' tie and Jeff Wilde stopped all 39 shots in posting St. Olaf's shutout.

Gustavus Adolphus opened its season by losing to St. Scholastica 3-2 and UW-Superior 5-2. The Gusties have been traditionally slow starters, opening 2-5 last year and 0-9 the previous year.

Adam Meyer provided most of the team's offense last week with two goals and two assists, scoring both of his goals on the power play. Steve Dusich added a shorthanded goal for the Gusties.

Brett Sawyer made 26 saves against St. Scholastica and Erik Kraska stopped 23 UW-Superior shots.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over St. Olaf 6-2. The Pointers jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second period of last year's meeting and cruised to a 6-3 victory. UW-Stevens Point also opened up a 2-0 first period lead in its last trip to Northfield in 2002, but the Oles came back to post a 3-2 triumph.

Gustavus Adolphus leads the all-time series 2-1 as the teams had never met until 2001-02, but are now playing for fourth straight year. The Pointers won the first meeting 1-0 at Willett Arena before the Gusties won 6-1 in 2002 in St. Peter and 4-3 last year in Stevens Point.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Nov. 1

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (12)	0-0-0	222	1
2. Norwich, Vt. (1)	0-0-0	204	3
3. St. Thomas, Minn. (2)	2-0-0	174	10
4. UW-River Falls	3-0-1	159	4
5. Rochester Inst. of Tech., N.Y.	3-1-0	156	6
6. Oswego State, N.Y.	4-0-2	146	9
7. St. Norbert, Wis.	2-2-0	141	2
8. St. John's, Minn.	0-0-0	119	7
9. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	2-1-0	102	4
10. Curry, Mass.	0-0-0	89	8
11. Manhattanville, N.Y.	2-0-0	76	14
12. UW-Superior	1-0-1	57	11
13. Lake Forest, Ill.	2-1-0	34	13
14. New England College, N.H.	0-0-0	30	15
15. Hobart, N.Y.	1-1-1	26	12

Others Receiving Votes: Trinity 20, St. Olaf 8, Wentworth 8, Bowdoin 7, Babson 5, Colby 4, Elmira 4, Fredonia 3, Hamilton 2, **UW-Stevens Point 2**, UW-Stout 2.