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Schedule

Wednesday, January 2

M Basketball at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.
W Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 4

Hockey at Gustavus Adolphus, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 5

M Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. St. Olaf, 7:30 p.m.
W Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

M Basketball at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.
W Basketball vs. UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 11

Gymnastics at Hamline University, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. MSOE, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 12

M Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. MSOE, 2 p.m.
W Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.

Monday, January 14

Gymnastics at Gustavus Adolphus, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 17

M Basketball at Northwestern College, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 18

Gymnastics at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. UW-River Falls, 7:30 p.m.
M & W Track host UW-Stout Quad, 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 19

M Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
Hockey at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.
W Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

M Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.
W Basketball at UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 24

Hockey at UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

M Basketball at UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.
Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
W Basketball vs. UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.
M & W Track at St. Mary's Invite, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Gymnastics at Winona State, 7 p.m.
M Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
W Basketball at UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 1

Gymnastics at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
Hockey at St. Scholastica, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

M Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.
Hockey at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.
W Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 3 p.m.
M & W Track host UW-Stout Invite, Noon

Wednesday, February 6

M Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.
W Basketball at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 8

Gymnastics at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
M & W Track host UW-Stout Pentagonal, 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 9

M Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
Hockey vs. St. Norbert, 7:30 p.m.

UP THIS WEEK!!!

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (9-3, 4-0) return to conference action this week when they host UW-River Falls (7-5, 1-2), Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m., then head to UW-Oshkosh (10-2, 3-0), Saturday, Jan. 5 for a 3 p.m. matinee affair. The Blue Devils are currently in first place in the WIAC, a half game ahead of the Titans. The Falcons are currently sixth, but were picked to be a contending team. River Falls took two of three games last year, rolling Stout out of River Falls, 90-76, and then again in the first round of the WIAC playoffs with a 78-66 win at River Falls. The Blue Devils had dismantled the Falcons, 101-77, only 12 days earlier at Johnson Fieldhouse. Falcon head coach Cindy Hovet is a former Blue Devils All-American. The Titans swept Stout, 90-79, and 78-63, last year. Stout has lost five in a row to the Titans. Oshkosh has won eight of the last 10 meetings. Stout was ranked 20th in the Dec. 16 D3hoops.com national poll. Oshkosh fell out of the top 25 after a loss to St. Norbert. **Last week:** The Blue Devils placed second at their own tournament, the Snowflake Jamboree, downing Dubuque, 91-74, in the first round game, but tumbling to Tri-State University, 66-63, in the championship game, Dec. 28-29. **Player of the week:** Tanya Halbach, Jr, Janesville

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (7-4, 3-1) will look to shake off two weeks with no games when they return to conference action Wednesday, Jan. 2 at UW-River Falls (9-2, 2-1). Stout will host UW-Oshkosh (9-2, 1-2), Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. The Falcons swept the Blue Devils last season, 77-74 and 95-90. Stout lost, 90-69, at Oshkosh, but took a 73-64 overtime win over the Titans at Johnson Fieldhouse. In the last 10 home conference games, Stout is 8-2. Stout and River Falls received votes in the latest D3hoops.com poll. **Last week:** The Blue Devils were idle since Dec. 15 when they defeated Viterbo University.

ICE HOCKEY

The Blue Devils (4-8-1, 0-6 NCHA, 0-3 WIAC) will play at Gustavus Adolphus, Friday, Jan. 4, then return home to host St. Olaf, Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Stout lost, 5-2, to Gustavus Adolphus, last season, but defeated the Oles, 3-2. The Blue Devils and Gustavus are tied, 3-3, in their series, while Stout holds a 14-7 lead in the St. Olaf series. **Last week:** The Blue Devils were idle since they tied Augsburg College, 2-2, Dec. 15.

GYMNASTICS

The Blue Devils are off until Friday, Jan. 11 when they are at Hamline University. **Last week:** The Blue Devils have been idle since competing at UW-River Falls, Dec. 7.

TRI-STATE CARRIES HOME TOP PRIZE OF SNOWFLAKE JAMBOREE

MENOMONIE - Chiara Chambers banked a shot off the glass and provided the winning margin as Tri-State University downed host UW-Stout, 66-63, in the Third Annual Snowflake Jamboree, Saturday, Dec. 29 in Johnson Fieldhouse. The Thunder (6-7) went into halftime with a 37-33 lead, but the Blue Devils (9-3) took the lead five minutes into the second half and held it until Chambers hit her shot to give Tri-State a 64-63 lead. Stout's **Amy Zelinger (Sr, Racine)** launched a shot from the free throw circle as time ticked down, but the shot only drew iron. Tri-State's Ann Miller and Chambers each made a free throw in the final seconds for the final tally. Tri-State led for nearly the first 15 minutes of the game, but Stout took the lead when **Erin Churchill (Fr, Plum City)** nailed a bucket to go up 27-26 with four minutes left in the first half. Stout built the lead up to five points on baskets by Churchill and Zelinger. The Thunder took the halftime lead on a 3-pointer by tournament MVP Crystal Hardesty and a 2-pointer by all-tournament pick Julie Dobbs in the final 1-minute, 9-seconds.

Stout regained the lead in the second half when Zelinger scored four points and **Laura Verdegan (So, Tony)** and **Tanya Halbach (Jr, Janesville)** each added a bucket. **Lindsey Erichsen (Fr, Spring Valley, Minn)** kept the pressure on with six points over two minutes. The teams stayed stuck at 61-58 for more than four minutes, with the drought ending on a layup by Chambers. Erichsen led all scorers with 18 points, 14 of them coming in the second half. Halbach, who was named to the all-tournament team along with Verdegan, finished with 15 points and Zelinger 10. Tri-State got 16 points from Hardesty, 13 from Dobbs and Ann Miller and 12 from Chambers.

In the consolation game, Colorado College got 10 points from Eleanor Kelly (six) and Mary Voelbel (four) in a 12-2 run over the first seven minutes of the second half and the Tigers went on to take the University of Dubuque, 70-64. Voelbel scored a team high 18 points and Kelly added 17. Dubuque's Greta Pemsli scored a game-high 20 points and added 10 rebounds to record her second double-double of the tournament. Dana Kester added 12 points for Dubuque.

For up-to-date results and stats, check out the Blue Devil Athletic web site.

BLUE DEVILS HANG ON TO DOWN DUBUQUE; TRI-STATE TAKES COLORADO

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout had as much as a 22 point lead in the second half, but had to withstand a furious comeback by the University of Dubuque during the first day of the Third Annual Snowflake Jamboree at Johnson Fieldhouse, Friday, Dec. 28, as the Blue Devils took a 91-74 win. Spartans' post player Greta Pemsal scored 10 of her game-high 28 points during a four minute stretch to pull the Spartans to within seven points, 69-62, with 7-minutes, 53-seconds remaining in the game. The Blue Devils (9-2) responded with five points by **Tanya Halbach (Jr, Janesville)** and two by **Laura Verdegan (So, Tony)** to go back out front, 78-67, with 4:24 left in the contest. The spunky Spartans (4-4) managed to cut the deficit back to within seven a couple of times - the latest at the two minute mark - but three free throws by **Lindsey Erichsen (Fr, Spring Valley, Minn)**, a 3-pointer by Halbach and four points by **Sara Kahl (So, Menomonie)** were enough for the 17 point final cushion. Pemsal, who moved to No. 2 on the Dubuque all-time scoring list, led the way not only in scoring, but on the boards, pulling down 14 caroms. Halbach paced Stout with a season-high 18 points. Kahl and Verdegan each finished with 12 points and **Amy Zelinger (Sr, Racine)** finished with 11. The Spartans got 16 points from Dana Kester and 14 points from Jessica Cox. The Blue Devils outrebounded the Spartans, 60-39, but made up a difference from the first half when Dubuque held a 22-21 lead off the boards. Stout cleared 22 offensive rebounds in the second half.

The Blue Devils will meet Tri-State University in the championship game, which defeated Colorado College, 70-66, in the opening game. Tri-State's (5-7) Crystal Hardesty hit a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left in the game to give the Thunder a 68-66 lead. Julie Dobbs landed two free throws with five seconds left for the final score. Hardesty led all scorers with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Dobbs added 13 points. Colorado College (8-6) got 21 points for Eleanor Kelly, 15 points from Mary Voelbel, 14 points from Jody Peterson and 10 points from Loren Udall.

UW-Stout Third Annual Snowflake Jamboree Results

Saturday, December 29 - Championship Game - Tri-State University 66, UW-Stout 63; **Consolation Game** - Colorado College 70, U of Dubuque 56; **Friday, December 28** - Tri-State 70, Colorado College 66; UW-Stout 91, U of Dubuque 74

2001 Snowflake Jamboree All-Tournament Team

Tournament MVP - Crystal Hardesty, Tri-State

UW-Stout: Laura Verdegan, Tanya Halbach; Tri-State: Julie Dobbs; Colorado College: Mary Voelbel; University of Dubuque: Greta Pemsal

STACIE ANDERSON NAMED WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MENOMONIE - Stacie Anderson (Sr, Clayton) ignited UW-Stout several times in the Blue Devils' 87-79 win over UW-Eau Claire, Dec. 12, and for her efforts was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) player of the week Anderson started the game off with seven of the Blue Devils' first nine points as Stout ran out to a 20-6 lead. After the game became a nip-and-tuck affair late in the second half, Anderson hit a 3-pointer with two minutes remaining to break a tie and give Stout a three point, 74-71, lead. Anderson connected on 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch and also had a key steal to seal the win. Anderson finished with a season-high 20 points, hitting 5-of-11 from the floor, 3-for-8 from 3-point range and 7-for-8 from the line, had four rebounds, one assist and two steals.

UW-STOUT MEN'S BASKETBALL GETTING VOTES IN NATIONAL POLL

MENOMONIE - The UW-Stout men's basketball team made an appearance in the Dec. 16 D3hoops.com national poll.

The Blue Devils received eight votes, six more votes than the previous week. Stout is currently 7-4 overall and 3-1 in league play, good for second place. Stout has defeated three nationally ranked Division III schools (St. John's, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point) and have lost to two top 10 Division II opponents (Southwest State, Northwest Missouri State).

Stout is off until Wednesday, Jan. 2 when they travel to UW-River Falls. Stout will host UW-Oshkosh, Saturday, Jan. 5.

STEVE KRUEGER NAMED WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MENOMONIE - Steve Krueger (Sr, Three Lakes) picked up his fourth and fifth double-doubles of the week in leading Stout to a perfect 2-0 record on the week, defeating UW-Eau Claire, 80-74, Dec. 12, and Viterbo University, 71-53, Dec. 15. For his efforts, Krueger was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) player of the week award Against the Blugolds, Stout snapped a nine-game conference road losing streak as Krueger, a 6-foot, 9-inch post player, scored 25 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Krueger was 8-for-15 from the floor and 9-for-13 from the line. He had two assists and one blocked shot. Against Viterbo, Krueger scored 21 points and had 14 rebounds. Krueger was 8-for-10 from the floor - including 1-for-1 from 3-point range, his first Stout 3-pointer, and 4-for-4 from the line (Stout was a perfect 9-for-9 from the line, Viterbo 13-for-13). Krueger had one assist, one blocked shot and two steals. On the week, Krueger scored 46 points (16-for-25 field goals, 13-for-17 from the line), had 26 rebounds, three assists, two blocked shots and two steals.

For the season, Krueger is averaging a team-high 16.9 points per game and 9.1 rebounds. Krueger is shooting at a 56 percent clip from the floor and 78 percent from the line. Krueger ranks sixth in the league in scoring and field goal percentage, and sits on top of the conference in rebounding. His one blocked shot per game ranks fifth. In conference games only, Krueger is averaging 20.8 points (second in league games), 10.3 rebounds (first) and 1.25 blocked shots (fifth).

TONY BECKHAM MAKES PRESENCE KNOWN AT ALL-STAR GAME

MONTGOMERY, Ala - In a game that was dominated by defense, the only NCAA Division III player in the Blue Gray All-Star Classic made his presence known in the 64th annual game in Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday, Dec. 25. UW-Stout defensive back **Tony Beckham (Sr, Ocala, Fla)** alternated at cornerback and saw considerable action against the mostly NCAA Division I field as his Blue team defeated the Gray, 28-10. The Blue defense forced five Gray fumbles and Beckham recovered one of those fumbles in the second half. Although defensive statistics were not available, the UW-Stout coaching staff counted Beckham, who wore No. 24, as making two special team tackles and two defensive tackles, to go along with his two pass break ups. The pre-game television show nationally broadcast on ABC also included an approximately 60 second piece that featured Beckham as the only Division III player and stated that Beckham "has been spectacular (in practice) this week." Blue Devil head football coach Ed Meierkort said after the game, Beckham was invited to the NFL Combines in Indianapolis, Ind., in March. The combines are where NFL scouts evaluate the potential draft class.

Men's Basketball
Record: 7-4, 3-1

Date / Opponent / Time or Result
Fri., Nov. 16 / University of Mary / L 75-74
Sat., Nov. 17 / West Con Ind. (Exh) / W 80-68
Tues., Nov. 20 / at St. John's / W 72-65
Wed., Nov. 21 / at Southwest St. / L 67-58
Fri., Nov. 23 / at Huron State Tourney / TBA
vs. Huron, W 73-55
Sat., Nov. 24 / at Huron State Tourney / TBA
vs. NW Missouri State, L 85-48
Tues., Nov. 27 / Northland College / W 105-48
Sat., Dec. 1 / UW-Platteville* / W 87-58
Wed., Dec. 5 / at UW-La Crosse* / L 65-60
Sat., Dec. 8 / UW-Stevens Point* / W 72-61
Wed., Dec. 12 / at UW-Eau Claire* / W 80-74
Sat., Dec. 15 / Viterbo University / W 71-53
Wed., Jan. 2 / at UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 5 / UW-Oshkosh* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 9 / at UW-Superior* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 12 / UW-Whitewater* / 7 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 17 / at Northwestern College / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 19 / at UW-Stevens Point* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 23 / UW-La Crosse* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 26 / at UW-Platteville* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 30 / UW-Eau Claire* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2 / at UW-Oshkosh* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 6 / UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 / at UW-Whitewater* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 13 / UW-Superior* / 7 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 19 / WIAC Quarterfinals / 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 21 / WIAC Semi-Finals / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 23 / WIAC Finals / 3 or 7 p.m.
*denotes WIAC games

Women's Basketball
Record: 9-3, 4-0

Date / Opponent / Time or Result
Sat., Nov. 17 / at U of Chicago Tournament / 2/4 p.m.
vs. Nazareth, NY, College, W 79-62
Sun., Nov. 18 / at U of Chicago Tournament / 11 a.m./1 p.m.
vs. U of Chicago, W 62-57
Tues., Nov. 20 / at Northwestern College / L 81-71
Sat., Nov. 24 / at Washington Univ. Tourney / 1 p.m.
vs. Swarthmore, W 74-64
Sun., Nov. 25 / at Washington Univ. Tourney / 1/3 p.m.
vs. Washington, L 101-47
Tues., Nov. 27 / Northland College / W 79-61
Sat., Dec. 1 / at UW-Platteville* / W 86-79
Wed., Dec. 5 / UW-La Crosse* / W 92-72
Sat., Dec. 8 / at UW-Stevens Point* / W 72-71
Wed., Dec. 12 / UW-Eau Claire* / W 87-79
Fri., Dec. 28 / UW-Stout Snowflake Jamboree / W 90-74
vs. Dubuque
Sat., Dec. 29 / UW-Stout Snowflake Jamboree / L 66-63
vs. Tir-State
Wed., Jan. 2 / UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 5 / at UW-Oshkosh* / 3 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 9 / UW-Superior* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 12 / at UW-Whitewater* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 19 / UW-Stevens Point* / 3 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 23 / at UW-La Crosse* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 26 / UW-Platteville* / 7 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 30 / at UW-Eau Claire* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2 / UW-Oshkosh* / 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 6 / at UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 / UW-Whitewater* / 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 13 / at UW-Superior* / 7 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 18 / WIAC Quarterfinals / 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 20 / WIAC Semi-Finals / 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 23 / WIAC Championships / 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 27 / NCAA Round 1 / 7 p.m.
Sat., March 2 / NCAA Round 2 / 3/7 p.m.
March 8-9 / NCAA Sectionals / 6/8 p.m.
March 15-16 / NCAA Finals / 6/8 p.m.
*denotes WIAC game

Ice Hockey
Record: 4-8-1, 0-6*, 0-3^

Date / Opponent / Time or Result
Fri., Oct. 26 / at Lawrence / W 5-1
Sat., Oct. 27 / at Lawrence / W 8-2
Fri., Nov. 2 / UW-Stevens Point** / L 2-1 OT
Sat., Nov. 3 / UW-Eau Claire** / L 6-2
Fri., Nov. 9 / UW-Superior** / L 5-4 OT
Sat., Nov. 10 / St. Scholastica* / L 7-2
Fri., Nov. 16 / at Bethel / W 8-6
Sat., Nov. 17 / at Hamline / W 2-1
Fri., Nov. 30 / at St. Norbert* / L 7-5
Sat., Dec. 1 / at Lake Forest* / L 3-1
Fri., Dec. 7 / St. Mary's / L 3-2 OT
Sat., Dec. 8 / St. Thomas / L 6-3
Sat., Dec. 15 / Augsburg / T 2-2 OT
Fri., Jan. 4 / Gustavus Adolphus / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 5 / St. Olaf / 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 11 / MSOE / 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 12 / MSOE / 2 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 18 / UW-River Falls** / 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 19 / at UW-River Falls** / 7 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 24 / at UW-Eau Claire** / 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 26 / at UW-Stevens Point** / 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 1 / at St. Scholastica* / 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2 / at UW-Superior** / 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 8 / Lake Forest* / 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 / St. Norbert* / 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15-16 / NCHA Quarterfinals / TBA
Feb. 22-23 / NCHA Semi-Finals / TBA
March 1-2 / NCHA Finals / TBA
March 8-9 / NCAA Playoffs begin / TBA
*denotes NCHA game ^denotes WIAC game

Gymnastics

Date / Opponent / Time or Result
Fri., Dec. 7 / at UW-Oshkosh / 3rd of 3, 157.225
Fri., Dec. 14 / at UW-River Falls / 4th of 4, 160.65
Fri., Jan. 11 / at Hamline / 7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 14 / at Gustavus Adolphus / 7 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 18 / at Seattle Pacific / 7 p.m.
at Seattle, Wash.
Wed., Jan. 30 / at Winona State / 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 1 / at UW-Whitewater / 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 8 / at UW-River Falls / 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 15 / UW-Eau Claire / 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 22 / at WIAC Championships / 7 p.m.
at River Falls
Fri., March 1 / John Zuerlein Invite / 7 p.m.
w/LaCrosse, Gustavus Adolphus, Winona
Fri., March 8 / at NCGA West Reg'ls/ 6 p.m.
at Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, Minn.
March 22-23 / at NCGA Nationals / TBA
at Ithaca, NY, College

Football
Final Record: 6-3, 4-3

Date / Opponent / Time or Result
Fri., Aug. 31 / Lakeland College / W 48-24
Sat., Sept. 8 / at Franklin College / W 27-7
Sat., Sept. 15 / Willamette, Ore. / cancelled
Sat., Sept. 29 / UW-Platteville* / W 28-14
Sat., Oct. 6 / at UW-Oshkosh* / L 19-7
Sat., Oct. 13 / at UW-Eau Claire* / L 33-0
Sat., Oct. 20 / UW-River Falls* / W 26-23
Sat., Oct. 27 / at UW-Stevens Point* / L 34-24
Sat., Nov. 3 / UW-Whitewater* / W 28-25
Sat., Nov. 10 / at UW-La Crosse* / W 10-7
*denotes WIAC game