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Schedule

Wednesday, March 31

Softball vs. St. Scholastica, 3 p.m.
Baseball at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Softball at Augustana Tourney, Rock Island, Ill vs. St. Ambrose, 4 p.m.
vs. Ripon College, 6 p.m.
Gymnastics at NCGA Championships, Cambridge, Mass, TBA

Saturday, April 3

Softball at Augustana Tourney, Rock Island, Ill vs. Augustana, 11 a.m. (2)
Gymnastics at NCGA Championships, Cambridge, Mass, TBA

M & W Track at Washington University Invite, St. Louis, Mo, 10 a.m.

Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Baseball vs. St. Scholastica, 2 p.m.
Softball at Hamline University, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 8

Baseball vs. UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.
Softball at UW-River Falls, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 9

Baseball vs. UW-Whitewater, 12 p.m.
W Track at Gustavus Adolphus Invite, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 10

M Track at UW-La Crosse Invite, TBA

Monday, April 12

Softball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

Tennis at St. Benedict's, 4 p.m.
Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

Softball at UW-Superior, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 15

Tennis at St. Mary's, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 16

M Track at Carleton Invite, TBA

Saturday, April 17

W Track at St. Olaf Invite, 12 p.m.
Baseball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 12 p.m.
Softball at WIAC Cluster Tourney, at Platteville, vs. Platteville, 3 p.m., vs. Whitewater, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Baseball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 12 p.m.
Softball at WIAC Cluster Tourney, at Platteville, vs. Oshkosh, 12:30 p.m., vs. Point, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, April 19

Tennis at UW-River Falls, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20

Tennis at Hamline, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21

M Track at Macalester Twilight, 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

Baseball vs. Viterbo (1-9), 3 p.m.
Softball vs. UW-La Crosse, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 23

M Track at Drake Relays, TBA

Saturday, April 24

W Track at UW-La Crosse Classic, 1 p.m.
M Track at Drake Relays, TBA
Baseball vs. UW-Platteville, 12 p.m.

UP THIS WEEK!!!

SOFTBALL

The Blue Devils (11-5) host St. Scholastica, Wednesday, March 31 at 3 p.m. at Alumni Field. The contest is the Blue Devils' home opener and the first varsity game to be played at Alumni Field. Stout will be at the Augustana College tournament, April 2-3. Stout will play St. Ambrose College and Ripon College, April 2 and will face Augustana College twice, April 3. **Last week:** Stout split with Augsburg, March 24, losing the opener, 3-0, but coming back with a 10-2 six inning win. **Player of the week:** Kaela Wold, Jr, Altoona, Wis.

BASEBALL

The Blue Devils (0-7) head into the conference schedule this week, traveling to UW-La Crosse, Wednesday, March 31, then to UW-Oshkosh, April 3-4. Last week: The Blue Devils lost a 2-1 rain shortened contest at Waldorf College, March 27.

GYMNASTICS

The Blue Devils will close out the season April 2-3 when Rhian Paulson (So, Stillwater, Minn) and Lesley Rick (Fr, Birchwood, Minn) compete at the NCGA Championships. Paulson will compete in the floor exercise and the vault, while Rick will compete on the uneven bars.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Blue Devils open the outdoor season, Saturday, April 3 when they are at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

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JEFF DOTSON NAMED HOCKEY FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICA

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout goalie **Jeff Dotson (Sr, Chanhassen, Minn/Chaska)** was named to the 2004 JOFA American Hockey Coaches Association 2004 West All-America first team. Dotson, who was named the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association's (NCHA) Most Valuable Player in 2004, was also named to the first All-NCHA team. He played in all 14 NCHA games and finished with a 5-6-2 record with a 2.62 goals against average and a .935 saves percentage. He led the NCHA with 532 saves and was second in saves percentage and minutes played (801). He played in all 25 Stout games overall and finished with a 12-8-3 record with a 2.76 goals against average and a .923 saves percentage. He recorded four shutouts, a Stout single season record.

Dotson, who was also a first team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) choice, compiled a 12-8-3 overall record this season with a school-record four shutouts, the first shutouts of his collegiate career. He posted a school record goals against average of 2.76, with 777 saves and a save percentage of .923, also a school record. Dotson was one of six finalists for the national player of the year.

St. Norbert defenseman Ryan Tew and St. Norbert forward Jason Deitsch were also named to the first team. UW-Superior defenseman Dale Lupul, St. Norbert forward Spencer Carbery and UW-River Falls forward Jim Murphy were all named to the second team.

Others named to the first West team were: defenseman Daryl Smoleroff of St. John's and forwards Scott Bjorklund of St. John's and Dustin Lick of St. Thomas. Others named to the second West team were; goalie Adam Hanna, defenseman Adam Holmgren and forward Kevin Willey, all of St. John's.

The ACHA All-America Teams are sponsored by JOFA, an international leader in hockey equipment, and are chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association.

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

BLUE DEVIL SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH AUGSBURG IN DOUBLEHEADER

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn - Augsburg College broke a six game losing streak in a a four-hit shutout for the Auggies in the first game, but UW-Stout's **Kaela Wold (Jr, Altoona)** went 4-for-4 with three runs batted in for Stout in the second game, as the teams split a non-conference women's softball doubleheader on Wednesday, March 24, at the Edor Nelson Field indoor air structure in Minneapolis, Minn. Augsburg (2-8) won the first game 3-0, while Stout (11-5) won the second game 10-2 in a game shortened to six innings as a result of the NCAA eight-run rule.

Augsburg was held to only four hits in the game, but manufactured its three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Audra Thimmesch-Gill opened the inning by reaching base on catcher's interference, then came around to score on singles by Kristen Lideen and Becky Ruckel. Lideen scored on an RBI groundout by Lisa Uehling and pinch-runner Melynda Kleewein scored on an RBI groundout by Melissa Lee. Ruckel had a double in the first game for the Auggies, while **Kim Caswell (Sr, Stanley)** had a double for the Blue Devils. **Megan Donley (So, Fridley, Minn)** struck out three in a losing pitching effort for the Blue Devils.

Trailing 2-0 after one inning, Stout jumped on the board in a big way in the second game, scoring four runs in the second inning and three more in the third to turn a close game into a rout. **Courtney Zafft (So, Rochester, Minn)** and **Erin O'Connell (Jr, Altoona)** scored on throwing errors, and Wold hit a two-run single to bring home **Angie Kliber (So, Swanville, Minn)** and **Justine Lehmann (Fr, Luck)** in the second inning. In the third, O'Connell hit a two-run home run to right field, the first round-tripper of the year for last year's NCAA home run leader, and Caswell hit a run-scoring single. The Blue Devils added another run in the fourth, on an RBI double by Zafft, and added two more runs in the sixth, on a run-scoring double by Wold and a throwing error.

In addition to Wold's 4-for-4 effort, Zafft went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. O'Connell also scored two runs.

Emily Zahn (So, Champlin, Minn) started for Stout, but lasted just two-thirds of an inning, loading the bases and allowing two Augsburg runs, on an infield single by Uehling and on Lee's successful steal of home. Donley returned to the pitching circle for the Blue Devils and pitched the rest of the way, earning the win while striking out three and allowing just four hits.

Stout is off this weekend, but is scheduled to host St. Scholastica, Wednesday, March 31 at 3 p.m., if field conditions permit. Stout will be at the Augustana Tournament, April 2-3./*Story by Augsburg Sports Information*

KAELA WOLD NAMED WIAC SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout's **Kaela Wold (Jr, Eau Claire/Altoona)** got her season off to a good start in a new position as she moved from the outfield to shortstop in leading Stout to one of their best starts in school history (10-4). For her efforts, Wold was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) softball position player of the week. In those 14 games over more than two weeks, Wold has hit .511, collecting 23 hits in 45 at-bats, with five doubles, one triple, two home runs, 12 RBI, three walks, four strikeouts, and seven runs scored. She stole six bases in six attempts. In the field, Wold has made only two errors in 67 chances for a field percentage of .970. Stout went 2-2 last weekend, March 20-21, in the Simpson College Clossic, playing three top 25 teams. The Blue Devils lost to No. 8 Wartburg, 6-4, defeated previously unbeaten St. Scholastica, 4-2, lost to No. 22 Simpson, 2-1, and defeated No. 24 Coe, 8-4. In the Simpson, Wold hit .462 in the tournament, going 6-for-13, with a double, two home runs and five RBI.

BLUE DEVIL BASEBALL TUMBLES IN RAIN-SHORTENED GAME IN IOWA

FOREST CITY, Iowa - The UW-Stout baseball team hung around Forest City, Iowa, for more than five hours and still were saddled with a five-inning, 2-1, loss to Waldorf College, Saturday, March 27.

With the Iowa skies dark and the winds whipping up to 35 mile per hour gusts, the Blue Devils (0-7) tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the fifth inning. **Dustin VanderVorst (Fr, River Falls)** smacked a two-out single, then stole second. Fellow freshman **Luke Schultz (Menomonie)** drove VanderVorst home with a single of his own.

But Waldorf went ahead 2-1 in the bottom of the inning and the rains came. The seven inning doubleheader was declared washed out after 5 p.m. and Waldorf awarded the first game win. **Joe Huiting (Sr, Little Chute)** took the hard luck loss.

Stout will open the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) schedule, Wednesday, March 31, when they travel to UW-La Crosse. Stout is slated to play a pair of conference doubleheaders April 3-4 at UW-Oshkosh.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF COMMITMENTS

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout added more athleticism, size, and outstanding defenders to their full court press attack that led the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) in defensive field goal percentage and blocked shots.

Ryan Stangl, a 5-foot, 10-inch guard from Spring Valley, **Anthony Stotts**, a 6-5 forward from Augusta, and **Jesse Piehl**, a 7-0 post player from Tripoli High School in Iowa will play for the Blue Devils beginning next season, UW-Stout coach Ed Andrist said in announcing his first of several recruits this season. Stangl is known as a great defender who brings along an unselfish and complete game, Andrist said.

A four year starter for the Cardinals, Stangl averaged 19.5 points, five rebounds, and 3.5 steals per game. Stangl has led Spring Valley team to two Wisconsin state tournament appearances while scoring 1,184 career points.

Stangl has been an all-Dunn-St. Croix, first team selection his junior and senior year. Stangl was also tagged as an all-state honorable mention player and was recently selected to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division III North All-Star Team. Stangl also comes to Stout as a highly decorated football and baseball player.

" Ryan Stangl is the kind of player that can come in this fall and step right into the Blue Devil system," Andrist said. "He is one of the most intelligent players I have seen this season and, as a guard that will handle the ball for us, his court savvy will be extremely important. Ryan has done nothing but win his entire athletic career and with him in a Blue Devil uniform, we know that will continue here."

Stotts is a fresh bundle of athleticism from Augusta High School . Stotts is a Western Cloverbelt first team all conference selection who averaged 18 points per game while shooting more than 50 percent from the field. Stotts averaged 14.5 rebounds per game and accumulated three steals and three blocks per game for the Beavers. Stotts is currently listed as an alternate on the Division IV North All-Star team.

"Anthony Stotts is a player that will keep getting better as the competition level is raised," Andrist said. "Anthony has much to learn, but has the desire and athleticism to advance quickly. Anthony is a great leaper, and incredibly quick at getting to the basket offensively. He will fit very nicely in the Blue Devil system."

Andrist knows seven-times-three will be the tallest front line in the WIAC and possibly all of NCAA Division III basketball next season. In addition to John and Jake Nonemacher, (7-0 twins) Andrist has added a third seven footer in Piehl.

Stout led the league in blocked shots last season, and Piehl will no doubt add to that number. Piehl finished second in Iowa with an average of six blocks per game. An Iowa Star Conference performer, Piehl claims a record 13 blocks in a single game. Piehl, along with his six bpg, averaged eight points and eight rebounds per contest while leading his team to a 16-6 overall record. Tripoli's season came to an end losing to conference opponent Dunkerton, which claimed the Division 1A State Championship.

"At 7-0 and a very good athlete, what more needs to be said about Jesse Piehl," Andrist said. "Jesse brings to the table great size and an incredible desire to learn. Under the tutelage of twin towers (the Nonemacher twins), Jesse will have the time and instruction to hone his skills. Already a great shot blocker, Jesse will become a great defender and learn to face the basket and score. Jesse absolutely has his best basketball ahead of him and we are extremely happy he is a member of the Blue Devil family."

UW-Stout finished the 2003-04 season at 14-11 overall, 8-8 in the WIAC, good for a tie for fourth.

Softball
Record: 11-5, 0-0

Date / Opponent / Time

Sat., March 6 / vs. Maryville University / W 3-1
Sat., March 6 / vs. Washington University / L 1-0
Sun., March 7 / vs. John Carroll University / W 1-0
Sun., March 7 / vs. Anderson University / W 8-6
Mon., March 8 / vs. Hiram College / W 6-4
Mon., March 8 / vs. Kean University / W 8-0
Wed., March 10 / vs. SUNY-Cortland / L 3-1
Wed., March 10 / vs. Waynesburg College / W 3-1
Thur., March 11 / vs. Illinois College / W 2-0
Thur., March 11 / vs. Hiram College / W 9-1
March 20-21 / Simpson College Classic
Sat., March 20 / vs. Wartburg / L 6-4
Sat., March 20 / vs. St. Scholastica / W 4-2
Sun., March 21 / vs. Simpson College / L 2-1
Sun., March 21 / at Coe College / W 4-2
Wed., March 24 / at Augsburg College / L 3-0, W 10-2
Wed., March 31 / St. Scholastica / 3 p.m.
April 2-3 / Augustana Tourney / Rock Island, Ill.
Tues., April 6 / at Hamline University / 3 p.m.
Thurs., April 8 / at UW-River Falls* / 3 p.m.
Mon., April 12 / UW-Eau Claire* / 4 p.m.
Wed., April 14 / at UW-Superior* / 3 p.m.
April 17-18 / at WIAC Cluster* / Platteville, Wis.
Sat., April 17 / vs. UW-Platteville* / 3 p.m.
Sat., April 17 / vs. UW-Whitewater* / 5 p.m.
Sun., April 18 / vs. UW-Oshkosh* / 12:30 p.m.
Sun., April 18 / vs. UW-Stevens Point* / 2:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 22 / UW-La Crosse* / 4 p.m.
April 24-25 / at WIAC Cluster* / La Crosse, Wis.
Sat., April 24 / vs. UW-Oshkosh* / 11 a.m.
Sat., April 24 / vs. UW-Stevens Point* / 3 p.m.
Sun., April 25 / vs. UW-Whitewater* / 8:30 a.m.
Sun., April 25 / vs. UW-Platteville* / 10:30 a.m.
Fri., April 30 / at WIAC Tournament / TBA
Sat., May 1 / at WIAC Tournament / TBA
May 6-9 / NCAA Division III Regional / TBA
May 13-16 / NCAA DIII Champs / TBA

*denotes WIAC contest

Baseball
Record: 0-7, 0-0

Date / Opponent / Time

Mon., March 8 / at Texas Lutheran / L 8-5
Tues., March 9 / at Texas Lutheran / L 15-5
Wed., March 10 / at Trinity University / L 8-3
Thurs., March 11 / at Trinity University / L 3-2 (11)
Sun., March 21 / at Bradley University / L 6-1
Sun., March 21 / at Bradley University / L 13-1
Sat., March 27 / at Waldorf College / L 2-1 (5)
Wed., March 31 / at UW-La Crosse* / 1 p.m.
Sat., April 3 / at UW-Oshkosh* / 12 p.m.
Sun., April 4 / at UW-Oshkosh* / 12 p.m.
Tues., April 6 / St. Scholastica / 2 p.m.
Thurs., April 8 / UW-Whitewater* / 1 p.m.
Fri., April 9 / UW-Whitewater* / 12 p.m.
Wed., April 14 / UW-La Crosse* / 1 p.m.
Sat., April 17 / UW-Stevens Point* / 12 p.m.
Sun., April 18 / UW-Stevens Point* / 12 p.m.
Thurs., April 22 / Viterbo University (1-9) / 3 p.m.
Sat., April 24 / UW-Platteville* / 12 p.m.
Sun., April 25 / UW-Platteville* / 12 p.m.
Fri., April 30 / at St. Thomas (1-9) / 3 p.m.
Sun., May 2 / at Upper Iowa / 12 p.m.
Wed., May 5 / Waldorf College (2-7) / 1 p.m.
Fri., May 7 / at UW-Superior* / 1 p.m.
Sat., May 8 / at UW-Superior* / 12 p.m.
May 14-15 / WIAC Tournament / TBA
May 20-23 / NCAA DIII Regionals / TBA
May 28-June 1 / NCAA DIII World Series/Wis.

Gymnastics
Dual Record: 1-2

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Fri., Jan. 9 / at UW-Oshkosh / 4th of 4, 164.55
Wed., Jan. 14 / Winona State / L 173.525-169.775
Sat., Jan. 24 / at UW-Eau Claire Invite / 5th of 5, 188.75
Fri., Jan. 30 / at UW-Whitewater / W 167.925-166.325
Fri., Feb. 6 / UW-La Crosse 178.05; UW-Eau Claire 176.625; UW-Stout 169.90
Fri., Feb. 13 / at Hamline / L 181.875-171.375
Wed., Feb. 18 / Gustavus / L 183.925-174.95
Fri., Feb. 27 / John Zuerlein Invite / 4th of 5, 173.775
Fri., March 5 / at WIAC Championships / 5th of 5 at UW-La Crosse
Fri., March 19 / at NCGA West Regional / 7th of 7 at UW-Eau Claire
April 2-3 / at NCGA Championships / TBA at MIT, Cambridge, Mass.

Women's Track & Field

Outdoor

Sat., April 3 / at Washington U Invite / 10 a.m.
Fri., April 9 / at Gustavus Adolphus / TBA
Sat., April 17 / at St. Olaf Invite / Noon
Sat., April 24 / at UW-La Crosse Classic / 1 p.m.
Fri., April 30 / at UW-La Crosse / 4 p.m.
May 7-8 / at WIAC Championships / 11 a.m. UW-Eau Claire hosts
Sat., May 22 / at UW-Oshkosh Qualifier / Noon
May 22-24 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m. Millikin University hosts

Indoor

Date / Event / Time or Result

Sat., Jan. 24 / at St. Benedict / 11 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 31 / UW-Stout Open / 2nd of 9
Fri., Feb. 6 / UW-Stout Pentangular / 1st of 4
Sat., Feb. 7 / Warren Bowlius Open / 6th of 7
Sat., Feb. 14 / at Border Battle (St. Olaf) / 4th of 4
Fri., Feb. 20 / Blue Devil Open / 2nd of 8
Fri., Feb. 27 / at St. Olaf Invite / 4 p.m.
March 5-6 / WIAC Championships / 6th of 9
UW-Stout hosts
March 12-13 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 5th UW-Whitewater hosts

Men's Track & Field

Outdoor

Sat., April 3 / at Washington U Invite / 10 a.m.
Sat., April 10 / at La Crosse Triangular / 1 p.m.
Fri., April 16 / at Carleton Invite / TBA
Wed., April 21 / at Macalester Twilite / 5 p.m.
April 23-24 / at Drake Relays / TBA
May 7-8 / at WIAC Championships / 11 a.m. UW-Eau Claire hosts
Sat., May 15 / at North Central Qualifier / TBA
Fri., May 21 / at LX NCAA Qualifier / 4 p.m.
Sat., May 22 / at St. Thomas Qualifier / TBA
May 22-24 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m. Millikin University hosts

Indoor

Date / Event / Time or Result

Fri., Jan. 23 / at Eagle Invite / 3rd of 4
Sat., Jan. 31 / UW-Stout Open / 2nd of 9
Fri., Feb. 6 / UW-Stout Pentangular / 1st of 4
Sat., Feb. 7 / Warren Bowlius Open / 4th of 6
Sat., Feb. 14 / at Border Battle (St. Olaf) / 4th of 4
Fri., Feb. 20 / Blue Devil Open / 2nd of 6
Sat., Feb. 28 / at St. Olaf Invite / Noon
March 5-6 / WIAC Championships / 7th of 9
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March 12-13 / at NCAA DIII Championships / 10 a.m. UW-Whitewater hosts