



# 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: 3-4, 0-2 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           | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 26 | Lake Forest           | 7:30 PM |
| Dec. 2  | UW-Superior           | 7:30 PM |
| Dec. 3  | St. Scholastica       | 7:30 PM |
| Dec. 9  | at UW-Eau Claire (nc) | 7:05 PM |
| 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 (3-4 overall, 0-2 NCHA)

vs. #3 St. Norbert College (7-1-1 overall, 1-0-1 NCHA)

Fri., Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

vs. Lake Forest (3-5 overall, 0-2 NCHA)

Sat., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. - Willett Arena - Stevens Point, Wis.

### Pointers This Week:

UW-Stevens Point looks to rebound from a pair of conference-opening losses when the Pointers host St. Norbert and Lake Forest in NCHA games this weekend at Willett Arena. The Pointers are 0-2 in the league for the first time ever and play their fifth ranked opponent among their first eight games on Friday night.

### Broadcast:

Both games can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM). The station will have a live webcast as well at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/ListenToUsLive.html>.

The games will also be broadcast live on WSPT (1010 AM) with Tom Weaver on the call.

### Head Coach Joe Baldarotta:

The winningest coach in UW-Stevens Point history, Joe Baldarotta carries a 249-146-32 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 - Nov. 20

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

### This Week in the NCHA

#### Tuesday, Nov. 22

Lake Forest at Lawrence, 7:30

#### Wednesday, Nov. 23

St. Thomas at UW-Eau Claire, 7:00

#### Friday, Nov. 25-26

UW-Superior, St. Scholastica and UW-Stout at Thanksgiving Tournament

#### Friday, Nov. 25

Lake Forest at UW-Eau Claire, 7:00

St. Norbert at UW-Stevens Point, 7:30

#### Saturday, Nov. 26

St. Norbert at UW-Eau Claire, 7:00

Lake Forest at UW-Stevens Point, 7:30

## Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point faced early deficits in both games and was unable to rally in a pair of defeats to open the NCHA season over the weekend. The Pointers lost at UW-River Falls 3-1 on Friday and then fell at home to UW-Stout 5-2 on Saturday.

UW-River Falls built a 3-0 second period lead in Friday's game. The Pointers held a 25-12 advantage in shots over the final two periods and got on the scoreboard when Sean Fish scored off an assist from James Jernberg.

On Saturday, the Pointers fell behind UW-Stout 4-0 after two periods and had a 16-5 shots advantage in the third. Matt Stendahl scored shorthanded and Fish scored with assists from Russel Law and Chris Gehrke in the final period. UW-Stevens Point outshot the Blue Devils 41-24 for the game.

## Team Notes:

- \* - UW-Stevens Point is 0-2 in the NCHA for the first time ever. The Pointers joined the league in 1987-88 and were 0-1-1 in that first season, marking the only other time they didn't win one of their first two league games. In fact, the Pointers had won five straight conference openers and nine of their last 10.
- \* - Friday's game with St. Norbert will mark the Pointers' fifth game against a ranked opponent among their first eight games. Three of their four losses have come to ranked foes.
- \* - The Pointers are in the midst of a stretch of five straight home conference games. The last time that happened was in the 1998-99 season.
- \* - Saturday's crowd of 1,275 to see the Pointers play UW-Stout was their biggest in the last 20 home games since St. Norbert visited in 2003-04.
- \* - UW-Stevens Point opened the year by scoring goals in its first 13 periods, however, the Pointers have been shutout in five of their last eight periods.
- \* - The Pointers rank fourth in the country with three shorthanded goals. Lake Forest is one of three teams with a national-best four shorthanded scores. St. Norbert leads the country with five shorthanded goals allowed.
- \* - The Pointers have outshot their opponents 80-54 in the third period of games this season, including 27-9 in their two games last weekend. However, they hold just an 8-6 edge in scoring during the final period.
- \* - Saturday's 5-2 loss to UW-Stout was the Pointers' biggest margin of defeat to the Blue Devils since their first season of varsity hockey in 1981-82. It was UW-Stevens Point's fourth loss to UW-Stout since that first season.
- \* - The Pointers had three power plays against UW-Stout, but they only totaled three minutes and 40 seconds of man-advantage time.

## Individual Notes:

- \* - Freshman forward **Matt Stendahl** (Forest Lake, MN) scored his second shorthanded goal of the season last weekend and ranks second in the country in the category as one of five players nationally with two shorthanded goals. He also has not committed a penalty in six games this year.
- \* - Freshman forward **Sean Fish** (Ramsey, MN) scored goals in each game last weekend and now has three goals for the season. He also does not have a penalty this season.
- \* - Senior defenseman **James Jernberg** (St. Cloud, MN) had an assist on Friday, but was held scoreless on Saturday, snapping his career-best scoring streak at four games.

## Scouting the Opponents

St. Norbert, which has won four straight NCHA titles and seven of the last nine crowns, is predicted to win the league again this year. The Green Knights are currently 7-1-1 and opened league play with a 5-5 tie at UW-Superior and 6-1 win at St. Scholastica last weekend. St. Norbert's only loss was a 7-4 setback at Augsburg. The Green Knights rank fourth in Division III in scoring at 6.11 goals per game.

Andrew Derton leads the Green Knights with four goals and 12 assists for 16 points. His 12 assists are the fourth-highest total in Division III. Connor Hughes has seven goals and seven assists for 14 points. Kyle Jones has been the team's top goaltender with a 2.62 goals against average and .891 save percentage.

Lake Forest suffered a pair of defeats last weekend to open NCHA play, losing to St. Scholastica 3-2 and UW-Superior 4-1. The Foresters are 3-5 with wins over Milwaukee School of Engineering, St. Thomas and St. Mary's. Four of their five losses have been by one goal.

Tyler Canal leads the team with four goals and three assists for seven points, including a national-best three shorthanded goals. Mike Kneeland has three goals and four assists for seven points. The Foresters have two freshman goalies as Brandon Kohuch has a 2.76 goals against average and Scott Campbell has a 3.00 goals against average.

## Series History

St. Norbert holds a 25-18-5 advantage in the all-time series and is 8-0-1 over the last nine meetings, including 7-2 and 6-2 wins last season. The Green Knights hold a 24-16-4 series lead since becoming a varsity program in 1987.

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series over Lake Forest 45-27-2. 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 swept the Pointers in last year's NCHA quarterfinals at Willett Arena.

## U.S. College Hockey Online

### NCAA Division III Rankings - Through Nov. 21

| Rank, Team (first place votes) | Rec.         | Votes      | Last     |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Middlebury, Vt. (15)        | 2-0-0        | 225        | 1        |
| 2. Manhattanville, N.Y.        | 7-0-0        | 206        | 2        |
| <b>3. St. Norbert, Wis.</b>    | <b>7-1-1</b> | <b>193</b> | <b>3</b> |
| 4. Trinity, Conn.              | 2-0-0        | 170        | 4        |
| 5. UW-Superior                 | 5-1-1        | 168        | 6        |
| 6. Oswego State, N.Y.          | 9-2-0        | 157        | 7        |
| 7. Norwich, Vt.                | 1-0-1        | 132        | 5        |
| 8. UW-River Falls              | 5-1-2        | 103        | 12       |
| 9. Bethel, Minn.               | 5-1-0        | 79         | 8        |
| 10. St. John's, Minn.          | 3-2-1        | 70         | 11       |
| 11. Babson, Mass.              | 1-1-0        | 65         | 10       |
| 12. Plattsburgh State, N.Y.    | 4-2-0        | 63         | 13       |
| 13. Bowdoin, Maine             | 1-1-0        | 57         | 9        |
| 14. New England College, N.H.  | 2-0-0        | 43         | 15       |
| 15. Colby, Maine               | 2-0-0        | 20         | -        |

**Others Receiving Votes:** Hobart 11, Utica 11, St. Thomas 10, Geneseo 6, Curry 4, Williams 4, Gustavus Adolphus 2, Augsburg 1.