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Schedule

2004-05

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Volleyball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24

Tennis at UW-River Falls, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Tennis vs. Ripon College, 10 a.m.

M & W Cross Country at St. Mary's Invite, Arcadia, Wis., 11 a.m.

Football vs. UW-Oshkosh, Hall of Fame Game, 1 p.m.

Soccer vs. Northland Baptist, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26

Soccer vs. Marian College, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Soccer at Northland College, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Volleyball at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.

Tennis at Marian College, 3:30 p.m.

Soccer at UW-Stevens Point, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Tennis at UW-Stevens Point, noon

Volleyball at UW-Oshkosh, noon

Football at Waldorf, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Soccer vs. UW-Superior, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Tennis vs. Hamline, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 8

Tennis vs. UW-Oshkosh, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament, TBA

Soccer vs. Beloit College, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

M & W Cross Country at Beloit College, 10 a.m.

Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament, TBA

Tennis vs. University of Chicago, TBA

Football at UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Sunday, Oct. 17

Homecoming Week

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Soccer at UW-Eau Claire, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15

Tennis at UW-La Crosse, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Soccer vs. UW-La Crosse, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Volleyball at Lawrence, 10 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Northland Bible at Lawrence, 2 p.m.

Football vs. Stevens Point, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Soccer vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Volleyball vs. UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Soccer vs. St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Volleyball hosts UW-Stout Tournament, vs. Hamline, 4 p.m., vs. Luther, 8 p.m.

M & W Cross Country at Lake Wissota Invite, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Volleyball hosts UW-Stout Tournament, vs. St. Catherine, 10 a.m., vs. UW-Stevens Point, 2 p.m.

Tennis at WIAC Championships, TBA

Football at UW-River Falls, 1 p.m.

STOUT OPENS HOME & CONFERENCE SEASON WITH OSHKOSH

UW-Oshkosh Titans (3-0, 0-0) at UW-Stout Blue Devils (1-0, 0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. • Don & Nona Williams Stadium, Menomonie, Wis.

ON THE LINE: The Todd Strop era began with a shutout win two weeks ago at DePauw University, then the Blue Devils had last week off. How the Blue Devils respond to the layoff in this conference opener will be key. UW-Oshkosh, on the other hand, has been busy the last three weeks and have outscored opponents by an average of 46-13.

LAST TIME OUT: Stout: UW-Stout pitched their first shutout since the opening game of the 1993 as Stout opened the 2004 season with a 23-0 win at DePauw University, Sept. 11. Nick Ohman rushed for 116 yards and a TD and threw two TDs, one to John Henry Freeman and another to Jesse Wendt. Ohman completed 23 passes for 216 yards. Tight end Ross Jones pulled in six catches for 81 yards. Tailback Ryan Englebert ran 18 times for 58 yards and pulled in eight passes for 28 yards.

Oshkosh: The Titans crushed Albion College, 40-0, Saturday in their home opener, their first shutout in 32 games. Offense, defense and special teams all scored. Oshkosh piled up 410 yards of total offense, 219 passing, 191 on the ground. The offense scored two TDs, but so did the defense as Scott Salvinski scored on a fumble recovery in the first period and Craig Korth returned an interception 38 yards. In all, the Titans had four interceptions, two by Bryan Kent, and recovered two fumbles. Lucas Raschke added two second period field goals. Nick Wara completed 14 passes for 182 yards. Aaron Chaltry rushed for 77 yards and two TDs.

LAST SEASON: Stout and Oshkosh are both members of the eight-team Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Last season, Stout was 6-4 overall, 4-3 (tied for fourth with Eau Claire) in the WIAC. Oshkosh was 4-6 overall, 1-6 (tied for seventh) in league play.

THE SERIES: Oshkosh leads the series, 26-20-1, a series that began in 1947 with a 19-12 Oshkosh win. In the 21st century, Stout has victories in the even numbered years, while the Titans have won during the odd years. The Titans upended the Blue Devils last season, 15-7, at Oshkosh. Mike Kinatader kicked three field goals and Andrew Stern ran for a five yard score before Stout got on the board. Stout quarterback Nick Ohman scored on a 10-yard run with a minute left in the game to avoid a shutout only days after two Blue Devils players were critically injured in an auto accident.

STOUT PLAYERS TO WATCH: (2003 statistics) QB Nick Ohman (Sr, Glenwood City) 262 att, 130 comp, 5 int, 216 yds, 18 TDs, 198.1 y/game, 112 car, 372 yds, 3.3 y/car; RB Ryan Englebert (So, Sturgeon Bay) 3 games, 52 car, 336 yds, 6.5 yd/car, 2 TD; FB Matt Schaeuble (Sr, Wrightstown) 30 car, 106 yds, 3.5 yd/car, 1 TD; WR Matt Sprester (Sr, Amery), 3 games, 12 rec, 181 yds, 15.1 yd/rec, 3 TDs; WR Seth Mattison (Sr, Hayfield, Minn), 17 rec, 345 yds, 20.3 yd/rec, 2 TDs; WR Jesse Wendt (So, Lake Holcombe), 15 rec, 261 yds, 17.4 yd/rec, 1 TDs; DB Jordan Sinz (Sr, Edgar) 60 tackles, 40 solo, 1 tackle for loss, 4 int, 2 forced fumbles; LB Luke Rykal (Sr, Cadott) 44 tackles, 26 solo, 10 tackles for loss of 31 yds, 4 sacks; LB Noah Mayer (Sr, Mayfield) 25 tackles, 16 solo, 8 tackles for loss of 38 yds, 3 sacks; Blue Devils avg 440.1 total ypg, 235.9 rushing, 204.2 passing; give up 347.0 total ypg, 150.1 rushing, 196.9 passing. Stout outscored opponents, 308-241. (31-24)

OSHKOSH PLAYERS TO WATCH: QB Nick Wara (Sr, Oshkosh) 34 comp, 57 att, 508 yds, 1 TD, 169.3 yd/g, 2 int, 24 carries, 98 yds, 3 TDs, 4.1 y/car; RB Andy Moriarty (So, Mequon) 48 car, 246 yds, 3 TDs, 5.1 y/car, 82 y/g; FB Aaron Chaltry (Sr, Peshtigo) 20 car, 67 yds, 5 TDs, 3.3 y/car, 22.3 y/g, 6 rec, 106 yds, 17.7 y/rec; WR Steve Stoltz (Fr, Greendale) 8 rec, 123 yds, 15.4 y/rec, 1 TD, 41 y/g, 4 kick returns, 22 y/ret, 5 punt ret, 14 y/ret; WR Chad LaLuzerne (So, Algoma) 6 rec, 155 yds, 25.8 y/rec, 51.7 y/g; K Lucas Raschke (Fr, Clintonville) 7-of-8 FG, 15-of-17 PAT; LB Shane Schutz (Jr, West Bend) 16 tackles, 9 solo, 4 tackles for loss of 13 yds, 2 sacks for 10 yds; LB Dan Mulqueen (Sr, Milwaukee) 12 tackles, 8 solo, 3 tackles for loss of 18 yards, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; LB Jacob Malzahn (Jr, Kenosha) 12 tackles, 10 solo, 5 tackles for loss of 27 yds, 1 sack, 1 int, 1 fumble recovery; Oshkosh avg 414 yds/g, 229 rushing, 185 passing; give up 198.3 yds/g, 77.3 rushing, 121 passing, outscored opponents 140-41 (46-13)

OFFENSIVE LOOK: Titans: pro-set; Stout: multi-pro set. **DEFENSIVE LOOK:** Oshkosh: multiple 5-2; Stout: 3-4.

COACHES: Stout coach Todd Strop (1-0 career) is in his first year as the Blue Devil head coach and was the Blue Devils' defensive coordinator the last six seasons. Oshkosh coach Phil Meyer (17-25) is in his fifth year as the Titans' coach.

STOUT COACH TODD STROP SAYS: "This was a terrible time for a break. We work three weeks, then have some success, then we have to rest. But it did allow us to make some corrections and improvements, plus get over any minor nicks and bumps.

"(Against DePauw) we controlled the game, but we have to learn to finish. We went 170 yards on two drives, and only scored three points (in the first half). We did put (QB) Nick (Ohman) in position to make some plays. Our offense is keyed for the receivers to make big plays, and we didn't do that except for (TE Ross) Jones. I thought defensively, we did a good job.

"Oshkosh is a team that has been waiting (coach Phil) Mayer's recruiting classes to come into the fray. Their offensive line has been together for three years and has developed into a good line. Defensively, they have their whole front seven back. We can't turn the ball over and some of our playmakers have to make the plays."

RADIO: WMEQ 880 AM, Jake Bostrom, Steve Schrantz; All games are broadcast live over the Internet at www.wmeq.com

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

UP THIS WEEK!!!

FOOTBALL

The Blue Devils (1-0, 0-0) begin the season in earnest after a week off, following their first game Sept. 11. The Blue Devils will host undefeated UW-Oshkosh (3-0, 0-0), Saturday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. Oshkosh is ranked **Last week:** The Blue Devils scored 20 second half points and shut out an opponent for the first time since the 1993 season as Stout ripped host DePauw University, 23-0, Sept. 11 in Greencastle, Ind. The win was also first year head coach Todd Strop's first career win.

VOLLEYBALL

The Blue Devils (10-2, 2-1) continue on into what may be their toughest part of the schedule as they will face three nationally ranked team. Stout will host 15th ranked UW-River Falls (10-2, 1-1) Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., then take to the road to take on No. 8 UW-Whitewater (12-2, 2-1), Friday, Sept. 24 and No. 18 UW-Oshkosh (8-4, 0-0), Sept. 25. **Last week:** The Blue Devils, who were ranked No. 16 in the latest AVCA poll, when 2-1 on the week. Stout downed UW-Eau Claire, 3-0, Sept. 15, then lost to No. 13 UW-La Crosse, 3-1. The Blue Devils bounced back for a 3-1 win over No. 10 UW-Platteville. **Player of the week:** Tanille Hartwig, Sr, Athens, Wis.

SOCCER

After one conference play, the Blue Devils (4-0-1, 1-0-0) will step out of conference play for two non-conference contests. The Blue Devils will host Northland Baptist (1-3-0), Saturday, Sept. 25 and Marian College (2-4-0), Sunday, Sept. 26. Both games are at 2 p.m. **Last week:** Stout extended their scoreless streak to 482 minutes as the Blue Devils blanked UW-Whitewater, 4-0, Sept. 17. **Offensive player of the week:** Shannon Hermes, So, Prior Lake, Minn; **Defensive player of the week:** Melissa Ballweg, Sr, Merrimac, Wis. (Sauk Prairie).

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Blue Devils travel to Arcadia to compete in the St. Mary's (Minn) Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 25. **Last week:** Stout finished fifth of 20 teams at the St. Olaf Invitational, Sept. 18 in Northfield, Minn. **Runner of the week:** Stephanie Nichols, So, Chetek, Wis.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Blue Devils travel to Arcadia to compete in the St. Mary's (Minn) Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 25. **Last week:** Stout finished fourth of 13 teams at the St. Olaf Invitational, Sept. 18 in Northfield, Minn. **Runner of the week:** John Ullrich, Jr, Savage, Minn. (Burnsville)

TENNIS

The Blue Devils (1-5, 0-2) will be at UW-River Falls, Friday, Sept. 24 and will host Ripon College, Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. **Last week:** Stout was defeated 9-0 by both UW-Eau Claire, Sept. 17 and UW-Whitewater, Sept. 18 **Singles player of the week:** Elizabeth Hanson, So, Waseca, Minn.

BLUE DEVIL VOLLEYBALL HANDS PLATTEVILLE FIRST LOSS OF THE YEAR

MENOMONIE - After a dismal loss the night before, the UW-Stout volleyball team came to life and defeated 10th ranked UW-Platteville, 3-1, Saturday, Sept. 18 at Johnson Fieldhouse. Coming off a disappointing 3-1 loss to UW-La Crosse Friday night after easily downing the Eagles in the first game, the Blue Devils (10-2, 2-1 WIAC) shot out to a 30-19 first game win against Platteville, then came back with a 30-23 second game win. The Pioneers (11-1, 2-1) snagged the third game, 30-22, and were poised to repeat what they did the night before at UW-River Falls. Trailing 2-0 after the first two games, Platteville came back to win the final three and the match. But Stout would not let Platteville back into the fourth and deciding game, as Stout controlled throughout much of the game, winning 30-20. **Tanille Hartwig (Sr, Athens)** led the way in the fourth game, putting down five kills. **Brooke Viegut (Sr, Abbotsford)** finished the afternoon with 16 kills to lead Stout, while Hartwig tallied 15. The Pioneer's Andrea Coffman led all players with 18 kills. Mal Dzubay finished with 14. As a team, Stout, which is ranked 16th nationally, tallied only three service aces, but did not allow a single Pioneer service ace.

EAGLES TURN THE TABLES ON BLUE DEVILS

MENOMONIE - For the first game, it looked as if the 16th ranked UW-Stout volleyball team was going to run 13th ranked La Crosse out of Johnson Fieldhouse. But the Eagles turned the tide on the Blue Devils and shut down Stout the rest of the way in a battle of nationally ranked teams, Friday, Sept. 17 in Menomonie. The Eagles took the match, 17-30, 30-17, 30-24, 30-26. Stout (9-2, 1-1 WIAC) could do little wrong in the first match as they manhandled the Eagles (9-2, 1-1) by putting down 15 kills and holding La Crosse to seven, as the Eagles hitting percentage was in the negative range. La Crosse powered back and kept the Blue Devils the rest of the night, although the fourth match was only separated by a point up until La Crosse shot out to a 26-19 lead. Stout got 18 kills from **Brooke Viegut (Sr, Abbotsford)** and 12 from **Tanille Hartwig (Sr, Athens)**. The Eagles were led by Laura Wagner with 15 and Lindsey Johnson with 12.

16th RANKED BLUE DEVILS DOWN SPUNKY BLUGOLDS IN THREE GAMES

EAU CLAIRE - The match may have been won by a 3-0 margin, but the individual games show a much closer battle as UW-Stout defeated UW-Eau Claire, 30-25, 31-29, 30-28, Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Eau Claire to open Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) play for both teams. Stout (9-1, 1-0 WIAC), which moved up one spot in the latest AVCA Division III poll released today, got 17 kills from **Tanille Hartwig (Sr, Athens)** and needed every one of those kills to dispatch the Blugolds (7-3, 0-1). **Kjersti Hamlin (Sr, Spring Valley, Minn)** added 12 kills, while **Lindsay Mensink (Sr, Ostrander, Minn)** had 11 and **Brooke Viegut (Sr, Abbotsford)** 10. Libero **Rachel Linbo (Jr, Stewartville, Minn)**, who returned after missing four games at the Augsburg Invitational due to an injury, led the defensive play with 17 digs. Hartwig had a solo block and four assisted blocks, while Viegut had three assisted blocks.

NICK OHMAN GARNERS FOOTBALL CONFERENCE, NATIONAL HONORS

MENOMONIE - After leading his team to a 23-0 win at DePauw University, Sept. 11, UW-Stout quarterback **Nick Ohman (Sr, Glenwood City)** has been named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) player of the week and to the Don Hansen National Weekly Football Gazette team of the week. Ohman ran 19 times for a game-high 116 rushing yards and completed 23-of-30 passes for a game-high 216 yards. Ohman led scoring drives of 94 yards, 92 yards, 49 yards and 54 yards. He threw for two touchdowns and ran for another. Ohman tallied 332 yards of total offense as Stout rolled up 416 total yards.

BLUE DEVIL SOCCER EXTENDS SCORELESS STREAK, BLANK WHITEWATER, 4-0

WHITEWATER - The UW-Stout defense extended their scoreless streak to 482 consecutive minutes and the offense poured it on as the Blue Devil soccer team recorded their fourth straight shutout with a 4-0 win at UW-Whitewater. The Blue Devils (4-0-1, 1-0-0 WIAC) did all of their scoring in the first half, with four different players getting goals. **Carrie Schrank (Sr, Reedsburg)** opened the scoring at the 10 minute mark, with assists by **Shannon Hermes (So, Prior Lake, Minn)** and **Kelly Stolarczyk (Jr, Elk River, Minn)**. Stolarczyk scored six minutes later with an assist by Hermes. The pair traded positions on the next goal, with Hermes scoring in the 38th minute, on an assist by Stolarczyk. Stout wasted no time putting a bulge in the onion bag again as **Michelle Lizotte (Fr, Racine)** scored in the 39th minute, with an assist by Schrank. Stout outshot Whitewater 16-6, with Stout putting 11 shots on goal to the Warhawks' (2-3-0, 0-1-0) one. The Blue Devils' **Melissa Ballweg (Sr, Merrimac)** was doing her best impression of the Maytag repairman, needing to make only one save, that coming in the first half. Stout will host Northland Baptist, Saturday, Sept. 25 and Marian College, Sunday, Sept. 26. Both games are at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FIFTH AT ST. OLAF MEET

NORTHFIELD, Minn - UW-Stout finished fifth of 20 schools at the St. Olaf Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 18 in Northfield, Minn. **Stephanie Nichols (So, Chetek)** shaved 1-minute, 12-seconds off her time from last year and finished at 24:39 in 17th place. **Kersten Wilson (Sr, Tomahawk)** was right behind at 24:40. **Abbey Ring (Fr, Manitowoc)** was 23rd in a time of 24:58. Stout will be at the St. Mary's Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 24 in Arcadia.

St. Olaf Invitational

1. Macalester 67; 2. St. Olaf 68; 3. UW-Eau Claire 129; 4. UM-Duluth 133; 5. UW-Stout 147; 6. St. Catherine 153; 7. Bethel 181; 8. Minn-Mankato 206; 9. UW-River Falls 237; 10. North Park 253; 11. Winona State 265; 12. Martin Luther 289; 13. Carleton 395; 14. St. Thomas JV 407; 15. North Central 512; 16. UM-Morris 513; 17. Northwestern 525; 18. Crown 555; 19. Iowa Lakes, Bethany Lutheran, incomplete teams.

Individual Results (First place, all Stout finishers)

1. Sara Frederickson (UM-Duluth) 23:08; 17. Stephanie Nichols 24:39; 18. Kersten Wilson 24:40; 23. Abbey Ring 24:58; 29. Bridgette Crozier 25:09; 81. Leah Karaliunas 26:23; 101. Lindsay Enger 26:57; 106. Laura Eysnogle 27:07; 118. Anne Westpetal 27:19; 148. Carly Mann 27:52; 149. Valori Schafer 27:53; 166. Leah Moss 28:18; 171. Amanda Rau 28:22; 184. Bonnie Wold 28:41; 217. Jodi Welhoefer 29:40; 222. Emily Dubay 30:00; 242. Becky Werner 30:58; 269. Jamie Ott 33:18; Christine Enger, Alison Weis DNF.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY FOURTH AT ST. OLAF MEET

NORTHFIELD, Minn - UW-Stout placed fourth at the St. Olaf Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 18 in Northfield, Minn. **John Ullrich (Jr, Savage, Minn)** and **Nate Haeny (So, Sauk Rapids, Minn)** finished 13th and 14th respectively to pace the Blue Devil men. Ullrich clocked a time of 28-minutes, 3-seconds, while Haeny was only a second behind at 28:04. Stout will be at the St. Mary's Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 24 in Arcadia.

St. Olaf Invitational

1. St. Olaf 34; 2. Macalester 36; 3. UM-Duluth 80; 4. UW-Stout 108; 5. Carleton 130; 6. Martin Luther 165; 7. UW-River Falls 192; 8. Winona State 263; 9. North Central 273; 10. Northwestern 307; 11. North Park 325.

Individual Results (First place, all Stout finishers)

1. Malcolm Richards (St. Olaf) 26:46; 13. John Ullrich 28:03; 14. Nate Haeny 28:04; 27. Ryan Chernik 28:40; 32. John Maresh 28:51; 35. Justin Graham 28:57; 41. Michael Heinen 29:10; 61. Todd Dexheimer 29:51; 64. Brett Heimstead 30:01; 66. Jim Trudeau 30:04; 76. Dave Schonscheck 30:22; 83. Luke Kramer 30:33; 94. Jon Golem 31:06; 99. Will Lechleitner 31:15; 103. Mark Kempen 31:29; 108. Mitch Schlough 31:54; 111. Micah Miles 32:05; 130. Dan Yudchitz 33:14;

UW-WHITEWATER TAKES ALL NINE MATCHES

MENOMONIE - UW-Whitewater made it a clean sweep as they defeated UW-Stout, 9-0, in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) action, Saturday, Sept. 18 in Menomonie. The Warhawks did not give up a set. Stout's closest contest was at No. 6 singles where **Elizabeth Hanson (So, Waseca, Minn)** took Andrea Alioto to nearly the limit in both sets before falling, 6-4, 6-4. Stout will return to action Saturday, Sept. 25 when they host Ripon College.

UW-Whitewater 9, UW-Stout 0

Singles: No. 1: Kristin Chamberlain (WW) def. Jenna Bettmann, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 2:** Autum Wilkowski (WW) def. Tina Rodin, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Nicole Stamm (WW) def. Nicole Hayek, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Maggie Stietz (WW) def. Ashley Potter, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 5:** Kara Theis (WW) def. Marie Pingry by forfeit; **No. 6:** Andrea Alioto (WW) def. Elizabeth Hanson, 6-4, 6-4; **Exh:** Katherine Smith (WW) def. Grace Brothen, 10-5; Kristin Leiterman (WW) def. Kristin Ferris, 8-6; Steph McBride (WW) def. Patti Gunderson, 8-0

Doubles: No. 1: Chamberlain/Wilkowski (WW) def. Bettmann/Hanson, 8-0; **No. 2:** Stamm/Theis (WW) def. Hayek/Pingry, 8-1; **No. 3:** Alioto/Katherine Smith (WW) def. Rodin/Cecily Hiner, 8-4; **Exh:** Seitz/Leiterman (WW) def. Nichole Jenness/Ferris, 8-4

UW-EAU CLAIRE SHUTS OUT BLUE DEVILS

MENOMONIE - UW-Eau Claire shutout UW-Stout in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) action, Friday, Sept. 17 in Menomonie. **Marie Pingry (Fr, Virginia, Minn)** had Menomonie's best opportunity, winning her opening set at No. 5, then dropping the final two. Stout will host UW-Whitewater, Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m.

UW-Eau Claire 9, UW-Stout 0

Singles: No. 1: Katie Kuzma (EC) def. Jenna Bettmann, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Sarah Riordan (EC) def. Tina Rodin, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 3:** Kristie Carlson (EC) def. Nicole Hayek, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Alli Taplin (EC) def. Ashley Potter, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 5:** Laura Geissler (EC) def. Marie Pingry, 6-7, 7-6 (11-9); **No. 6:** Lindsay Lee (EC) def. Elizabeth Hanson, 6-0, 6-0; **Exh:** Kristin Ferris lost, 8-3; Grace Brothen lost, 8-3; Nicholle Jenness, lost 8-3; Katie Brott lost 8-6; Kirby Laackmann lost 8-2.

Doubles: No. 1: Kuzma/Giessler (EC) def. Bettmann/Hanson, 8-0; **No. 2:** Carlson/Riordan (EC) def. Hayek/Pingry, 8-2; **No. 3:** Molly Hunt/Lee (EC) def. Rodin/Cecily Hiner, 8-3; **Exh:** Nicholle Jenness/Patti Gunderson, lost 8-3; Grace Brothen/Ashley Potter lost, 8-3.

FORMER CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK RUNNER RELAYS EXPERIENCES IN IRAQ

By Scott Barthel

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Before joining the National Guard, the enlistee has to be aware that you can be called up for duty at anytime. For one University of Wisconsin-Stout senior, the call of duty came less than a semester before graduation. On March 15, 2003, **Jason Kirch**, a cross country and track runner, was activated along with the rest of the approximately 500 soldiers that made up the 724th Engineer Battalion. Kirch's unit was based out of Medford. Kirch, who had enlisted in June, 2001, flew overseas on May 9, 2003, one day before he had originally expected to graduate from the university. Following a month long stint in Kuwait, Kirch's battalion made a permanent base in Tallil, Iraq. Tallil is nearly 200 miles southeast of Baghdad, and the city is mostly inhabited by Shittes, anti-Saddam Hussein Muslims. Nearly 8000 soldiers from the US and other coalition forces were stationed at Tallil. Being stationed in a predominant Shiite town, none of the soldiers ever had to fire a weapon in combat. Instead they got along well with the citizens, Kirch said.

"The people were really nice to us," Kirch said. "The biggest thing the kids would say is, 'Mister, mister friend.'"

Besides bringing security to Tallil, the troops rebuilt the city. "I feel like we did more humanitarian aid work than anything else," said Kirch. "Outside the base, we fixed schools, roads, and dug ditches. We also cleared up old mines and old ammunition." Kirch and his fellow troops also built the base in Tallil. "Inside the one-mile perimeter," Kirch said, "we pretty much built everything." He explained how they had to make the most of the buildings, make or repair roads and clean up the debris from shot-up planes and bunkers. Kirch said a major battle occurred before his battalion arrived. He noted the news surrounding Jessica Lynch occurred nearby.

During his free time, Kirch would stay in shape by running. However, it wasn't the same as running with a team like in college. So when he saw other soldiers running, he decided to start a running club. Word spread about the running team, and the 130th Engineers invited them to run in the Anaconda Ten-Miler in Balad, Iraq. The race featured 2,000 American soldiers, and Kirch took an impressive fourth place. Since then, Kirch has run in other military sponsored races. His best time for a ten-mile race is 59:37, which means he averaged less than six-minute miles. In October, he will run in the Chicago Marathon and the Army Ten-Miler in Washington D.C.

Kirch, a Sauk City native, returned home in March, 2004, and is now back at Stout to finish his degree in construction. Helping himself stay in shape for his upcoming races, he practices with his old teammates and also does some limited coaching.

Josh Buchholtz, the Stout men's cross country coach, said, "He is helping us out where and when he can. Plus he is staying in shape while doing it." Kirch is happy to be back in school and finishing a chapter of his life that he expected to close a year and a half ago. However, Kirch has a feeling he hasn't seen the last of Iraq. "It is a good possibility that I will go back before my time in the guard is up," Kirch said. "If the U.S. pulls out now, all the militants will go in and overrule the new government." Whether Kirch goes back or not, Buchholtz and the rest of the cross country and track teams support him. "We support our troops, and we are proud to have him fight for us," Buchholtz said.

Volleyball
Record: 10-2, 1-1

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Fri., Sept. 3 / at UW-River Falls Tourney / TBA
vs. Macalester, W 3-1
vs. Central, W 3-0
Sat., Sept. 4 / at UW-River Falls Tourney / TBA
vs. Pacific Lutheran, W 3-0
vs. St. Olaf, W 3-0
Wed., Sept. 8 / Bethel College / W 3-1
Fri., Sept. 10 / at Augsburg Tourney / TBA
vs. St. Olaf, W 3-1
vs. Augsburg, W 3-0
Sat., Sept. 11 / at Augsburg Tourney / TBA
vs. St. Scholastica, W 3-0
vs. St. Benedict, L 3-2
Wed., Sept. 15 / at UW-Eau Claire* / W 3-0
Fri., Sept. 17 / UW-La Crosse* / L 3-1
Sat., Sept. 18 / UW-Platteville* / W 3-1
Wed., Sept. 22 / UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 1 / at UW-Whitewater* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 2 / at UW-Oshkosh* / TBA
Fri., Oct. 8 / at UW-Platteville Tourney / TBA
vs. St. Norbert, 4 p.m.
vs. Illinois Wesleyan, 8 p.m..
Sat., Oct. 9 / at UW-Platteville Tourney / TBA
vs. UW-River Falls, 10 a. m.
vs. Coe College, 12 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 15 / at UW-Stevens Point* / 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 16 / at Lawrence / 10 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 16 / vs. Northland Baptist / 2 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 20 / UW-Superior* / 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22 / UW-Stout Tourney / 4/6/8 p.m.
vs. Hamline, 4 p.m.
vs. Luther, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 23 / UW-Stout Tourney / 10 a.m./2 p.m.
vs. Viterbo, 10 a.m.
vs. UW-Stevens Point, 2 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 29 / at UW-River Falls Tourney / TBA
Sat., Oct. 30 / at UW-River Falls Tourney / TBA
Tues., Nov. 2 / at WIAC Quarterfinals / 7 p.m.
Nov. 5-6 / WIAC Final Four / TBA

Soccer
Record: 3-0-1, 1-0-0

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Wed., Sept. 1 / Gustavus Adolphus / T 1-1 (20T)
Sat., Sept. 4 / at St. Mary's, Md. / W 1-0 (20T)
Sun., Sept. 5 / at Salisbury, Md. / W 1-0 (20T)
Fri., Sept. 10 / vs. Maranatha Baptist / W 7-0
Fri., Sept. 17 / at UW-Whitewater* / W 4-0
Sat., Sept. 25 / Northland Baptist / 2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 26 / Marian College / 2 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 29 / at Northland College / 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 1 / at UW-Stevens Point* / 4 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 5 / UW-Superior* / 5 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 8 / Beloit College / 7 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 12 / at UW-Eau Claire* / 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 15 / UW-La Crosse* / 4 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 19 / UW-River Falls* / 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 21 / St. Thomas / 7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 24 / at UW-Oshkosh* / 1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 29 / UW-Platteville* / 7 p.m.
Nov. 2-9 / WIAC Tournament / TBA
Nov. 13 / NCAA Division III Playoffs / TBA

Women's Cross Country

Date / Meet / Time or Result

Sat., Sept. 4 / Alumni/Intra-Squad Meet / 9:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 18 / at St. Olaf Invitational / 5th/20
Northfield, Minn.
Sat., Sept. 25 / at St. Mary's Invite / 11 a.m.
Arcadia, Wis.
Sat., Oct. 9 / at Beloit Old English Style / 10 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 22 / at Lake Wissota Invite / 4 p.m.
Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Sat., Oct. 30 / at WIAC Championships / 11 a.m.
River Falls, Wis.
Sat., Nov. 13 / at NCAA DIII Regionals / 11 a.m.
Rock Island, Ill. Augustana hosts
Sat., Nov. 20 / at NCAA DIII Champs / 11 a.m.
Cofax, Wis. UW-Eau Claire hosts

Men's Cross Country

Date / Meet / Time or Result

Sat., Sept. 4 / Alumni/Intra-Squad Meet / 9:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 18 / at St. Olaf Invitational / 4th/13
Northfield, Minn.
Fri., Oct. 1 / at Midwest Challenge / 3:30 p.m.
Cofax, Wis.
Sat., Oct. 9 / at Beloit Old English Style / 10 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 22 / at Lake Wissota Invite / 5 p.m.
Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Sat., Oct. 30 / at WIAC Championships / noon
River Falls, Wis.
Sat., Nov. 13 / at NCAA DIII Regionals / noon
Rock Island, Ill. Augustana hosts
Sat., Nov. 20 / at NCAA DIII Champs / noon
Cofax, Wis. UW-Eau Claire hosts

Football
Record: 1-0, 0-0

Date / Opponent / Time or Result

Sat., Sept. 11 / at DePauw University / W 23-0
Greencastle, Ind.
Sat., Sept. 25 / UW-Oshkosh* / 1 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 2 / at Waldorf College / 2 p.m.
Forest City, Iowa
Sat., Oct. 9 / at UW-Whitewater* / 1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 16 / UW-Stevens Point* / 1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 23 / at UW-River Falls* / 1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 30 / UW-La Crosse* / 1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 6 / UW-Eau Claire* / 1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 13 / at UW-Platteville* / 1 p.m.

Tennis
Record: 1-5, 0-0

Date / Opponent / Time or Results

Friday, Sept. 3 / at Edgewood College / W 7-2
Sat., Sept. 4 / vs. Knox College / L 5-4
Sat., Sept. 4 / at Beloit / L 6-3
Sat., Sept. 11 / vs. St. Scholastica / L 9-0
Fri., Sept. 17 / UW-Eau Claire* / L 9-0
Sat., Sept. 18 / UW-Whitewater* / L 9-0
Fri., Sept. 24 / at UW-River Falls* / 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 25 / Ripon College / 10 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 1 / at Marian College / 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 2 / at UW-Stevens Point* / Noon
Wed., Oct. 6 / Hamline University / 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 8 / UW-Oshkosh* / 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 9 / University of Chicago / 3 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 15 / at UW-La Crosse* / 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 23-24 / at WIAC Championships / TBA
Madison, Wis.