



**Head Coach
Wil Nichol**

THANK YOU SENIORS

I would just like to thank our senior class for a wonderful 2 years. They had a goal to turn this program around and they have done just that. As juniors, they doubled their win total from their

sophomore season, and this year, they finished in 5th place in the NCHA regular season which is the highest finish since the 2005-06 season. Our season tickets have gone up the last two years, and our attendance has also gone up the last two years. Last year we were 2nd in the west with attendance and at last count, this year we were leading the west in attendance. All 12 seniors are on track to graduate either this Spring or in the Fall, and there is not a doubt in my mind that all 12 of them will do well in life. I have truly enjoyed coaching each one of them and only wish that I would have had them for all 4 years!

FAST FACTS: 2008-2009 SENIORS

- ❁ **There are 12 Seniors on the 2008-2009 roster**
- ❁ **Three defensemen: Jonathan Ralph, Tim Manthey, and Nick Bydal**
- ❁ **Eights forwards: Sean Fish, Shane Foster, Taylor Guay, Russell Law, Andrew Cankar, Matt Stendahl, Ross Johnson, and Brett Beckfeld**
- ❁ **One goalie: Marcus Paulson**
- ❁ **Nine of these seniors played all four years for Stevens Point. Ross Johnson played three years at UWSP. Jonathan Ralph and Tim Manthey were Coach Nichol's recruits and played at UWSP for two years.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❁ Feb 14, 2009 Senior's Night
- ❁ Last regular season game Feb 14, 2009 VS Eau Claire at KB Willett Arena
- ❁ 2008-09 NCHA Peters Cup Quarterfinal Playoffs, Feb 20-21, 2009 location TBD, (mini-game if necessary)
- ❁ Peters Cup Semifinals Feb 28, 2009
- ❁ Peters Cup Championship March 7, 2009
- ❁ Hockey Banquet April 2009 TBD
- ❁ Friday Sept 11, 2009 Golf Outing, SentryWorld Golf Course

ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR PARENTS

By Tina Beckfeld

Words cannot express our most sincere gratitude to Coach Nichol and his staff for coaching and mentoring our sons into fine hockey players and young men. With your guidance our seniors rose to your expectations and became better hockey players, better students, and became respected in the community and amongst their peers.

Thank you to the Pointer Blue Line Club for all their support in the form of new uniforms, nutritious meals, and better road trip accommodations. We appreciate all you have done for our boys. And to all the individuals who opened their homes and their hearts to our sons, we are very grateful.

As parents we couldn't have asked for anything more!

A WINNING SEASON

By Mike Fisher, Pointer Blue Line Club

As the season begins to wind down, I find myself reflecting on this year's team accomplishments. My first instinct, like many Dawg fans, is to look at ... WINS, STANDINGS, and RANKINGS, as the "rulers" we so often use to measure our team's results, which in reflection, is a mistake on my part. I know, as many of you do, that building a winning program takes more than just "W's".

Winning

It's about ... supporting teammates and battling through the injuries and adversities associated with the physical nature of the game of hockey.

It's about ... a team putting the same effort in the classroom as they do on the ice.

It's about ... coaches and players donating their time to serve their community and local charities.

It's about ... a couple of players taking it upon themselves to visit an injured young fan in the hospital to help the healing process with a kind word and a smile.

It's about ... finding the time before or after games to talk to a program supporter, salute the fans, and remembering their families and their sacrifices and support.

Our program is rich in tradition and in producing winners and this year is no exception. The seniors, that will be leaving us this year, leave behind many winning ways to be proud of. Dawg fans hold your head high with pride and remember this year may not have produced the number of "W's" we would all like to have, but let there be no doubt, we have had a chance to watch a team full of winners, so wear your purple and gold with pride because our program once again has produced a great group of winners in life ... **GO DAWGS!!**

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Letter to the Editor:

Classes thank UWSP men's hockey team

Our classes would like to sincerely thank the UWSP Pointer Men's Hockey Team for such a wonderful partnership.

These young men have come in to our second grade classrooms to read with the students. They truly are an exceptional bunch of people. Not only have they been working with the kids, but they volunteered their time on their winter break to come ice skating with us!

What a thrill it was for the kids to skate with their favorite players! The Pointers did such a great job with the kids that have never skated and helped build their confidence to new levels. They also had a lot of fun racing around with the students that were able to ice skate.

Thank you UWSP Men's Hockey team and Coach Wil Nichol. We appreciate all you do for us and the community. Go Pointers!

Chris Meinholz, Kris Kunkel and Holly Busse
Bannach Elementary School

