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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 11-9-3, 5-6-1 NCHA
Current Streak: 2-game losing 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	7:05 PM
Feb. 11	UW-Eau Claire	7:30 PM
Feb. 17	NCHA Quarterfinals	TBA
Feb. 18	NCHA Quarterfinals	TBA

Home games in bold at Willett Arena

* - indicates NCHA regular season game

UW-Stevens Point (11-9-3 overall, 5-6-1 NCHA) vs. UW-Eau Claire (2-18-3, 0-11-1 NCHA)

Fri., Feb. 10, 7:05 p.m. - Hobbs Ice Arena - Eau Claire, Wis.
Sat., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers enter the final regular season weekend in a tight race for a first round home series in the NCHA playoffs. UW-Stevens Point is in sixth place, but could finish as high as third with a sweep this weekend of UW-Eau Claire. The top four teams earn home games in next weekend's NCHA quarterfinals. Friday's game in Eau Claire will be the Pointers' fifth straight conference road game.

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 257-151-35 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 - Feb. 6

	Conf.				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
St. Norbert	9	1	2	20	19	2	2
River Falls	8	3	1	17	16	4	3
St. Scholastica	6	5	1	13	15	7	1
Lake Forest	6	6	0	12	12	11	0
Superior	5	5	2	12	12	9	2
Stevens Point	5	6	1	11	11	9	3
Stout	5	7	0	10	12	11	0
Eau Claire	0	11	1	1	2	18	3

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Feb. 10

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

Saturday, Feb. 11

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

Pointers Update:

The Pointers suffered a pair of losses over the weekend, falling to Lake Forest 3-1 on Friday and then losing to St. Norbert 6-1 on Saturday.

Friday's game was scoreless until late in the second period when the Foresters scored a pair of goals. Lake Forest went ahead 3-0 midway through the third period. Sean Fish scored just 13 seconds later, but the Pointers were unable to score again despite a 20-7 shots advantage in the final period and a 44-31 edge for the game.

The Pointers battled second-ranked St. Norbert tough for the first half of the game, but three Green Knights' goals early in the third period but the game away. Brett Beckfeld scored early in the second period to tie the game 1-1. The crowd of 5,516 was the largest ever to see a UW-Stevens Point hockey game.

Team Notes:

- * - With two games left, the Pointers could finish anywhere from third to seventh in the NCHA standings. UW-Stevens Point likely needs a sweep or a win and a tie to earn a first-round home series. They could get in the top four with a split, but then need UW-Superior to get no better than one tie and Lake Forest to get swept. The Pointers win tiebreakers over UW-Superior and St. Scholastica, but not with Lake Forest and UW-Stout.
- * - Friday's game at Eau Claire marks the fourth time the Pointers will have played five straight NCHA road games. It marks the first time since the last five games of the 1995-96 regular season.
- * - The Pointers have scored 10 shorthanded goals this year, which ranks second in the NCAA Division III. Nichols (Mass.) scored four last week and has taken over the national lead with 11. UW-Eau Claire has allowed the most shorthanded goals in the nation with 11.
- * - The Pointers are 7-2 in one-goal games this season. Of the Pointers' 23 games this year, 14 have been tied or one-goal margins at some point of the third period.
- * - Over the past 13 games, the Pointers have scored 23 goals in the second period and five goals in the first period. UW-Stevens Point has scored 37 of its 73 goals this year in the middle period.
- * - UW-Stevens Point's opponents have scored first in 11 of the team's 12 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.
- * - Last week's game at Lake Forest marked the sixth time in an 11-game span that the Pointers and their opponent played a scoreless first period. The Pointers have been tied after one period 12 times and are 7-3-2 in those games.
- * - St. Norbert's Andy Cote had just the third hat trick by a Pointer opponent in the past five seasons with four goals on Saturday. Cote also had one of the others during the 2003-04 season.

Individual Notes:

- * - Freshman goaltender **Marcus Paulson** (Eden Prairie, MN) enters the week with a 2.91 goals against average and could become the first Pointer goalie to play over 1,000 minutes and post lower than a 3.00 goals against average since Bob Gould in 1999-2000.
- * - Junior defenseman **Anthony Noreen** (Chicago, IL) recorded his first career assist in his 57th career game on the Pointers' goal against Lake Forest. Noreen did have an assist in a mini-game win over UW-Superior in 2004, but it does not count in the statistics.
- * - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) was held scoreless on Saturday for just the ninth time this year. The Pointers are 3-6 in those games.

Scouting the Opponent

UW-Eau Claire has had a tough season with a 2-18-3 record and 0-11-1 league mark. However, the Blugolds have played much better in the second half of the season. They snapped a 27-game winless streak with a win over Concordia-Moorhead and then defeated Gustavus Adolphus the following week, but have since lost six straight.

Their 3-2 loss to Lake Forest on Saturday marked their third one-goal setback in the last four games. UW-Eau Claire's only non-loss in the league was a 2-2 tie with conference leader St. Norbert on Nov. 26. The Blugolds will be the eighth seed for next week's NCHA playoffs and likely play at St. Norbert in the opening round for the second straight year.

The Blugolds' biggest struggles this season have been on offense where they rank 65th of 66 NCAA Division III teams with 1.91 goals per game. The four games they scored four goals or more all resulted in wins or ties.

Senior Chip Dunleavy leads the team with 11 goals and four assists for 15 points. Dunleavy has scored six of the team's 13 power play goals. Junior Brooks Lockwood has eight goals and six assists for 14 points. Senior Steffan Braunlich is the team's top goaltender with a 3.61 goals against average and .891 save percentage.

Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series over UW-Eau Claire 53-24-3 and have won nine of the last 11 meetings. UW-Stevens Point defeated the Blugolds 4-1 on Dec. 9 of this season in a game that did not count in the league standings. The Pointers scored three power play goals and a shorthanded goal in the road victory as Marcus Paulson made 29 saves in goal.

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 15 games in the series.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Feb. 7

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. St. Norbert, Wis. (10)	19-2-2	220	2
2. Middlebury, Vt. (5)	17-1-2	214	1
3. Norwich, Vt.	17-3-1	193	3
4. Manhattanville, N.Y.	16-2-1	174	4
5. Oswego State, N.Y.	17-4-2	167	5
6. UW-River Falls	16-4-3	155	6
7. Hobart, N.Y.	15-5-0	120	8
8. St. Thomas, Minn.	12-7-0	112	7
9. New England College, N.H.	14-5-2	80	13
10. St. John's, Minn.	12-6-3	78	11
11. St. Scholastica, Minn.	15-7-1	77	9
12. Bowdoin, Maine	13-5-2	65	14
13. Geneseo State, N.Y.	14-6-2	33	10
14. Milwaukee School of Engin.	16-4-1	31	-
15. Williams, Mass.	11-6-2	15	-

Others Receiving Votes: Bethel 13, Colby 11, UW-Superior 9, St. Olaf 8, Elmira 7, Gustavus Adolphus 7, Mass.-Dartmouth 5, Utica 5, Babson 1.