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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 6-5, 3-3 NCHA

Current Streak: 2-game winning streak

Oct. 29	UW-Superior (nc)	L 5-3
Nov. 4	at St. Thomas	W 3-2
Nov. 5	St. Mary's	W 10-1
Nov. 11	at Bethel	L 4-3
Nov. 12	at Hamline	W 4-3
Nov. 18	at UW-River Falls	L 3-1
Nov. 19	UW-Stout	L 5-2
Nov. 25	St. Norbert	W 2-1
Nov. 26	Lake Forest	L 8-3
Dec. 2	UW-Superior	W 4-3 ot
Dec. 3	St. Scholastica	W 3-2
Dec. 9	at UW-Eau Claire (nc)	7:05 PM
Jan. 6	at Concordia-Moor.	7:00 PM
Jan. 7	at St. John's	7:00 PM
Jan. 10	Augsburg	7:30 PM
Jan. 13	Gust. Adolphus	7:30 PM
Jan. 14	St. Olaf	3:30 PM
Jan. 20	at UW-Stout	7:30 PM
Jan. 21	UW-River Falls	7:30 PM
Jan. 27	at St. Scholastica	7:05 PM
Jan. 28	at UW-Superior	7:05 PM
Feb. 3	at Lake Forest	7:30 PM
Feb. 4	at St. Norbert	5:00 PM
Feb. 10	at UW-Eau Claire	7:05 PM
Feb. 11	UW-Eau Claire	7:30 PM

Home games in bold at Willett Arena

* - indicates NCHA regular season game

**UW-Stevens Point (6-5 overall, 3-3 NCHA)
vs. UW-Eau Claire (0-9-3 overall, 0-5-1 NCHA)
Fri., Dec. 9, 7:05 p.m. - Hobbs Ice Arena - Eau Claire, Wis.**

Pointers This Week:

Coming off a dramatic weekend with two one-goal victories, UW-Stevens Point plays its final game before the holiday break with a single game at UW-Eau Claire in a contest that does not count in the NCHA standings. The Pointers have won three of their last four games and sit in second place in the NCHA title chase entering the weekend.

Broadcast:

Both games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette providing the play-by-play. The station will have a live webcast as well at:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/ListenToUsLive.html>.

Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 252-147-32 career record in his 15th 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 .500 or better record in 13 of his 14 previous seasons.

Around the NCHA

NCHA Standings - Dec. 4

	Conf.				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
St. Norbert	3	1	2	8	9	2	2
Stout	3	1	0	6	7	5	0
Stevens Point	3	3	0	6	6	5	0
Lake Forest	3	3	0	6	6	7	0
Superior	2	1	1	5	7	3	1
River Falls	2	2	0	4	5	3	2
St. Scholastica	2	2	0	4	6	4	0
Eau Claire	0	5	1	0	0	9	3

This Week in the NCHA

Tuesday, Dec. 6

St. Norbert at Lake Forest, 7:30 (nc)

Friday, Dec. 9

UW-Stevens Pt. at UW-Eau Claire, 7 (nc)

UW-Superior at UW-River Falls, 7:05

St. Scholastica at UW-Stout, 7:30

Saturday, Dec. 10

UW-Stout at UW-Superior, 7:05

St. Scholastica at UW-River Falls, 7:05

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point won two thrilling games over the weekend, scoring four of their seven goals in shorthanded situations. The Pointers defeated UW-Superior 4-3 in overtime on Friday and then edged St. Scholastica 3-2 on Saturday.

In Friday's game, the Pointers scored three shorthanded goals, including the overtime game-winner by Nick Zebro. Sean Fish scored two shorthanded goals and Nate Sorenson tallied a power play goal for the Pointers.

On Saturday, UW-Stevens Point scored the game's first goal late in the second period on a goal by Brett Beckfeld before the Saints tied the game 22 seconds later. Russel Law broke the tie with a shorthanded goal with 7:50 remaining and then Taylor Guay added an insurance goal before the Saints scored with 32 seconds left in the game.

Marcus Paulson played both games in goal, stopping 19 shots on Friday and making 25 saves on Saturday.

Team Notes:

* - UW-Stevens Point's three shorthanded goals in Friday's game marked just the 11th time that's happened in Division III history. It was also just the third time a team has scored three shorthanded goals in a game since 1992. Lebanon Valley (Pa.) accomplished the feat twice in 2002.

* - The Pointers lead the country with seven shorthanded goals for the season. In fact, in 70 opponents' power play opportunities the Pointers have given up only seven power play goals. UW-Stevens Point also ranks seventh nationally on the penalty kill.

* - Friday's overtime win was the Pointers' first extra period win since a 4-3 win over UW-Stout on Jan. 26, 2002. UW-Stevens Point was 0-2-10 in its last 12 overtime games with six straight ties.

* - The Pointers played six ranked opponents among their first 10 games and posted a 3-3 record in those contests. UW-Stevens Point received 11 votes in this week's national rankings.

* - The Pointers are 5-1 this season in one-goal games after winning one tight game all of last season. It marks their best record in such games since a 7-2 record in one-goal games during 1997-98.

* - The 36 penalties whistled in Friday's game with UW-Superior marked the most in a Pointer game since UW-Stevens Point and the Yellowjackets combined for 43 penalties on Jan. 20, 2001.

* - This weekend's game does not count in the NCHA standings.

The Pointers have played NCHA opponents in regular season non-conference games 12 previous times and are 4-7-1 in those games.

Individual Notes:

* - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) was named the NCHA and WIAC Player of the Week after totaling two shorthanded goals and an assist in Friday's victory and assisting a shorthanded goal in Saturday's game. He is the first UW-Stevens Point player to record two shorthanded goals in a game.

* - Freshman forward **Russel Law** (Bay City, MI) enters the weekend riding a five-game scoring streak after totaling two points over the team's first six games of the year.

* - Sophomore defenseman **Nate Sorenson** (Tomah, WI) has points in three straight games and his six points this season already surpasses last season's total of five points. The Pointers are 4-1 this year in games he scores a point.

* - Junior forward **Nick Zebro** (Mosinee, WI) had his second career game-winning goal in Friday's victory and has scored in three straight games after totaling two points over the first eight games.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire is 0-9-3 this season and riding a 25-game winless streak since a 4-2 win over the Pointers on Dec. 11 of last season in Eau Claire. The Blugolds are 0-19-6 over the span since their last win.

UW-Eau Claire lost its most recent outing 2-1 to UW-Superior on Saturday. The game was scoreless until the third period when the Yellowjackets scored goals 33 seconds apart to take a 2-0 lead. UW-Eau Claire had an impressive tie with St. Norbert just two weeks ago, scoring two goals in the final eight minutes to settle for a draw with the Green Knights.

They have allowed a total of seven goals in the last three games after giving up an average of 5.0 goals over the first nine games of the year. The Blugolds have led a total of 34 minutes in their 12 games this season.

The Blugolds' biggest struggles this year have been offensively where they rank 62nd of 66 Division III teams in scoring with 23 goals in 12 games. Steve Dus and Brooks Lockwood share the team lead in scoring with four goals and three assists for seven points apiece.

Steffan Braunlich has a 3.83 goals against average and .891 save percentage and has been an honorable mention All-NCHA selection the past two seasons.

Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series over UW-Eau Claire 52-24-3 and have won eight of the last 10 meetings. UW-Stevens Point took two of the three matchups last year with the home team winning all three games. In fact, the home team has won 12 of the last 14 games in the series.

The teams are playing a non-conference game for the fourth straight year. The home team has won each of the non-league games as the Pointers won 3-1 in last year's season opener at Willett Arena. The Pointers and Blugolds will play an NCHA series on Feb. 10-11 to close the season.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Dec. 5

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (15)	6-0-0	225	1
2. Manhattanville, N.Y.	10-0-0	209	2
3. St. Norbert, Wis.	9-2-2	192	4
4. Oswego State, N.Y.	10-3-0	154	3
5. St. John's, Minn.	6-2-1	147	8
6. Bethel, Minn.	7-1-0	135	7
7. Bowdoin, Maine	5-1-0	123	11
8. Hobart, N.Y.	8-2-0	110	12
9. UW-Superior	7-3-1	99	6
10. Colby, Maine	7-0-0	89	13
11. New England College, N.H.	5-0-0	68	14
12. UW-River Falls	5-3-2	51	5
13. Norwich, Vt.	3-2-1	51	15
14. Geneseo State, N.Y.	8-2-1	39	-
15. Trinity, Conn.	4-2-0	32	9

Others Receiving Votes: St. Thomas 24, Plattsburgh State 12, **UW-Stevens Point 11**, Milw. School of Engineering 11, Utica 11, Babson 4, Gustavus Adolphus 2, UW-Stout 1.