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UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 7-6-1, 3-3 NCHA

Current Streak: 1-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	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 (7-6-1 overall)

vs. Augsburg College (5-4-3 overall)

Tues., Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. Gustavus Adolphus College (9-2 overall)

Fri., Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. St. Olaf College (3-5-4 overall)

Sat., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

Pointers This Week:

The Pointers play their final three non-conference games of the season this week with a trio of home games against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents.

Broadcast:

The games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM). 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 253-148-33 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. 10

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

This Week in the NCHA

Friday, Jan. 13

St. Olaf at UW-Eau Claire, 7:00
Bethel at St. Norbert, 7:00
St. Mary's at UW-River Falls, 7:05
Augsburg at UW-Superior, 7:05
St. John's at St. Scholastica, 7:05
Hamline at Lake Forest, 7:30
St. Thomas at UW-Stout, 7:30
Gust. Adolphus at UW-Stevens Pt., 7:30

Saturday, Jan. 14

Bethel at Lake Forest, 2:30
St. Olaf at UW-Stevens Point, 3:30
UW-Stout at St. Mary's, 7:00
Gust. Adolphus at UW-Eau Claire, 7:00
Hamline at St. Norbert, 7:00
St. John's at UW-Superior, 7:05
St. Thomas at UW-River Falls, 7:05
Augsburg at St. Scholastica, 7:05

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point is coming off a 3-3 tie with Concordia-Moorhead and a 4-1 loss to fifth-ranked St. John's last weekend.

The Pointers took a 2-0 lead in the second period against Concordia-Moorhead with goals from Russel Law and Anthony Forgiore. The Cobbers tied the game later in the period, but Shane Foster broke the tie on a goal with 7:23 left in the game. Concordia-Moorhead again tied the game with 3:34 left and neither team was able to score in overtime, though the Pointers had an apparent game-winning goal disallowed with five seconds remaining.

On Saturday, Colin Trulock scored a first period goal and the game was tied until St. John's broke the deadlock with three goals in the final 13 minutes of the game. Nick Zebro assisted the goal and had three assists for the weekend.

Team Notes:

* - The Pointers are playing a Tuesday home game this week for the first time since Jan. 23, 2001 when they beat Lake Forest 4-3.

* - UW-Stevens Point had a streak of three straight games with a shorthanded goal snapped over the weekend, but the Pointers still lead all divisions of college hockey with eight shorthanded goals.

* - In addition to scoring in shorthanded situations, the Pointers aren't allowing many goals as they rank sixth in Division III on the penalty kill at 89.1 percent. Friday's foe, Gustavus Adolphus, has the top power play unit in the country.

* - One of the Pointers' biggest strengths this year has been balanced scoring as 17 different players have scored among the team's 46 goals. The team's 17 power play goals have come from 10 different players.

* - Friday's game with Concordia-Moorhead was the third straight game the Pointers and their opponent played a scoreless first period. In fact, the Pointers enter this week having been tied after the first period in five straight games. Four of the last five games have been tied after two periods.

* - When Concordia-Moorhead scored with 3:34 left to tie Friday's game it marked just the second time in the past six years that the Pointers had the lead with under four minutes left and failed to win. The other came last year in a 4-4 tie with Concordia-Moorhead when the Cobbers scored with 32 seconds left.

* - UW-Stevens Point ranks 10th in Division III in penalty minutes and second among West Region teams with 24.8 minutes per game. The Pointers matched a season-low at St. John's with just four penalties for eight minutes.

Individual Notes:

* - Junior forward **Nick Zebro** (Mosinee, WI) had assists in each game last weekend and brings a career-high six-game scoring streak into the week.

* - Freshman forward **Taylor Guay** (Boulder, CO) had an assist on Saturday at St. John's and has now scored points the past three games in which he's been in the lineup.

* - Freshman forward **Shane Foster** (Madison, WI) posted his first career multiple-point game with a goal and an assist against Concordia-Moorhead.

* - Freshman forward **Russel Law** (Bay City, MI) scored a goal for the third straight game against Concordia-Moorhead, but had his seven-game point-scoring streak snapped at St. John's.

* - Junior forward **Rolf Ulvin** (Edina, MN) had an assist in Friday's tie at Concordia-Moorhead as the Pointers are now 6-1-1 when he scores a point.

Scouting the Opponents

Augsburg opened the year 4-1, but is 1-3-3 over its last seven games. The Auggies are playing their first game following a 30-day layoff. They had wins over Lake Forest, St. Norbert and UW-Stout in their first three games of the year.

Aaron Johnson leads the team with five goals and 13 assists for 18 points. Johnson has scored points in 11 of the team's 12 games. Tony Ciro has played all but 23 minutes in goal and has a 3.96 goals against average and .873 save percentage.

Gustavus Adolphus is the nation's highest-scoring team at 6.0 goals per game and also features the top power play in the country at 33.8 percent. The Gusties have the third-longest winning streak in Division III at six straight wins.

Keith Detlefsen is the highest-scoring defenseman in the country with seven goals and 14 assists for 21 points. Erik Kraska has a 2.48 goals against average and .940 save percentage with a 7-1 record in goal.

St. Olaf played three straight ties before beating Lawrence 6-2 on Sunday. Saturday's game with the Pointers will be the Oles' sixth game in eight days, including two midweek exhibition games with the Toronto Rattlers. Kyle Hilmershausen is the team's top scorer with three goals and five assists for eight points. Dan Kehler and Jeff Wilde split time in goal.

Series History

The Pointers and Augsburg are even at 3-3-1 after the Pointers posted a 4-2 win last year in Stevens Point for their second straight victory in the series.

The series with Gustavus Adolphus is tied 2-2 as the teams had never met until 2001-02, but are playing for fifth straight year. The Pointers won 5-3 on the road last season.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over St. Olaf 7-2. The teams are meeting for the fifth straight year with the home team having won the last four encounters. The Oles posted a 5-3 victory last season in Northfield, Minn.

U.S. College Hockey Online

NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Jan. 9

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (15)	10-0-1	225	1
2. St. Norbert, Wis.	11-2-2	202	3
3. Manhattanville, N.Y.	11-1-0	183	2
4. Oswego State, N.Y.	13-3-0	180	4
5. Norwich, Vt.	10-2-1	167	8
6. St. John's, Minn.	10-2-1	160	5
7. Wis.-River Falls	9-3-3	121	9
8. Hobart, N.Y.	9-3-0	98	7
9. St. Thomas, Minn.	9-4-0	96	10
10. Colby, Maine	10-2-0	82	15
11. Wis.-Superior	8-4-2	72	12
12. New England College, N.H.	8-2-0	71	11
13. Bowdoin, Maine	9-3-0	58	6
14. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	9-5-1	27	14
15. Geneseo State, N.Y.	10-3-2	19	-

Others Receiving Votes: Gustavus Adolphus 11, Neumann 9, Trinity 9, Milw. School of Eng. 8, St. Scholastica 2.