



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Men's Hockey Notes

### 2005-06 Pointer Schedule/Results

2005-06 Record: 7-5, 3-3 NCHA

Current Streak: 3-game winning 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.	7:00 PM
Jan. 7	at St. John's	7:00 PM
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 (7-5 overall)

#### vs. Concordia College-Moorhead (5-5 overall)

Fri., Jan. 6, 7 p.m. - Moorhead Sports Center - Moorhead, Minn.

#### vs. #5 St. John's University (8-2-1 overall)

Sat., Jan. 7, 7 p.m. - National Hockey Center - St. Cloud, Minn.

### Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point returns to action after a 27-day layoff on Friday at Concordia-Moorhead with the first of five straight non-conference games against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents. The Pointers also play on Saturday at fifth-ranked St. John's, marking their seventh game already this season against a ranked opponent.

### 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 253-147-32 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. 3

	Conf.				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
St. Norbert	3	1	2	8	10	2	2
Stout	4	2	0	8	8	6	0
River Falls	3	2	1	7	7	3	3
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
St. Scholastica	3	3	0	6	7	5	0
Lake Forest	3	3	0	6	6	8	0
Superior	2	2	2	6	7	4	2
Eau Claire	0	5	1	0	0	10	3

### This Week in the NCHA

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

Finlandia at UW-Superior, 7:05

#### Friday, Jan. 6

UW-Eau Claire at St. John's, 7:00

Marian at UW-River Falls, 7:05

Finlandia at St. Scholastica, 7:05

UW-Stevens Pt. at Concordia-Moor., 7:30

#### Saturday, Jan. 7

UW-Eau Claire at Concordia-Moor., 7:00

UW-Stevens Point at St. John's, 7:00

St. Norbert at MSOE, 7:00

St. Scholastica at St. Mary's, 7:00

UW-River Falls at Bethel, 7:00

Marian at Lake Forest, 7:30

## Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point picks up following the holiday break with a three-game winning streak after beating UW-Eau Claire 4-1 on Dec. 9 in a game that did not count in the NCHA standings.

The game was scoreless until midway through the second period when Nick Zebro scored a power play goal. Russel Law scored another power play goal later in the period and Rolf Ulvin scored shorthanded for a 3-0 lead.

Chris Gehrke scored the final goal of the game on the power play and Marcus Paulson made 29 saves for the Pointers.

## Team Notes:

\* - UW-Stevens Point has scored shorthanded goals in three straight games and has five shorthanded goals over the span. The Pointers have eight shorthanded goals for the season, which is the best of any team in any division of college hockey. The other seven teams in the NCHA combined have scored 13 shorthanded goals.

\* - In addition to scoring in shorthanded situations, the Pointers aren't allowing many goals as they rank seventh in Division III on the penalty kill at 89.2 percent.

\* - UW-Stevens Point ranks 10th in Division III in penalty minutes and second among West Region teams with 25.7 minutes per game. In fact, during the current three-game win streak, the Pointers are averaging 34.7 minutes per game in the penalty box.

\* - Saturday's game at St. John's is another opportunity for the Pointers to knock off a highly-ranked opponent. UW-Stevens Point has defeated a top-five opponent four times in its last 29 games. The Pointers also beat sixth-ranked UW-Superior on Dec. 2.

\* - One of the Pointers' biggest strengths this year has been their balanced scoring as 17 different players have scored among the team's 42 goals. Only one player has more than four goals as Sean Fish has scored five.

\* - Despite their 3-3 league record, the Pointers have led for a total of 16 minutes of the 363 minutes played in their six NCHA games. All three victories were one-goal wins with the game-winner coming late in the third period or overtime.

\* - The Pointers' 4-3 overtime win over UW-Superior was the only overtime win by any NCHA team during the first half of the season.

\* - UW-Stevens Point is 12-for-44 on the power play (27.3 percent) in non-conference games and 3-for-34 with the man advantage (8.8 percent) in league games.

## Individual Notes:

\* - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) leads the Pointers with 11 points and has done most of his scoring in NCHA games, ranking second in the league with eight points through six conference games. Fish has 10 of his 11 points over the last seven games.

\* - Freshman goaltender **Marcus Paulson** (Eden Prairie, MN) finished the first half of the season red-hot, posting a 1.97 goals against average and .924 save percentage over the team's three-game winning streak.

\* - Freshman forward **Russel Law** (Bay City, MI) had a goal and an assist against UW-Eau Claire for his first multiple-point game of the year. He is currently riding a six-game scoring streak.

\* - Junior forward **Nick Zebro** (Mosinee, WI) has matched his career high with a four-game scoring streak. Zebro scored two points over the team's first eight games.

\* - Junior forward **Rolf Ulvin** (Edina, MN) has not scored a power play goal this year, but has been a key member of the unit, registering five of his seven assists in power play situations.

## Scouting the Opponents

Concordia-Moorhead has been a much different team in and out of its conference. The Cobbers are 5-1 outside the league, having outscored opponents 31-18 and posted a 4-3 overtime win over UW-Superior. In conference play, they are 0-4 and have been outscored 33-2, suffering sweeps to St. John's and Gustavus Adolphus.

Dan Perry is the team's leading scorer with eight goals and five assists for 13 points. Mike Dowers has played the majority of minutes in goal with a 5.13 goals against average and .848 save percentage.

St. John's has the nation's third-longest winning streak at seven games and has been successful due to stingy defense, allowing only 17 goals in 11 games to rank second in the country in goals allowed. Goaltender Adam Hanna has played every minute and ranks third nationally with a 1.54 goals against average and seventh with a .929 save percentage. He has allowed just eight goals during the current winning streak.

The Johnnies suffered their two losses to St. Norbert and UW-Stout. They feature a balanced offensive attack with 16 different players having scored goals, though none with more than six. Aaron Getchell is the team's leading scorer with five goals and eight assists for 13 points.

## Series History

The Pointers lead the all-time series over Concordia-Moorhead 4-2-1, though are 1-2-1 in the last four meetings. The teams played a thrilling 4-4 tie last year when James Jernberg put the Pointers up with 1:16 left, but the Cobbers pulled the goalie and tied the game with 32 seconds left. The Pointers won in their last visit to Moorhead 8-4 in 2003-04.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over St. John's 6-4. The teams are playing in St. Cloud for the second straight year after St. John's posted a 3-1 win last year. The Pointers have won five of the last seven meetings.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Dec. 12

Rank, Team (first place votes)	Rec.	Votes	Last
1. Middlebury, Vt. (12)	6-0-1	222	1
2. Manhattanville, N.Y. (3)	10-0-0	211	2
3. St. Norbert, Wis.	10-2-2	193	3
4. Oswego State, N.Y.	12-3-0	180	4
<b>5. St. John's, Minn.</b>	<b>8-2-1</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>5</b>
6. Bowdoin, Maine	7-1-0	151	7
7. Hobart, N.Y.	9-2-0	128	8
8. Norwich, Vt.	5-2-1	105	13
9. UW-River Falls	6-3-3	81	12
10. St. Thomas, Minn.	8-3-0	78	-
11. New England College, N.H.	6-1-0	57	11
12. UW-Superior	7-4-2	53	9
13. Trinity, Conn.	5-2-0	49	15
14. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.	7-4-1	41	-
15. Colby, Maine	7-2-0	28	10

**Others Receiving Votes:** Geneseo State 21, Bethel 18, Milw. School of Eng. 17, Gustavus Adolphus 5, UW-Stout 2, Babson 1, **UW-Stevens Point 1.**