



# UW-Stout

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## Schedule

### Monday, December 9

Women's Basketball vs. Martin Luther College, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 11

Men's Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, December 12

Hockey at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

### Friday, December 13

Men's Basketball at Viterbo, 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 14

Women's Basketball at Luther College, 3 p.m.

Hockey at Augsburg, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, December 15

Men's Basketball at Univ. of Mary, 2 p.m.

### Saturday, December 28

Men's Basketball in Honolulu

vs. Nebraska-Wesleyan, 6:45 p.m.

### Sunday, December 29

Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tourney vs. Elizabethown, 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball in Honolulu

vs. Illinois-Wesleyan, 4:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 30

Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tourney vs. Hanover, Noon

### Friday, January 3

Hockey at St. Olaf, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, January 4

Men's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

### Monday, January 6

Women's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 7

Men's Basketball vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m.

Hockey vs. Gustavus, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 8

Gymnastics at Winona State, 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 10

Hockey at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, January 11

Men's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.

Hockey vs. UW-River Falls, 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, January 13

Gymnastics at Gustavus, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 15

Mens Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 17

Hockey at Bethel, 7 p.m.

Gymnastics at UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, January 18

Men's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 22

Men's Basketball at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, January 23

Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 24

Gymnastics at Ball State, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, January 25

M & W Track & Field at St. Mary's Invite, 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Eau Claire, 5 p.m.

## UP THIS WEEK!!!

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (5-2, 1-1) will try to get back on the winning track with a non-conference contest with Martin Luther College, Monday, Dec. 9, then will have another big task at hand when they host defending NCAA Division III champion UW-Stevens Point, Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. The Blue Devils were the only team to knock off the Pointers (6-1, 1-0) twice during the season and pushed the Pointers to second place in the WIAC, even though they came back for the national title. Stout will wrap up the week and first semester action when they travel to Decorah, Iowa, to face Luther College. **Last week:** The Blue Devils lost their first conference game in a hard-played 72-69 decision to UW-Eau Claire Dec. 7 in front of a capacity crowd. Stout had little problem with UW-Superior Dec. 4, crushing the Yellowjackets, 92-60. The Pointers opened conference play with a 73-57 win over UW-River Falls, Dec. 4, then dropped their first game of the season, a 4745 overtime decision at Wheaton College, Dec. 7. Luther **Player of the week:** Laura Verdegan, Jr, Tony, Wis. (Flambeau)

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Blue Devils (2-3, 1-1) will play three games on the road this week. First, they will travel to UW-Stevens Point to take on the Pointers Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Stevens Point (5-0, 1-0) comes into the contest ranked 11th nationally in the latest d3hoops.com poll. The Blue Devils swept the Pointers last season 72-61 and 95-87, but the Pointers finished in a three-way tie for first. Stout will then travel south to Viterbo University to take on the Hawks Friday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m. The Hawks (3-4) compete in the Midwest Classic Conference and play at Winona State, Monday, Dec. 9. The Blue Devils defeated the V-Hawks, 71-53 last year. The Blue Devils will finish up their three game road trip as they travel to South Dakota to take on the Marauders of the University of Mary Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. The Marauders are off to a fast start with an overall record of 9-3. The Mary Marauders spoiled Stout's opening game last year, winning 75-74 on the Blue Devils' floor. **Last week:** Stout dropped their first conference game of the year, an 80-74 loss to UW-Eau Claire, Dec. 11. Stout had little trouble with UW-Superior, Dec. 4, downing the Yellowjackets, 68-48. The Pointers had only one game last week, a 71-63 win over UW-River Falls. The Marauders defeated Dakota State, 87-72, and Huron, 82-77, last week. **Player of the week:** Jeff Vandenberghe, Jr, Coon Rapids, Minn.

### HOCKEY

The Blue Devils (4-8-0, 0-6-0 NCHA, 0-3-0 WIAC) have a tough schedule this week as they wrap up their first semester of play on the road by traveling to St. Thomas (7-2-2), Thursday, Dec. 12 and to Augsburg (7-4-0), Saturday, Dec. 14. Stout lost, 6-3, to St. Thomas last year and tied the Auggies, 2-2. The Stout/St. Thomas series is tied at 3-3, while the Auggies hold a 4-0-1 lead in the series. The Tommies were ranked No. 6 and the Auggies No. 15 in the latest USCHO.com poll. **Last week:** Stout lost, 6-2, to NCAA Division I Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., then broke a four game losing streak with a 3-1 win over MSOE in the consolation game of the Radisson North Hockey Classic. Derek Nichols was named to the all-tournament team. **Player of the week:** Derek Nichols, Jr, Victoria, Minn. (Chaska)

## BLUGOLDS DOWN BLUE DEVILS, 72-69, IN THRILLER

**MENOMONIE** - Becca Spaeth scored 25 points and UW-Eau Claire connected on 14-of-19 second half free throws to down UW-Stout, 72-69, in a WIAC showdown of national powers, Saturday, Dec. 7 at Johnson Fieldhouse. Stout had the same number of free throw opportunities in the second half as Eau Claire, but hit only 8-of-19. The game did not start out as a nip-and-tuck affair as Eau Claire (7-0, 2-0) jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes. Stout (5-2, 1-1) came back to take the lead when **Erin Churchill (So, Plum City)** scored two buckets around the three minute mark and Stout carried a 37-31 lead into the locker room. Eau Claire captured the lead five minutes into the second half and only relinquished it once the rest of the way. The Blugolds only made one basket from the field after they broke a 55-55 tie with six minutes left in the game, but made 10-of-12 free throws in that stretch. **Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony)** led Stout with 15 points and eight rebounds. **Sara Kahl (Jr, Menomonie)** added 12 points, Churchill 11 and **Lindsey Erichsen (So, Spring Valley, Minn)** and **Tanya Halbach (Sr, Janesville)** added 10 each. Kristi Channing scored 19 for Eau Claire and Janel Soppeland chipped in 14. Eau Claire finished the game hitting 20-of-27 free throws, while Stout, after going 6-for-6 from the line in the first half, finished hitting 14-of-25.

Stout will host Martin Luther College, Monday, Dec. 9 and UW-Stevens Point, Wednesday, Dec. 11. The Blue Devils will be at Luther College, Saturday, Dec. 14.

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

## **ERICHSEN, VERDEGAN PROVIDE ONE-TWO PUNCH AS STOUT WINS**

**MENOMONIE** - Lindsey Erichsen (So, Spring Valley, Minn) scored a double-double before halftime and along with Laura Verdegan (Jr, Tony) propelled UW-Stout to a 92-60 win over UW-Superior in the WIAC opener, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Johnson Fieldhouse. Erichsen, who would finish with 18 points and 12 rebounds, had already collected 12 points and 10 rebounds by halftime as Stout (5-1, 1-0) took a 47-25 lead into the locker room. Verdegan put on a solid performance, finishing with 16 points, four rebounds, two steals and three blocked shots in only 17 minutes of action. The Yellowjackets (0-3, 0-1) jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game, but Stout took the lead two minutes later on a Verdegan bucket and two free throws and Superior only got as close as three points. Stout went on a 12-1 run over five minutes late in the half to jump out to a 42-17 lead. Erin Churchill (So, Plum City), Bonnie Thoe (Jr, Hayfield, Minn) and Steffanie Nemitz (Fr, Bloomington) each added nine points. Stout completely dominated the boards, holding a commanding 71-36 lead off the glass. The at-times sloppy game saw 34 Superior and 29 Stout turnovers, 52 total fouls and 63 free throw attempts. Superior got 14 points from Lindsey Anderson, 12 from Stephanie Janigo and 11 from Annie Pearson.

## **BLUE DEVIL MEN COME UP SHORT TO BLUGOLDS, 80-74**

**MENOMONIE** - Even Jeff Vandenberghe's (Jr, Coon Rapids, Minn) 19 second half points was enough as UW-Stout dropped an 80-74 decision to UW-Eau Claire, Saturday, Dec. 7 at Johnson Fieldhouse. After drawing blanks on three first half shots, Vandenberghe was 4-for-5 - including all four 3-pointers - from the floor and 7-of-8 from the line to rack up the 19 points. But while Vandenberghe was hot in the second half, the Blugolds' Jason Larson was scorching the Blue Devils all night, hitting 17 points in the second to finish with a game-high 28 points. Dan Archambault added 24 points, including a perfect 9-of-9 from the charity stripe. The game featured 13 tied scores before before the teams traded one-point leads midway through the second half before Eau Claire (6-1, 2-0) grabbed the lead for good, and stretched it to as much as eight points at the 2:28 mark on a 3-pointer by Archambault. Stout (2-3, 1-1) nibbled at the deficit consistently, and did get it to 76-74 when Nate Severson (Fr, Eau Claire) hit a trey from the corner with 23 seconds left. Eau Claire pulled away with four final free throws. Eau Claire had a 23-for-30 advantage from the free throw line, and Stout hit 15-of-19 freebies. Stout got 14 points from Nate Templer (Jr, Beaver Dam), 13 points from Andy Bray (Jr, Menominee, Mich) and 10 points from Barrington Smith (Sr, Oklahoma City, Okla). Eau Claire's Nate Beck added 12 points.

Stout will be at UW-Stevens Point, Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Viterbo University, Friday, Dec. 13 and at the University of Mary, Sunday, Dec. 15.

## **CHAPMAN KEYS 1ST HALF, BRAY 2ND HALF AS STOUT DOWNS JACKETS**

**MENOMONIE** - Casey Chapman (Sr, Hartland) scored 11 first half points and Andy Bray (Jr, Menominee, Mich) scored 14 second half points as UW-Stout put away UW-Superior, 68-48, Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the WIAC opener at Superior. The Blue Devils, which evened their record to 2-2 overall, never trailed in the contest as Chapman scored nine of his first half points in four minute span to close out the first half as Stout went to the intermission with a 28-18 lead. Bray scored six quick point in the second half to move Stout out to a 37-21 lead three minutes into the stanza and Stout's lead was never less than 14 points the rest of the way. Bray led the way with 21 points, recording a double-double with 11 rebounds, while Chapman finished with 15 points. Barrington Smith (Sr, Oklahoma City, Okla) concluded with 15 points. Jeff Vandenberghe (Jr, Coon Rapids, Minn) tossed in 10 points and had a game-high five assists to go along with his game-high four steals.

The Blue Devil pressure defense put the clamps on Superior (2-3, 0-1), holding them to 28 percent shooting from the field for the game. Cody Kastern and Andrew Browning each scored 10 points for the Yellowjackets.

## **NICHOLS SCORES TWO GOALS AS STOUT SNAPS STREAK, NAMED ALL-TOURNEY**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** - Derek Nichols (Jr, Victoria, Minn) scored two first period goals to lead UW-Stout to a 3-1 win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering in the consolation game of the Radisson North Classic at Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday, Dec. 7. Nichols, who was named to the all-tournament team, scored his first goal at 9:11 in the first period, a shorthanded goal with an assist by his brother, Drew Nichols (Sr, Victoria, Minn). Nichols got some brotherly help again at 17:47 with his second goal of the night. Mitch Kellin (Jr, Cohasset, Minn) also assisted. Lewie Kellin (Jr, Cohasset, Minn) scored Stout's third goal of the period with only 14 seconds remaining, getting an assist by Charlie O'Hearn (Jr, Traverse City, Mich). MSOE (0-8-2) got on the board at 4:34 of the second play on a power play goal by Chris Wirkus. Stout (4-8-0) was whistled for 13 penalties, but the Blue Devils had their penalty kill in place, allowing only one goal in 11 opportunities. Stout outshot MSOE, 38-37 and Blue Devils goalie Jeff Dotson (Jr, Chanhassen, Minn) recorded 36 saves. The win snapped a four-game losing streak for the Blue Devils. Stout will be at St. Thomas, Thursday, Dec. 12 and at Augsburg, which lost 4-2 to Air Force in the championship game, Saturday, Dec. 14.

## **AIR FORCE SHOOTS DOWN STOUT, 6-2, AT COLORADO SPRINGS**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** - The Air Force Academy scored the first five goals of the game and went on to down UW-Stout, 6-2, Friday, Dec. 6 in the Radisson North Classic at Colorado Springs, Colo. The Falcons' (6-9) Andy Berg scored two first period power play goals to push the Division I school out front early. Air Force came back with three more goals in the second period. The Blue Devils (3-8) got on the board in quick order in third period. Only 17 seconds into the period, Dan Winkler (Jr, Brooklyn Center, Minn) scored from the top of the circle, getting an assist from Nate Legler (Jr, Lakeville, Minn). Less than two minutes later, John Schaffner (So, Janesville) stole a pass in the Falcons' end and drove the length of the ice to score unassisted. The Falcons added the final goal of the match with six minutes left. Air Force outshot Stout 43-15.

**Women's Basketball**  
**Record: 5-2, 1-1**

**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 / 7 p.m.**  
**Wed., Dec. 11 / UW-Stevens Point\* / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Dec. 14 / at Luther College / 3 p.m.  
Sun., Dec. 29 / at Land of Magic Tourney / 11 a.m.  
vs. Elizabethtown at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Mon., Dec. 30 / at Land of Magic Tourney / Noon  
vs. Hanover at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Mon., Jan. 6 / at UW-Oshkosh\* / 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 11 / UW-Platteville\* / 7 p.m.**  
Wed., Jan. 15 / at UW-La Crosse\* / 7 p.m.  
Sat., Jan. 18 / at UW-Whitewater\* / 3 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 22 / UW-River Falls\* / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Jan. 25 / at UW-Eau Claire\* / 7 p.m.  
Wed., Jan. 29 / at UW-Stevens Point\* / 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Oshkosh\* / 3 p.m.**  
Wed., Feb. 5 / at UW-Superior\* / 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Feb. 12 / UW-La Crosse\* / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Feb. 15 / at UW-Platteville\* / 7 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 19 / at UW-River Falls\* / 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Feb. 22 / UW-Whitewater\* / 3 p.m.**  
Mon., Feb. 24 / WIAC First Round / 7 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 26 / WIAC Second Round / 7 p.m.  
Sat., March 1 / WIAC Championships / 3/7 p.m.  
Wed., March 5 / 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

**Men's Basketball**  
**Record: 2-3, 1-1**

**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\* / 7 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 13 / at Viterbo University / 6:30 p.m.  
Sun., Dec. 15 / at University of Mary / 2 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 28 / at Hawaii DIII Classic / 6:45 p.m.  
vs. Nebraska Wesleyan  
Sun., Dec. 29 / at Hawaii DIII Classic / 4:30 p.m.  
vs. Illinois Wesleyan  
**Sat., Jan. 4 / UW-Oshkosh\* / 7 p.m.**  
**Tues., Jan 7 / Northwestern / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Jan. 11 / at UW-Platteville\* / 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 15 / UW-La Crosse\* / 7 p.m.**  
**Sat., Jan. 18 / UW-Whitewater\* / 7 p.m.**  
Wed., Jan. 22 / at UW-River Falls\* / 7 p.m.  
Sat., Jan. 25 / at UW-Eau Claire\* / 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 29 / UW-Stevens Point\* / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Feb. 1 / at UW-Oshkosh\* / 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Feb. 5 / UW-Superior\* / 7 p.m.**  
Wed., Feb. 12 / at UW-La Crosse\* / 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Feb. 15 / UW-Platteville\* / 7 p.m.**  
**Wed., Feb. 19 / UW-River Falls\* / 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Feb. 22 / at UW-Whitewater\* / 7 p.m.  
Tues., Feb. 25 / WIAC First Round / 7 p.m.  
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

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

**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 / 7 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 14 / at Augsburg / 7 p.m.  
Fri., Jan. 3 / at St. Olaf / 8 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 7 / Gustavus Adolphus / 7:30 p.m.**  
Fri., Jan. 10 / at UW-River Falls\*\* / 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 11 / UW-River Falls\*\* / 7:30 p.m.**  
Fri., Jan. 17 / at Bethel College / 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 23 / UW-Eau Claire\*\* / 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sat., Jan. 25 / UW-Stevens Point\*\* / 7:30 p.m.**  
**Fri., Jan. 31 / St. Scholastica\* / 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sat., Feb. 1 / UW-Superior\*\* / 7:30 p.m.**  
Fri., Feb. 7 / at Lake Forest\* / 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 8 / at St. Norbert\* / 7 p.m.  
Feb. 14-15 / NCHA Playoffs / TBA  
Feb. 28-Mar 1 / NCHA Finals / TBA  
\*NCHA game ^WIAC game