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Schedule

Friday, March 7

M & W Track & Field at WIAC, Noon
Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invite, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

M & W Track & Field at WIAC, Noon

Sunday, March 9

Softball vs. Neb. Wesleyan, 9 a.m.
Stillwater, Minn.

Friday, March 14

M & W Track & Field at NCAA Division III
Championships
Gymnastics hosts NCGA West Regional, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Softball vs. Ill. Wesleyan, Kissimmee, Fla., 9:30 a.m.
Softball vs. Calvin, Kissimmee, Fla., 11:20 a.m.
Baseball vs. Morningside at Joplin, Mo., 10 a.m.
Baseball vs. Dort College at Joplin, Mo., 1 p.m.

M & W Track & Field at NCAA Division III
Championships

Sunday, March 16

Softball vs. St. Norbert at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Wooster College at Kissimmee, Fla., 4:10 p.m.

March 17-23

W Track & Field at Spring Break trip

Monday, March 17

Baseball at Texas Lutheran University, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Softball vs. Iowa Wesleyan at Kissimmee, Fla., 9:30 a.m.
Softball vs. University of the South at
Kissimmee, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Baseball at Trinity, Texas, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

Softball vs. Illinois Wesleyan at Kissimmee, Fla., 8:50 a.m.
Softball vs. Hope College at Kissimmee, Fla., 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, March 20

Softball vs. UW-Platteville at Kissimmee, Fla., 2:20 p.m.
Softball vs. Springfield College at Kissimmee, Fla., 4:10 p.m.
Baseball at Texas Lutheran University, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

Baseball vs. Cameron University at Joplin, Mo., 12 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Gymnastics at NCGA Championships at
Eau Claire, TBA

Saturday, March 29

M & W Track & Field at Coldman Invite,
Stevens Point, Noon
Baseball at Upper Iowa, Noon
Gymnastics at NCGA Championships at
Eau Claire, TBA

Sunday, March 30

Baseball at Wartburg College, Noon

Tuesday, April 1

Softball vs. St. Scholastica, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2

Baseball vs. UW-Superior, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

Softball vs. UM-Morris at Grinnell, noon
Softball vs. William Penn at Grinnell, 2 p.m.
M & W Track and Field at Norse Relays, TBA
Baseball vs. UW-Stevens Point, Noon

Sunday, April 6

Softball vs. Nebraska Wesleyan at Grinnell, noon
Softball vs. Grinnell at Grinnell, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. UW-Stevens Point, Noon

UP THIS WEEK!!!

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (19-8, 10-6) wrapped up the WIAC season with a fourth place and advanced to the second round of the WIAC tournament. The Blue Devils opened the tournament with an 80-64 win over UW-Platteville, Feb. 24, then bowed out with an 83-70 loss at UW-Eau Claire

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (14-11, 9-7) finished fifth in the WIAC. The Blue Devils season ended with a 103-70 first round loss to UW-Oshkosh. The Titans went on to win the WIAC tournament championship.

GYMNASTICS

The Blue Devils will host the seven-team John Zuerlein Invitational, Friday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Competing in the meet will be Gustavus Adolphus, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, Winona State, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Whitewater. **Last week:** Stout placed fourth at the WIAC Championships Feb. 28.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Blue Devils will compete at the WIAC Indoor Championships, March 7-8 at UW-Oshkosh. Stout placed sixth last year in the meet. **Last week:** The Blue Devils competed in the unscored Ole Open, Feb. 28. **Track athlete of the week:** Tracy Oostdyk, Jr, Spooner, Wis.(Shell Lake). **Field athlete of the week:** Laura Verdegan, Jr, Tony, Wis. (Flambeau)

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Blue Devils will compete in the WIAC Indoor Championships, March 7-8, at UW-Oshkosh. Stout placed seventh last year in the meet. **Last week:** The Blue Devils competed in the unscored St. Olaf Open, March 1. **Track athlete of the week:** Matt Schlough, So, Boyceville.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Blue Devils will open their 2003 campaign when they play Nebraska Wesleyan, Sunday, March 9 in the St. Croix Dome in Stillwater, Minn.

TOP RANKED BLUGOLDS DOWN BLUE DEVIL WOMEN, 83-70

EAU CLAIRE - UW-Stout dug their way out of several holes, but couldn't get out of a big one at the end as the Blue Devils lost, 83-70, to top-ranked UW-Eau Claire, Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Eau Claire in the second round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament. The Blue Devils (19-8) overcame a 16 point halftime deficit, 44-28, to tie the game at 51 with 9:39 left where Stout outscored Eau Claire 22-7. The Blugolds (26-1) responded with a 10-0 run to take a 64-53 lead with 5:48 remaining. Eau Claire nailed 10-of-14 free throws in the final minute for the win. The Blugolds' Janel Soppeland led all scorers with 23 points, including 11-of-12 from the line. Emilee Planert chipped in 14 points coming off the bench. Katie Murphy added 13 and Becca Spaeth and Kristi Channing pitched in 10 points. Stout got 14 points from **Sara Kahl (Jr, Menomonie)** before she fouled out with 10 minutes left in the game. **Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony)** also had 14 points. **Lindsey Erichsen (So, Spring Valley, Minn)** finished with 11 points and **Tanya Halbach (Sr, Janesville)** ended her career with a 10 point effort. Four Blue Devils fouled out, sending Eau Claire to the free throw line 48 times, of which they knocked down 33. Stout shot 18-of-28 from the line. UW-Eau Claire will host UW-Oshkosh, Saturday, March 1 in the WIAC Championship game. Oshkosh downed second seeded UW-Stevens Point, 83-76, for the second consecutive year in the semi-finals. Eau Claire went on to win the WIAC tournament with a win over Oshkosh.

LAURA VERDEGAN NAMED WIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout's **Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony/Flambeau)** matched a career-high 21 points in an 83-66 win over UW-Whitewater and pulled down eight rebounds in a 65-54 win over UW-River Falls. For her efforts, Verdegan was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) player of the week. In the Whitewater game, Verdegan scored eight points during an 18-3 Stout run as the Blue Devils never looked back. Verdegan also blocked two shots in the first half to set a new school career record in blocked shots. Verdegan added four blocks in a first round WIAC tournament game with UW-Platteville, Monday, Feb. 24. With those blocks, Verdegan broke her own single season record of 36, and her three-year total now stands at 89 blocked shots.

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

BLUE DEVILS OVERCOME TURNOVERS, DOWN PLATTEVILLE, 80-64

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout overcame 21 second half turnovers and **Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony)** helped the Blue Devils turn it up a notch as Stout handled UW-Platteville, 80-64, in the quarterfinals of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament, Monday, Feb. 24 at Johnson Fieldhouse. The Blue Devils (19-7) will advance to the semi-final round, Wednesday, Feb. 25, and will travel to top-seeded UW-Eau Claire. Verdegan scored 12 of her game-high 18 points in the second half, pulled down six of her game-high 10 rebounds and finished the game with four blocked shots and five steals. Stout held a slim 40-34 halftime lead, but the Pioneers (15-11) kept Stout off-balance in the first five minutes of the half. Stout ran out to a 49-41 lead, then expanded that to 54-41 on five points by Verdegan in a 40 second span. Stout carried the lead to as much as 19 points late in the game, never seriously letting Platteville back into the contest. The game was a rugged affair, with Stout getting whistled for 26 fouls, Platteville 25. Stout shot 19-of-31 from the line, the Platteville was 17-of-25 from the stripe. Stout held a decisive edge off the boards, pulling down 45 to Platteville's 36. Stout had five players in double digits, led by Verdegan. **Lindsey Erichsen (So, Spring Valley, Minn)** finished with 17 points, **Tanya Halbach (Sr, Janesville)** 12, **Steffanie Nemitz (Fr, Bloomington)** 11 and **Sara Kahl (Jr, Menomonie)** 10. Erichsen and **Erin Churchill (So, Plum City)** each had eight rebounds. Platteville was led by Angie Sisson with 14 points. Katie Freis and Heidi Mess each scored 12 points.

TITANS PUT AN END TO BLUE DEVIL MEN'S SEASON IN PLAYOFFS

OSHKOSH - UW-Oshkosh was hot and UW-Stout was not as the Titans downed the Blue Devils, 103-70, in the opening round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament, Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Oshkosh. The Titans (20-6) shot a blistering 67 percent in the game and ran away from a 40-40 tie with two minutes left in the first half. The Blue Devils' **Nate Templer (Jr, Beaver Dam)** tried to carry Stout (14-11) on his broad shoulders, knocking down 23 points and getting seven rebounds, but it would not be enough. Stout never led in the game, and found themselves down by 11 points in the first half, but came back to within one point several times. Stout trailed 47-40 at halftime and after a bucket by Templer to start the second half, never got closer than five points the rest of the way as Oshkosh outscored Stout 38-19 to open the half. The Titans' leading scorer, Tim Dworak, again feasted on the Blue Devil defense, scoring a game-high 28 points. Scott Sowinski added 22 points - including 4 3-pointers - Nick Scherer tossed in 12 points and Nate Miller finished with 10 points. Stout got 12 points from **Casey Chapman (Sr, Hartland)** and **Julian Greer (Jr, St. Paul, Minn)** and 10 points from **Jeff Vandenberghe (Jr, Coon Rapids, Minn)**. In other WIAC playoff action, top-seeded UW-Stevens Point crushed UW-La Crosse, 66-41, UW-Eau Claire upended UW-River Falls, 68-65, and UW-Whitewater tipped UW-Platteville, 64-61. Oshkosh went on to win the WIAC tournament with a win over second seeded UW-Whitewater.

SIX BLUE DEVILS NAMED TO 2003 NCHA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

MENOMONIE - Five UW-Stout hockey players were named to the 2003 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) All-Academic team. Two sets of brothers, **Lewie Kellin (Jr, Grand Rapids, Minn)** and **Mitch Kellin (Jr, Grand Rapids, Minn)** and **Drew Nichols (Sr, Victoria, Minn)** and **Derek Nichols (Jr, Victoria, Minn)** as well as **Dan Riffe (Jr, Byron, Ill)** and **Dan Moes (Sr, North St. Paul, Minn)** were named to the team. Drew Nichols is a three time recipient of the award, and Moes is a two-time honoree. Both Kellins, Moes and Riffe are business majors. Derek Nichols is an applied math major and Drew is a vocational rehabilitation major. To be named to the team a player must have a cumulative 3.00 grade point average, have earned at least 50 semester or 75 quarter hours, and be recommended by his head coach.

TIFFANY REBER BREAKS FLOOR EXERCISE RECORD

OSHKOSH - **Tiffany Reber (Sr, Mantorville, Minn)** set a new UW-Stout floor exercise record at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) gymnastics championships in the event, Friday, Feb. 28 in Oshkosh. Reber scored a 9.65 as she placed fourth to earn all-conference honors in the event, breaking Brenna Jones' mark of 9.575 from the 2000-01 season. Brianna Lentz of UW-Oshkosh won the event with a score of 9.80. Reber finished fifth in the all-around with a score of 35.525, scoring an 8.95 on the vault, an 8.625 on the uneven bars, and an 8.30 on the balance beam. **Lacey Schroedl (So, Minneapolis, Minn)** placed fourth in the all-around with a score of 35.575. Schroedl scored a team-best 9.05 on the vault, 8.525 on the bars, 8.80 on the beam and 9.20 on the floor. **Cassie Johnston (Fr, Albertville, Minn)** scored a 9.525 to place eighth on the floor As a team, Stout scored 175.60 points to finish fourth. UW-La Crosse won their seventh consecutive WIAC championship, racking up 182.575 points Stout will wrap up the regular season by hosting two meets, the John Zuerlein Invitational, Friday, March 7 and the NCGA West Regionals, Friday, March 14.

2003 WIAC Gymnastics Championships

1. UW-La Crosse 182.575; 2. UW-Eau Claire 180.325; 3. UW-Oshkosh 179.45; 4. UW-Stout 175.60; 5. UW-Whitewater 162.55.

Individual results First place, all Stout finishers

Vault: 1. Alison Eagles (EC) 9.325; 8. Lacey Schroedl 9.05; 12. Rhian Paulson 8.95; 13. Tiffany Reber 8.95; 14. Robyn Niederkorn 8.95; 17. Jennie Rosinsky 8.875; 26. Kelsey Gamelin 8.20.

Uneven bars: 1. Angela Erato (LX) 9.025; 9. Cassie Johnston 8.775; 10. Paulson 8.775; 12. Reber 8.625; 14. Schroedl 8.525; 15. Shanna Kissinger 8.45; 23. Gamelin 8.125.

Balance beam: 1. Jennifer Williams (Osh) 9.50; 11. Johnston 8.90; 12. Schroedl 8.80; 23. Reber 8.30; 26. Paulson 7.90; 27. Erika Opoien 7.20; 28. Helen Pansch 7.05.

Floor exercise: 1. Brianna Lentz (Osh) 9.80; 4. Reber 9.65; 8. Johnston 9.525; 17. Schroedl 9.20; 20. Rosinsky 9.10; 21. Kissinger 9.10; 30. Pansch 8.05.

All-around: 1. Eagles (EC) 37.10; 4. Schroedl 35.575; 5. Reber 35.525.

LAURA VERDEGAN JUMPS TO FIRST, ANN SCHACHTNER THROWS TO SECOND

NORTHFIELD, Minn - Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony) leapt to a school record first place in the triple jump and **Ann Schachtner (So, Somerset)** tossed her way to a second place finish in the shot put at the Ole Open, Friday, Feb. 28 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. In her first meet of the season, Verdegan, who is also a Blue Devil basketball standout, not only took first in the triple jump, but she set a new school record, breaking her own record from last year by two inches with a jump of 38-feet, 6.75-inches. Verdegan placed third in the long jump with a mark of 17-8.75, just less than three inches short of the school record. Both of her marks were NCAA Division III provisional qualifying marks. Schachtner took a second place in the shot put field of 46 with a toss of 40-4.25. **Marci Schachtner (So, Deer Park)** was sixth in the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 45-5. **Kari McWithey (Fr, Ridgeland)** was seventh (42-11.50) in the field of 37.

Tracy Oostdyk (Jr, Spooner) was seventh in the 1500 (5-minutes, 1.29-seconds), while **Lacey Osuldsen (Sr, Ladysmith)** was eighth in the 3000 (11:05.8) and **Heidi Bedsted (Sr, Plainview, Minn)** was ninth (11:06.8). **Camelle Meyer (Fr, Plainview, Minn)** was eighth in the high jump (5-1). Oostdyk was only in the building for a few minutes, long enough to run her race. She squeezed the race in between an interview in Minneapolis and a funeral in Duluth, Minn. The Blue Devils will be at the WIAC Championships, March 7-8 at UW-Oshkosh.

Ole Open Individual Results (First place, all Stout finishers)

55: 1. Tonnisha Bell (Augsburg) 7.0; Ashley Juleff 7.89; Sara Manion 8.16; Kelli Knackstedt 8.33; Ramona Vann 8.39; Tricia Lipke 8.60; Kristin Becker 8.81; Hailey Brodhagen 10.58; **200:** 1. Angie Pfeiffer (Conc) 26.1; Kate Werner 27.7; Ashley Juleff 27.8; Sarah Jenne 28.2; Sara Manion 29.3; Kelli Knackstedt 30.6; **400:** 1. Megan Daymont (St. Olaf) 58.32; **600:** 1. Larissa Nordstrom (St. Olaf) 1:40.96; **800:** 1. Corrin Hoffman (Hamline) 2:20.7; Alison Weis 2:33.3; Katie Bader 2:35.2; Katie Ek-Pangerl 2:37.1; **1000:** 1. Kezia Manlove (St. Olaf) 3:12.0; **1500:** 1. Amy Belleba (La Crosse) 4:53.92; 7. Tracy Oostdyk 5:01.29; **3000:** 1. Nicole Gurgel (St. Thomas) 10:44.8; 8. Lacey Osuldsen 11:05.8; 9. Heidi Bedsted 11:06.8; Valori Schaffer 11:49.8; Leah Karaliunas 11:57.8; Christine Enger 12:00.9; Laura Eysnogle 12:20.4; Becky Werner 12:23.0; **55-hurdles:** 1. Breanna McMullen (Eau Claire) 8.39; Nicole Stimson 10.45; Sarah Eiserman 10.48; Amy Beigel 10.51; Attalia Young 10.56; **4x200-relay:** 1. St. Thomas 1:46.74; 5. Stout 1:52.51; **4x400-relay:** 1. St. Thomas 3:56.1; Stout 4:34.7;

High jump: 1. Carrie Morschauer (Platteville) 5-3; 8. Camelle Meyer 5-1; **Pole vault:** 1. Karolien Bastiaens (St. Thomas) 11-9.75; Katie Ploog 8-10.25; **Long jump:** 1. Jennifer Stafalein (Eau Claire) 17-11.50; 3. Laura Verdegan 17-8.75; **Triple jump:** 1. Laura Verdegan (Stout) 38-6.75; Ramona Vann 31-11.25; **Shot put:** 1. Kristin Rather (La Crosse) 42-9.75; 2. Ann Schachtner 40-4.25; Bonnie Nutt 36-9.50; Tabitha Martin 34-3.50; Kari McWithey 34-3; Kim Randt 33-3; **20-lb wt:** 1. Kristin Raether (La Crosse) 51-11.25; 6. Marci Schachtner 45-5; 7. Kari McWithey 42-11.50.

BLUE DEVILS TUNE UP FOR CONFERENCE MEET

NORTHFIELD, Minn - Five UW-Stout competitors placed third at the St. Olaf Qualifier, Saturday, March 1 in Northfield, Minn., as the Blue Devils did a final tune-up before the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships. **Mark Kempen (Fr, Kaukauna), Jay Sitek (Jr, Marinette), Adam Burrack (Fr, Shawano), Lewis Cassellius (Jr, Glenwood City)** and **Matt Schlough (So, Boyceville)** collected third place finishes to lead Stout at the six-team, unscored meet. Kempen clocked a 1-minute, 58.44-second time in the 800-meter run. Burrack finished in 16:29.07 in the 5000-meter and Schlough a 51.02 in the 400-meter. Sitek cleared 6-feet, 1.50-inches in the high jump and Cassellius pole vaulted 15-1. Claiming a fourth place finish was **Jason Kirch (Sr, Sauk Prairie)** in the 5000 (16:54.14). The meet was the final meet before the WIAC Championships scheduled for March 7-8 at UW-Oshkosh.

St. Olaf Qualifier Individual Results (First place, all Stout finishers)

55: 1. Dan Tusky (Unattached) 6.32; 7. Brady Hurtgen 6.67; 9. Joe Seep 6.71; 15. Tim Faber 6.82; Eric Moe 6.94; Dustin Berglin 7.05; DeShay Hudson 6.87; Zak Germo 7.24; Riley Kummer 6.92; Steve Wenhardt 6.75; Tony Fitts 6.95; **200:** 1. Roman Cress (St. Thomas) 22.00; 6. Matt Schlough 22.90; 7. Steve Wenhardt 23.22; 10. Brady Hurtgen 23.36; Tim Faber 23.99; Joe Seep 24.40; Dustin Berglin 24.46; Adam Thiel 24.84; **400:** 1. Ryan Noreen (St. Olaf) 50.64; 3. Matt Schlough 51.02; 6. Taylor Hustad 51.68; 7. Scott Barthel 51.70; 9. Jim Dvorak 51.71; **800:** 1. Josh Placke (Platteville) 1:57.13; 3. Mark Kempen 1:58.44; 12. Mitch Schlough 2:05.77; **1500:** 1. Nick Meis (Platteville) 4:03.30; 10. John Ullrich 4:15.29; 12. Brett Heimstead 4:17.20; 16. John Maresh 4:24.08; **3000:** 1. Peder Arneson 8:51.80; 10. Ryan Chernik 9:21.35; 16. Nate Lynch 9:32.52; **5000:** 1. Ben Schweicher (Platteville) 16:12.75; 3. Adam Burrack 16:29.07; 4. Jason Kirch 16:54.14; **55-hurdles:** 1. Steve Ross (Platteville) 7.82; Adam Miller 8.76; Matt Delaney 9.57; **4x400-relay:** 1. St. Thomas 3:21.44; 3. Stout 3:29.66.

High jump: 1. Will Sallee (Hamline) 6-5.50; 3. Jay Sitek 6-1.50; **Triple jump:** 1. Nick Fix (Platteville) 46-0; Mark Swenson 38-10.25; **Pole vault:** 1. Adam Teunissen (Platteville) 16-0.75; 3. Lewis Cassellius 15-1p; 6. Nick Neuman 13-7.25; 8. Jason Geiger 13-7.25; 9. Patrick Doty 12-7.50; 9. Justin Feiten 12-7.50; 13. Andy Smith 12-1.50; **Long jump:** 1. Melvin Carter (Chizel Track Club) 22-7.75; 7. Tony Fitts 20-3.75; Ryan Carpenter 19-7; Mark Swenson 19-4.25; **Shot put:** 1. Andy Paulsen (Platteville) 56-1.75; 8. Scott Jensen 42-10.75; Jason Hotujec 41-7.75; Matt Delaney 30-0.75; **35-lb wt:** 1. Dan Kuehn (Platteville) 56-8.75; Jason Hotujec 40-8.75; Scott Jensen 36-11.50.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL TEAM OPENS SEASON THIS WEEKEND

MENOMONIE - Scan the 2003 UW-Stout softball roster and one will notice a young squad that features only one senior and two juniors. But when fifth year coach Chris Stainer looks at her team, she sees experience.

The Blue Devils lost only one starter from last year's squad, second baseman Sarah Kokke, and return two all-conference performers, first team outfielder **Kaela Wold (So, Altoona)** and honorable mention infielder **Kim Caswell (Jr, Stanley)**.

"This is a young, but talented team," Stainer said. "If the fall (exhibition season) has anything to say, we should have a pretty good team. We have two to three kids at each spot and have athletes who can play at two or three spots."

Stainer has been pleased by what she has been seeing in practice.

"I don't know if we have pushed a team as hard before," Stainer said. "The bar has been set much higher by this group, first by themselves, but then by us."

Fastpitch softball starts with the pitcher and Stout returns their top pitcher from last year, **Molly Kraft (So, St. Louis Park, Minn)**. Kraft started 19 of 25 games last season, striking out 38 and walking only 18 in 109 innings pitched.

Stainer has liked the attitude Kraft carried with her from the end of the season to this season.

"After our last game, Molly made the comment (to the team) about if we work hard over the summer, we are going to do something this year," Stainer said. Kraft put in her summer work, had a strong fall and has seen Kraft stick to her commitment.

"She has gained three-to-five miles per hour on her pitches," Stainer said to go along with the maturing process. "Last season she saw there were eight players relying on her. That caused her to see that she had some control in the (pitching) circle and on the field."

Kraft will be complemented by freshmen pitchers **Megan Donley (Fridley, Minn)** and **Emily Zahn (Champlin, Minn)**.

Donley has shown great strength, Stainer said, and Zahn has proven to be a finesse pitcher.

"Our staff in combination will be strong," Stainer said.

Jamie Gorges (So, New London) should pick up where she left off behind the plate. A third baseman in high school, Gorges picked up the catchers' mitt last season and used her rifle arm behind the plate.

"Jamie has that catcher's mentality," Stainer said. "She is smart and can anticipate. She is a good field motivator and a leader that never asks for anything in return."

Gorges batted .304 with 11 RBI and seven doubles.

Tasha Rosenbrook (Fr, Bloomer) may also see time behind the plate, where she possesses great skills, but lacks collegiate experience, Stainer said.

First base is well taken care of with **Erin O'Connell (So, Altoona)** returning. With only two errors in 162 chances, O'Connell, a team captain, was a steady force at the first corner, hauling in throws from all over.

"Erin has taken it up a notch this year," Stainer said, adding that O'Connell may be the conference's best first baseman.

Caswell will probably slide over from shortstop to second base this year. Caswell brings a vast range to the position, as well as a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Freshman **Bethany Johnson (Black River Falls)** is a good fit for the shortstop spot, Stainer said.

"Bethany doesn't let anything bother her," Stainer said. "She does a good job on refocusing. She has a strong arm and is consistent both fielding and throwing."

Angie Kliber (Fr, Swanville, Minn) is athletic enough to step in at first, second or shortstop, Stainer said.

Heather Novalany (So, Cottage Grove, Minn), who was injured during the early preseason, has been making strides back and has been hitting well the last few weeks. She could see considerable time as a designated hitter, pinch hitter and back-up at second base.

Courtney Zafft (Fr, Rochester, Minn) may see some time at third base, as well as in the outfield.

Wold will make the switch from left field to right field. Wold has become more aggressive and has improved her speed, Stainer said.

"Kaela is best suited to right field," Stainer said, "because of her arm strength. We have also noticed an improvement in her skills, attitude and leadership capabilities."

Wold was the team's leading hitter, hitting both for power and for bases. She batted .409, going 27-for-66, with eight doubles, four home runs and 14 RBI, all team highs.

In center field, **Scotter Aspen (Jr, Eau Claire)** came up with some key defensive plays last season. Possessing a strong arm, Aspen can also be "an intense player when she needs to be intense," said Stainer.

Molly O'Keefe (Fr, Spooner) could also play center field, in addition to pinch hitting, pinch running or being the designated hitter.

Sara Jensen (Eau Claire), the team's only senior, has demonstrated a quiet leadership and a willingness to work throughout her three year career.

"For three years, she has shown what she is willing to do," Stainer said. "She has worked so hard to overcome her weaknesses. She has to be our most dedicated player."

"Having so many starters back will benefit us," Stainer said. "They know what to expect. We have seen our players grow, we have seen our coaching staff grow. This team is on the cusp of breaking through. The potential is there."

Stout will open their schedule Sunday, March 9 when they face Nebraska Wesleyan in the St. Croix Rec Dome in Stillwater, Minn. Stout will then play 10 games in Florida before opening their home schedule, April 1 against St. Scholastica.

Stout is expecting to play their home games on their newly developed field on the south end of campus. Stout will host one of the WIAC Cluster tournament, April 26-27 when the new field will be dedicated as Alumni Field.

Women's Basketball Final Record: 19-8, 10-6

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Sat., Nov. 23 / at Millikin Tournament / 3 p.m.
vs. Webster University, W 86-64

Sat., Nov. 24 / at Millikin Tournament / 3 p.m.
vs. Millikin University, W 69-47

Tues., Nov. 26 / Northwestern College / W 84-57

Sat., Nov. 30 / at St. Scholastica / L 94-87

Sun., Dec. 1 / at Northland College / W 78-74

Wed., Dec. 4 / UW-Superior* / W 92-60

Sat., Dec. 7 / UW-Eau Claire* / L 72-69

Mon., Dec. 9 / Martin Luther College / W 83-64

Wed., Dec. 11 / UW-Stevens Point* / W 88-85 OT

Sat., Dec. 14 / at Luther College / W 75-65

Sun., Dec. 29 / at Land of Magic / W 78-66
vs. Elizabethtown at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mon., Dec. 30 / at Land of Magic / W 104-77
vs. Hanover at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mon., Jan. 6 / at UW-Oshkosh* / L 84-70

Sat., Jan. 11 / UW-Platteville* / W 73-57

Wed., Jan. 15 / at UW-La Crosse* / W 93-78

Sat., Jan. 18 / at UW-Whitewater* / W 78-75

Wed., Jan. 22 / UW-River Falls* / W 89-74

Sat., Jan. 25 / at UW-Eau Claire* / L 74-61

Wed., Jan. 29 / at UW-Stevens Point* / L 82-76

Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Oshkosh* / L 87-80

Wed., Feb. 5 / at UW-Superior* / W 89-66

Wed., Feb. 12 / UW-La Crosse* / W 91-69

Sat., Feb. 15 / at UW-Platteville* / L 76-55

Wed., Feb. 19 / at UW-River Falls* / W 65-56

Sat., Feb. 22 / UW-Whitewater* / W 83-66

Mon., Feb. 24 / WIAC First Round / W 80-64
vs. UW-Platteville

Wed., Feb. 26 / WIAC Second Round / L 83-70
vs. UW-Eau Claire

*denotes WIAC contest

Ice Hockey

Record: 6-21-0, 2-12-0*, 1-7-0^

Date / Opponent / Time or Results

Fri., Oct. 25 / Lawrence University / W 7-1

Sat., Oct. 26 / Lawrence University / W 3-2 OT

Fri., Nov. 1 / at UW-Stevens Point** / L 4-1

Sat., Nov. 2 / at UW-Eau Claire** / L 6-1

Fri., Nov. 8 / at UW-Superior** / L 1-0 OT

Sat., Nov. 9 / at St. Scholastica* / L 3-2

Sat., Nov. 16 / Hamline University / W 5-4

Fri., Nov. 22 / St. Norbert* / L 10-4

Sat., Nov. 23 / Lake Forest* / L 5-1

Tues., Nov. 26 / at St. Mary's / L 6-2

Fri., Dec. 6 / at Air Force Academy / L 6-2

Sat., Dec. 7 / at Air Force Academy / W 3-1

Thurs., Dec. 12 / at St. Thomas / L 7-0

Sat., Dec. 14 / at Augsburg / L 7-3

Fri., Jan. 3 / at St. Olaf / L 9-3

Tues., Jan. 7 / Gustavus Adolphus / L 6-3

Fri., Jan. 10 / at UW-River Falls** / L 8-0

Sat., Jan. 11 / UW-River Falls / L 6-2**

Fri., Jan. 17 / at Bethel College / L 5-2

Thurs., Jan. 23 / UW-Eau Claire / W 6-5**

Sat., Jan. 25 / UW-Stevens Point / L 6-4**

Fri., Jan. 31 / St. Scholastica* / W 6-2

Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Superior / L 4-2**

Fri., Feb. 7 / at Lake Forest* / L 5-3

Sat., Feb. 8 / at St. Norbert* / L 6-1

Fri., Feb. 14 / NCHA Playoffs / L 3-0
at UW-Superior

Sat., Feb. 15 / NCHA Playoffs / L 5-0
at UW-Superior

*NCHA game ^WIAC game

Men's Basketball Final Record: 14-11, 9-7

Date / Opponent / Time or Results

Fri., Nov. 22 / at Mankato Tip-Off Classic / 3 p.m.
vs. Michigan Tech, L 93-71

Sat., Nov. 23 / at Mankato Tip-Off Classic / 8 p.m.
vs. Minnesota State-Mankato, L 84-80

Sun., Dec. 1 / at Northland College / W 81-38

Wed., Dec. 4 / at UW-Superior* / W 68-48

Sat., Dec. 7 / UW-Eau Claire* / L 80-74

Wed., Dec. 11 / at UW-Stevens Point* / L 69-64

Fri., Dec. 13 / at Viterbo University / W 59-51

Sun., Dec. 15 / at University of Mary / W 75-66 OT

Sat., Dec. 28 / at Hawaii DIII Classic / W 87-81
vs. Nebraska Wesleyan

Sun., Dec. 29 / at Hawaii DIII Classic / L 89-75
vs. Illinois Wesleyan

Sat., Jan. 4 / UW-Oshkosh* / W 70-55

Tues., Jan 7 / Northwestern / W 94-54

Sat., Jan. 11 / at UW-Platteville* / W 87-85 2OT

Wed., Jan. 15 / UW-La Crosse* / W 88-59

Sat., Jan. 18 / UW-Whitewater* / W 87-77

Wed., Jan. 22 / at UW-River Falls* / W 88-79

Sat., Jan. 25 / at UW-Eau Claire* / W 85-81

Wed., Jan. 29 / UW-Stevens Point* / L 80-59

Sat., Feb. 1 / at UW-Oshkosh* / L 88-64

Wed., Feb. 5 / UW-Superior* / W 94-73

Wed., Feb. 12 / at UW-La Crosse* / W 63-58

Sat., Feb. 15 / UW-Platteville* / L 68-66

Wed., Feb. 19 / UW-River Falls* / L 92-86

Sat., Feb. 22 / at UW-Whitewater* / L 60-58

Tues., Feb. 25 / WIAC First Round / 1:03-70
at UW-Oshkosh

Thurs., Feb. 27 / WIAC Second Round / 7 p.m.

Sat., March 1 / WIAC Championships / 7 p.m.

Thurs., March 6 / NCAA DIII First Round / TBA

Sat., March 8 / NCAA DIII Second Round / TBA

March 14-15 / NCAA DIII Sectionals / TBA

March 21-22 / NCAA DIII Championships / TBA

*denotes WIAC contest

Softball Record: 0-0, 0-0

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Sun., March 9 / vs. Nebraska Wesleyan (2) / 8 a.m.

March 14-22 / Rebel Spring Games (10) / TBA

Sat., March 15 / vs. Illinois Wesleyan / 9:30 a.m.

Sat., March 15 / vs. Calvin College / 11:20 a.m.

Sun., March 16 / vs. St. Norbert / 12:30 p.m.

Sun., March 16 / vs. Wooster College / 4:10 p.m.

Tues., March 18 / vs. Iowa Wesleyan / 9:30 a.m.

Tues., March 18 / vs. U. of the South / 1:10 p.m.

Wed., March 19 / vs. Illinois Wesleyan / 8:50 a.m.

Wed., March 19 / vs. Hope College / 10:40 a.m.

Thurs., March 20 / vs. UW-Platteville / 2:20 p.m.

Thurs., March 20 / vs. Springfield College / 4:10 p.m.

Tues., April 1 / St. Scholastica / 3 p.m.

Sat., April 5 / at Grinnell Tournament
vs. UM-Morris, 12 p.m.
vs. Wm Penn, 2 p.m.

Sun., April 6 / at Grinnell Tournament
vs. Nebraska Wesleyan, 12 p.m.
at Grinnell College, 2 p.m.

Wed., April 9 / at UW-La Crosse* (2) / 4 p.m.

Sat., April 12 / at WIAC Cluster Tourney
vs. UW-Oshkosh*, 12 p.m.
vs. UW-Stevens Point*, 2 p.m.

Sun., April 13 / at WIAC Cluster Tourney
vs. UW-Whitewater*, 11 a.m.
vs. UW-Platteville*, 1 p.m.

Tues., April 15 / UW-River Falls* (2) / 4 p.m.

Thurs., April 17 / UW-Superior* (2) / 3 p.m.

Fri., April 18 / Hamline (2) / 11 a.m.

Wed., April 23 / at UW-Eau Claire* (2) / 4 p.m.

**Sat., April 26 / WIAC Cluster Tourney
UW-Oshkosh*, 10 a.m.
UW-Whitewater*, 2 p.m.**

**Sun., April 27 / WIAC Cluster Tourney
UW-Platteville*, 1 p.m.
UW-Stevens Point*, 5 p.m.**

May 2-4 / at WIAC Tournament / Platteville, Wis.

May 8-11 / NCAA Regionals / TBA

May 15-18 / NCAA Championships / Eau Claire, Wis.

*denotes WIAC contest

Gymnastics Dual Record: 1-3

Date / Opponent / Time or Results

Wed., Jan. 8 / at Winona State
L 175..375-171.825

Mon., Jan. 13 / at Gustavus Adolphus
L 173-475-169.15

Fri., Jan. 17 / at UW-La Crosse
L 177-35-174.20

Fri., Jan. 24 / at Ball State / 7th of 7
174.90

**Fri., Jan. 31 / UW-Oshkosh
L, 177.175-173.625**

Fri., Feb. 7 / at Gershon Invite / 4th of 5
169.575

Fri., Feb. 14 / Hamline University / 1st of 3

Fri., Feb. 21 / at UW-Eau Claire / 3rd of 4

Fri., Feb. 28 / at WIAC Championships / 4th of 5
Oshkosh, Wis.

**Fri., Mar. 7 / John Zuerlein Invitational / 6 p.m.
Menomonie, Wis.**

**Fri., Mar. 14 / NCGA West Regional / 6 p.m.
Menomonie, Wis.**

March 28-29 / at NCGA Championships / TBA
Eau Claire, Wis.

Women's Track & Field

Date / Event / Time or Result

Indoor

Sat., Jan. 25 / at St. Mary's Invite / non-scored

Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Stout Invite / 8th of 9

Fri., Feb. 7 / UW-Stout Pentangular / 1st of 7

Sat., Feb. 8 / Warren Bowlus Invite / no scores

Sat., Feb. 15 / at Wis/Minn Border Battle / 4th

Fri., Feb. 21 / Blue Devil Invite / no scores

Fri., Feb. 28 / at St. Olaf Invite / no scores

March 7-8 / at WIAC Championships / Noon
Oshkosh, Wis.

March 14-15 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m.
at Greencastle, Ind., DePauw University hosts

Outdoor

March 17-23 / at Spring Break Trip / Florida

Sat., March 29 / at Coldman Invite / Noon
Stevens Point, Wis.

Sat., April 5 / at Norse Relays / 9 a.m.

Sat., April 12 / at Gustavus Adolphus Invite / 11 a.m.

Fri., April 18 / at St. Olaf Invite / TBA

Sat., April 26 / at UW-La Crosse Classic / 11 a.m.

May 2-3 / at WIAC Championships / 11 a.m.
Stevens Point, Wis.

Wed., May 9 / at UW-La Crosse NCAA Qualifier / 3 p.m.

Sat., May 10 / at U of Minnesota Qualifier / 4 p.m.

Fri., May 16 / at Augustana, Ill, NCAA Qualifier / 3 p.m.

May 22-24 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m.
at Canton, NY, St. Lawrence University hosts

Men's Track & Field

Date / Event / Time or Result

Indoor

Sat., Jan. 25 / at St. Mary's Invite / non-scored

Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Stout Invite / 1st of 5

Fri., Feb. 7 / UW-Stout Pentangular / non-scored

Sat., Feb. 8 / Warren Bowlus Invite / 5th of 9

Sat., Feb. 15 / at Wis/Minn Border Battle / 3rd

Fri., Feb. 21 / Blue Devil Invite / no scores

Fri., Feb. 28 / at St. Olaf Invite / no scores

March 7-8 / at WIAC Championships / Noon
Oshkosh, Wis.

March 14-15 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m.
at Greencastle, Ind., DePauw University hosts

Outdoor

March 17-23 / at Spring Break Trip / Florida

Sat., March 29 / at Coldman Invite / Noon
Stevens Point, Wis.

Sat., April 5 / at Norse Relays / 9 a.m.

Sat., April 12 / at La Crosse Triangular / 11 a.m.

Fri., April 18 / at Carleton Invite / TBA

Wed., April 23 / at Macalester Twilight / 5 p.m.

April 25-26 / at Drake Relays / TBA

May 2-3 / at WIAC Championships / 11 a.m.
Stevens Point, Wis.

Wed., May 9 / at UW-La Crosse NCAA Qualifier / 3 p.m.

Sat., May 10 / at U of Minnesota Qualifier / 4 p.m.

Fri., May 16 / at Augustana, Ill, NCAA Qualifier / 3 p.m.

May 22-24 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m.
at Canton, NY, St. Lawrence University hosts