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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 11-7-3, 5-4-1 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	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 (11-7-3 overall, 5-4-1 NCHA)
vs. Lake Forest College (10-11 overall, 4-6 NCHA)
Fri., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Alumnae Memorial Arena - Lake Forest, Ill.
vs. #2 St. Norbert College (17-2-2 overall, 7-1-2 NCHA)
Sat., Feb. 4, 5:00 p.m. - Resch Center - Green Bay, Wis.**

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers play a pair of crucial road conference games this week as they begin the week just three points out of first place. In fact, seven teams are within six points of first place in a tightly-contested NCHA race. Saturday's game with St. Norbert will be played at the Resch Center in Green Bay as part of a doubleheader with the Green Bay Gamblers junior hockey team.

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 257-149-35 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 - Jan. 31

	Conf.				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
St. Norbert	7	1	2	14	17	2	2
River Falls	6	3	1	13	14	4	3
Stevens Point	5	4	1	11	11	7	3
St. Scholastica	5	4	1	11	14	6	1
Stout	5	5	0	10	12	9	0
Superior	4	4	2	10	11	8	2
Lake Forest	4	6	0	8	10	11	0
Eau Claire	0	9	1	1	2	16	3

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Feb. 3

UW-Eau Claire at St. Norbert, 7:00
UW-River Falls at St. Scholastica, 7:05
UW-Stevens Point at Lake Forest, 7:30
UW-Superior at UW-Stout, 7:30

Saturday, Feb. 4

UW-Stevens Point at St. Norbert, 5:00
UW-Stout at St. Scholastica, 7:05
UW-River Falls at UW-Superior, 7:05
UW-Eau Claire at Lake Forest, 7:30

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point earned three points with a win and a tie over the weekend to take over third place in the NCHA standings.

Russel Law scored all of the Pointers' goals in Friday's 3-3 tie at St. Scholastica. UW-Stevens Point fell behind 2-0 after one period, but Law scored three straight goals before the Saints tied the game with 3:38 remaining. Sean Fish added two assists and Bryn Davies had a career-high 39 saves.

Law had a goal and an assist in the second period of Saturday's game at UW-Superior, breaking a 1-1 tie in an eventual 4-3 win. Rolf Ulvin had a goal and two assists and Fish scored the game-winning goal in the third period. Nate Sorenson also had two assists for the Pointers. Marcus Paulson made 25 saves for the victory.

Team Notes:

- * - Teams only shoot at one end of the ice during one period of an entire game, but the Pointers have scored more goals on that end than the other this year. They have scored 36 second period goals and 35 goals in the other two periods and overtime combined.
- * - Over the past 11 games, the Pointers have scored 22 goals in the second period and five goals in the first period.
- * - The Pointers continue to lead the NCAA Division III in short-handed goals with 10 for the season after getting another on Friday at St. Scholastica. Williams (Mass.) also has 10 shorthanded goals.
- * - Saturday's victory at UW-Superior marked the Pointers' seventh one-goal victory this season as they improved to 7-2 in one-goal contests. Of the Pointers' 21 games this year, 14 have been tied or one-goal margins at some point of the third period.
- * - UW-Stevens Point's opponents have scored first in nine of the Pointers' 10 NCHA games this year. The only time the Pointers scored first was at home against St. Scholastica, though the Saints tied the game 22 seconds later. It was also the only NCHA game in which the Pointers have not trailed this season.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has led after the first period just three times in 21 games this season and has won all three of those games. The Pointers have led after two periods seven times and won all seven of those games.
- * - UW-Stevens Point has not had a shutout for or against over its past 45 games, dating to when the Pointers were blanked by Bethel in the third game of last season.
- * - The Pointers lead the NCHA in penalty minutes at 24.5 minutes per game. UW-Stevens Point has averaged 26.0 minutes in its wins and ties, but just 21.4 minutes in its seven losses this season.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman forward **Russel Law** (Bay City, MI) was named the WIAC Player of the Week after an unusual hat trick on Friday. Law had goals in even strength, shorthanded and power play situations.
- * - Sophomore goaltender **Bryn Davies** (Newmarket, Ont.) has had two of his best career games in his last two outings, recording a career-best 39 saves against St. Scholastica after posting 32 saves in his previous start against St. Olaf. His save percentage has risen from .868 to .904 after those two performances.
- * - Junior forward **Rolf Ulvin** (Edina, MN) continues to be a key to the Pointers' success as the team is now 10-1-2 when he scores a point and 1-6-1 when he does not score. Ulvin matched a career high with three points against UW-Superior.
- * - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) had back-to-back multiple-point games for the first time in his career last weekend with two points in each game.

Scouting the Opponents

St. Norbert is riding a 10-game winning streak and hasn't lost since its 2-1 defeat to UW-Stevens Point on Nov. 25. In fact, that defeat is the Green Knights' only loss to an NCHA foe in past 38 games as they have a 32-1-5 record during the span. St. Norbert enters the week in first place and could clinch its fifth straight regular season league title.

Goaltender Kyle Jones recently completed a remarkable streak of 337 minutes and 22 seconds without allowing a goal before surrendering a score with 2:38 left in Saturday's 5-1 win over UW-Stout. The streak spanned 16 full periods and earned Jones his second straight NCHA Player of the Week honor. Andrew Derton is the third-highest scoring defenseman in the country with nine goals and 18 assists for 27 points. He did not play the first game with the Pointers.

Lake Forest has a 10-11 record, but has suffered seven one-goal losses. Mike Kneeland is the NCHA's leading scorer and also ranks fifth nationally among freshmen in scoring with 13 goals and 19 assists for 32 points.

Lake Forest features the best combined special teams in the country, succeeding on 58.3 percent of power plays and penalty kills, though the Foresters rank 15th on the power play and 33rd on the penalty kill. Tyler Canal shares the national lead with four shorthanded goals.

Series History

St. Norbert holds a 25-19-5 advantage in the all-time series, though the Pointers snapped a nine-game winless streak in the series with a 2-1 this year on Russel Law's goal with 23 seconds left. The Green Knights hold a 24-17-4 series lead since becoming a varsity program in 1987.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Lake Forest 45-28-2. The teams split their regular season series the past three years, including last season as each team posted a 3-2 victory on its home ice. The Foresters blitzed the Pointers for an 8-3 victory earlier this year at Willett Arena.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Jan. 30

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (12)	16-0-2	222	1
2. St. Norbert, Wis. (3)	17-2-2	211	2
3. Norwich, Vt.	16-2-1	197	3
4. Manhattanville, N.Y.	16-2-0	177	5
5. Oswego State, N.Y.	15-4-2	152	7
6. UW-River Falls	14-4-3	150	4
7. St. Thomas, Minn.	11-6-0	124	8
8. Hobart, N.Y.	13-5-0	111	6
9. St. Scholastica, Minn.	14-6-1	82	9
10. Geneseo State, N.Y.	13-5-2	75	12
11. St. John's, Minn.	11-5-3	55	13
12. Gustavus Adolphus, Minn.	12-4-1	39	14
13. New England College, N.H.	11-5-2	39	11
14. Bowdoin, Maine	11-5-2	34	10
15. Neumann, Pa.	13-5-0	33	-

Others Receiving Votes: Milw. School of Eng. 24, Bethel 15, Amherst 12, Utica 11, Colby 8, **UW-Stevens Point 7**, Mass.-Dartmouth 6, UW-Stout 6, Plattsburgh 4, St. Olaf 4, UW-Superior 2.