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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 12-9-4, 6-6-2 NCHA

Current Streak: 2-game unbeaten 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)	W 4-1
Jan. 6	at Concordia-Moor.	T 3-3 ot
Jan. 7	at St. John's	L 4-1
Jan. 10	Augsburg	W 4-3
Jan. 13	Gustavus Adolphus	T 4-4 ot
Jan. 14	St. Olaf	W 5-1
Jan. 20	at UW-Stout	W 4-2
Jan. 21	UW-River Falls	L 4-1
Jan. 27	at St. Scholastica	T 3-3 ot
Jan. 28	at UW-Superior	W 4-3
Feb. 3	at Lake Forest	L 3-1
Feb. 4	at St. Norbert	L 6-1
Feb. 10	at UW-Eau Claire	W 4-2
Feb. 11	UW-Eau Claire	T 2-2 ot
Feb. 17	#at Lake Forest	7:30 PM
Feb. 18	#at Lake Forest	7:30 PM

Home games in bold at Willett Arena

* - indicates NCHA regular season game

- indicates NCHA playoff game

NCHA Quarterfinal Playoffs

#5 seed UW-Stevens Point (12-9-4 overall)
vs. #4 seed Lake Forest College (13-12 overall)
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 17-18, 7:30 p.m. - Alumni Rink - Lake Forest, Ill.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers open the NCHA postseason against the same team they faced in last year's quarterfinals. It marks the third time in four years that the Pointers and Foresters have met in the opening round, though the first time they have played at Lake Forest. The series will be a best-of-two games plus a possible mini-game with the winner advancing to the NCHA semifinal round next weekend.

Broadcast:

Both games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette. Internet broadcasts will be available at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/webcast.htm>.

Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 258-151-36 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 - Feb. 13

	Conf.				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts
St. Norbert	10	2	2	22	20	3	2	42
River Falls	9	4	1	19	17	5	3	35
Superior	7	5	2	16	14	9	2	31
Lake Forest	7	7	0	14	13	12	0	26
Stevens Point	6	6	2	14	12	9	4	28
St. Scholastica	6	7	1	13	15	9	1	31
Stout	6	8	0	12	13	12	0	26
Eau Claire	0	12	2	2	2	19	4	4

This Week in the NCHA

Feb. 17-18 - Quarterfinals

- (8) Eau Claire at (1) St. Norbert
- (7) Stout at (2) River Falls
- (6) St. Scholastica at (3) Superior
- (5) Stevens Point at (4) Lake Forest

Feb. 25 - Semifinals

at highest remaining seeds

Mar. 4 - Championship

at highest remaining seed

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point earned a win and a tie against UW-Eau Claire in the final weekend of the regular season to finish in a tie for fourth place in the NCHA standings.

Russel Law rallied the Pointers from a second period deficit with a pair of goals as UW-Stevens Point posted a 4-2 win on Friday. Law scored late in the second period and then with eight minutes left to put the Pointers ahead. Brett Beckfeld added an empty net goal and Shane Foster had the team's first goal. Marcus Paulson made 19 saves in the win.

Law broke a third period tie again on Saturday, but UW-Eau Claire scored with 7:19 left to force a 2-2 tie. Brett Coburn scored the Pointers' first goal 1:32 into the game and Paulson finished with 23 saves in goal.

Team Notes:

- * - Road teams in NCHA quarterfinal games are 7-74-7 and have won three series all-time since the round was added in 1992-93. All three series wins involve the Pointers, who swept UW-Stout in 2001 and split with UW-Superior in 2004 before posting a mini-game win. Lake Forest's sweep at UW-Stevens Point last year is the only other series victory.
- * - Lake Forest is hosting an NCHA playoff series for just the second time. The Foresters beat and tied UW-Stout as a fourth seed in the 2004 quarterfinal round.
- * - The Pointers are 12-4-2 all-time in NCHA quarterfinal games. The only time the Pointers lost a quarterfinal series were last year to Lake Forest and in 1995-96 at UW-Superior when the teams split and the Yellowjackets won a mini-game.
- * - UW-Stevens Point is 10-3 all-time in mini-games and 6-3 in NCHA mini-games. Lake Forest has never played a mini-game.
- * - The Pointers are 7-2 in one-goal games this season. Of the Pointers' 25 games this year, 16 have been tied or one-goal margins during the third period. Lake Forest is 4-8 in one-goal games.
- * - The Pointers have outscored opponents 10-5 in the first period of their 12 wins and been outscored 16-5 in their 13 losses and ties.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has outshot teams in every period this season, including a decisive 285-223 advantage in the third period.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman goaltender **Marcus Paulson** (Eden Prairie, MN) has been impressive in visiting rinks this year with a 2.52 goals against average and .905 save percentage on the road, compared to a 3.07 goals against average and .888 save percentage.
- * - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) finished the year tied with Lake Forest freshman Mike Kneeland as the NCHA's leading scorer in league games. He scored points in 11 of 14 NCHA games and finished with seven goals and 12 assists for 19 points. Overall, Fish has scored 19 of his 25 points in Friday games.
- * - Freshman forward **Russel Law** (Bay City, MI) scored three goals this year to finish the season tied with St. Norbert's Andy Cote for the NCHA lead in goals scored in NCHA games with 10 goals in the 14 conference games.
- * - Sophomore defenseman **Nate Sorenson** (Tomah, WI) has recorded nine of his 13 points this year on the power play. All four of his goals have come on the power play.
- * - Junior forward **Rolf Ulvin** (Edina, MN) has helped the team to a 11-2-2 record when he scores a point and a 1-7-2 record when he fails to score. Ulvin assisted both of Russel Law's goals in Friday's comeback win over UW-Eau Claire.

Scouting the Opponent

Lake Forest moved into fourth place and earned the fourth seed by knocking off the nation's No. 1 ranked team and NCHA leader St. Norbert 4-2 on Saturday, handing the Green Knights their first regular season home loss since 2002. Adam Tobias had two goals and an assist and Scott Campbell made 39 saves in the victory. If the Foresters had lost they would have been the sixth seed.

The Foresters have relied on two freshman goaltenders this year as Brandon Kohuch has a 2.88 goals against average and .923 save percentage, while Campbell has a 3.23 goals against average and .915 save percentage. Kohuch has stymied UW-Stevens Point in two games this year, posting two of his three highest save totals of the year with 47 saves at Stevens Point and 43 stops at Lake Forest. He allowed four goals for a .957 save percentage against the Pointers.

Another freshman, Mike Kneeland, is the league's leading scorer in overall games with 14 goals and 21 assists for 35 points. He had four assists and six points in the Foresters' win at Stevens Point this year.

Lake Forest has the best combined special teams in Division III with a 58.1 percent success rate on power plays and penalty kills, though the Foresters rank 26th overall on the power play and 24th on the penalty kill.

Series History

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Lake Forest 45-29-2, though the Foresters have won four straight in the series for the first time since 1985-86. The Foresters won the two matchups this year 8-3 on Nov. 26 and 3-1 on Feb. 3. The Pointers have lost four straight at Lake Forest.

The Pointers lead the postseason series 5-2-1 as the Foresters won 4-3 and 6-1 last year. The Pointers posted a win and tie in the 2003 quarterfinals. They also played in the 1998 NCHA quarterfinals and 1991 NCAA quarterfinals. All eight games have been played in Stevens Point.

NCHA Playoff Procedures

The NCHA quarterfinal round features a two-game series format with a possible 20-minute mini-game if the teams split or tie both games. The two games will feature a typical five-minute sudden-death overtime. If the mini-game is tied, then 20-minute sudden-death overtimes will be played.

The semifinals and finals will take a single-elimination format with sudden-death 20-minute overtime periods, if tied.

- * - The teams will be re-seeded for the semifinals with the highest remaining seed hosting the lowest remaining seed. The semifinals will also be played at two sites on Feb. 25 and the finals will be played on March 4.

- * - If the teams split or tie both of the two games in the quarterfinals, a 20-minute mini-game will be played following the completion of Saturday night's game (In effect, a third game).

- * - If the mini-game results in a tie, the game will continue in a sudden-death format with the two teams playing 20-minute sudden death periods.

- * - The NCHA playoff champion will earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament and join five other automatic berths, one independent team and two at-large selections in the nine-team national field.