



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

Jim Strick, Sports Information Director  
103 Health Enhancement Center - Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-346-2840 Fax: 715-346-3626 e-mail: [jstrick@uwsp.edu](mailto:jstrick@uwsp.edu) Web: <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics>

## UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

### 2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 9-6-2, 3-3 NCHA

Current Streak: 3-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	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 (9-6-2 overall, 3-3 NCHA) vs. #15 UW-Stout (11-6 overall, 4-2 NCHA)

Fri., Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. - Dunn County Ice Arena - Menomonie, Wis.

vs. #6 UW-River Falls (11-3-3 overall, 3-2-1 NCHA)

Sat., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

#### Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point opens a stretch of eight straight conference games to round out the regular season against a pair of nationally ranked teams. Six of those games will be on the road, including Friday's game at conference co-leader UW-Stout. The Pointers host sixth-ranked UW-River Falls on Saturday. Seven of the league's eight teams are currently within one game of first place.

#### Broadcast:

Both games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette on the call. Saturday's game can also be heard on WSPT (1010 AM) with Tom Weaver. 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 255-148-34 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. 17

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

#### This Week in the NCHA

##### Tuesday, Jan. 17

Northland at St. Scholastica, 7:05

##### Friday, Jan. 20

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

##### Saturday, Jan. 21

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

## Pointers Update:

The Pointers posted two wins and a tie last week to run their record to 5-1-2 over their last eight games.

UW-Stevens Point opened the week with a 4-3 win over Augsburg as all seven goals were scored in an 11-minute span. Neither team scored until the final two minutes of the second period before Nick Zebro scored for the Pointers. After an Auggies goal, Matt Stendahl and Nate Sorenson scored for a 3-1 Pointers' lead. Sean Fish tallied the eventual game-winning score.

Friday's 4-4 tie with Gustavus Adolphus was nearly the opposite as all of the goals were scored prior to the final two minutes of the second period. Russel Law scored a first period goal for the Pointers, but the Gusties led 3-1 before UW-Stevens Point reeled off three straight second period goals. Colin Trulock, Andy Cankar and Rolf Ulvin all scored before the Gusties rallied to tie the game.

On Saturday, Bryn Davies had 32 saves as the Pointers beat St. Olaf 5-1. Tom Vernelli and Chris Gehrke scored first period goals. Brett Coburn, Ulvin and Zebro all scored in the second period.

## Team Notes:

\* - Saturday's game with St. Olaf was the Pointers' ninth afternoon home game in the last eight years. The Pointers are now 8-0-1 in those games and have outscored opponents 48-19. Overall, the Pointers are 14-1-1 during the afternoon over the last eight years in the regular season. The only loss was last year at St. John's.

\* - UW-Stevens Point scored 13 goals last week and had 11 different players score its first 11 goals of the week. For the season, the Pointers have had 18 different players score goals and no player has more than six.

\* - The Pointers had 13 penalties in each game last weekend and are now 6-2-1 when committing 10 penalties or more. Ranking seventh in the country on the penalty kill, the Pointers are 3-4-1 when committing fewer than 10 penalties.

\* - UW-Stevens Point has been no stranger to close games this year with six of its nine victories by one goal. Prior to Saturday's game, the Pointers were tied after both the first and second period in six of their previous seven games.

\* - 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.

## Individual Notes:

\* - Junior forward **Rolf Ulvin** (Edina, MN) had a season-high three points in the win over St. Olaf and scored points in all three games last week. The Pointers are now 8-1-2 this season when he scores a point and 1-5 when he fails to score.

\* - Sophomore goaltender **Bryn Davies** (Newmarket, Ont.) had 32 saves against St. Olaf in his first appearance since Nov. 19. Davies' .970 save percentage was his best single-game performance in 25 career appearances.

\* - Sophomore defenseman **Colin Trulock** (Champaign, IL) had two points in each game over the weekend and leads the team's defensemen with 11 points after scoring four points last season.

\* - Sophomore defenseman **Nate Sorenson** (Tomah, WI) had points in each game last week and now has nine points for the season after posting a total of five points last season.

\* - Junior forward **Brett Coburn** (Addison, IL) had a point in each game last week after totaling four points over the first 14 games.

## Scouting the Opponents

UW-Stout swept St. Thomas and St. Mary's over the weekend to extend its winning streak to four straight games. The Blue Devils are 9-3 over their last 12 games, but have been shutout in all three losses.

UW-Stout has a pair of solid goaltenders in Matt Koenig, who has a 2.27 goals against average and .920 save percentage, and Mike Stone, who has a 3.09 goals against average and .911 save percentage. Justin Huth, the team's leading scorer, was held scoreless over the past weekend, and has five goals and 10 assists for 15 points. Mike Kautz had two goals in the win over St. Mary's and two assists over St. Thomas. Scott Sikkink also had two goals on Saturday.

UW-River Falls also swept St. Thomas and St. Mary's over the weekend and has won six straight games. The Falcons have allowed two goals or less in every game during the streak and got 33 saves from A.J. Bucchino in a 3-0 shutout win over St. Thomas on Saturday.

Bucchino ranks sixth in Division III with a 1.86 goals against average and fifth with a .938 save percentage. T.J. Dahl has eight goals and 15 assists, while Derek Hansberry has 10 goals and 13 assists, including a 10-game scoring streak entering the week.

The Falcons are 10-1-1 at home and 1-2-2 on the road.

## Series History

UW-Stevens Point owns the all-time series lead over UW-Stout 17-8-2, holding a 16-3-2 record in the last 21 meetings. The Blue Devils beat the Pointers 5-1 earlier this year for their largest victory margin over the Pointers since UW-Stevens Point's first varsity season in 1981-82.

UW-River Falls leads the all-time series with UW-Stevens Point 45-37-5. The Falcons won this year's first meeting 3-1. UW-Stevens Point claimed last year's matchup at Willett Arena 7-4, marking the most goals the Falcons allowed in a game since 1999.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Jan. 16

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (15)	13-0-1	225	1
2. St. Norbert, Wis.	13-2-2	206	2
3. Manhattanville, N.Y.	13-1-0	191	3
4. Oswego State, N.Y.	14-3-0	182	4
5. Norwich, Vt.	12-2-1	169	5
6. UW-River Falls	11-3-3	141	7
7. Hobart, N.Y.	12-3-0	137	8
8. St. John's, Minn.	11-3-1	112	6
9. New England College	10-2-1	108	12
10. Bowdoin, Maine	10-4-0	59	13
11. St. Thomas, Minn.	9-6-0	55	9
12. Colby, Maine	10-4-0	52	10
13. St. Scholastica, Minn.	11-5-0	30	-
14. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	11-6-1	27	14
15. UW-Stout	11-6-0	24	-

**Others Receiving Votes:** UW-Superior 21, Geneseo State 19, Milw. School of Eng. 18, Neumann 10, Gustavus Adolphus 7, Trinity 6, Utica 1.