

SPORTS

What You Missed In UWS Athletics Over Winter Break

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Just because classes stopped for the Fall Semester doesn't mean the action stopped for the UW-Superior athletic teams. Five teams were still in action over break and each had success over the break.

We will start off with the women's hockey team which competed in the Fondy Pot Invitational which was hosted by Marian University. They started the tournament off hot by taking down the hosts Marian 6-2 behind two goals from Senior Jenna Hoops. In the championship they took down conference foe UW-Stevens Point 5-0 behind a 24 save outing from goalie Anna

Maulson. Also over the break they took the season sweep over Concordia College (Minn) 3-2. They then lost a pair of games to the then ranked number two and defending national champions UW-River Falls.

Over to men's hockey were they made the long bus ride to Boston to compete in the 59th annual Codfish Bowl Tournament. They took their opener in the tournament 2-0 over Fitchburg State. They then went onto face tournament host UMass-Boston in the final which they took 5-2 by scoring all of their goals in the first two periods. The Yellowjackets continued their winning ways as they took games over Concordia

(Minn.), Northland College and St. John's. Over the break the Yellowjackets also broke into the national rankings and are currently ranked in the top 15.

Over to women's basketball where they opened up the break successfully with a win over Milwaukee School of Engineering 56-49 which snapped a four game losing streak. The Jacket's then opened up conference play with a win over North Central in a rematch of the semi-finals of the UMAC playoffs from last season. They then took down Bethany Lutheran behind late game heroics from Elise Besonen as she drained a shot with just a few seconds left on the clock to win the game 64-63. They then made quick work of Northland College before dropping a competitive game on the road to Martin Luther 52-60.

On the men's side their break started with the Radisson Holiday Classic which was hosted by UW-River Falls. They dropped both of the games in the tournament first in a competitive game against



Joey Barker Drops North Central Defender
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UW-Stout and then to host River Falls. Like their women counterparts they opened up conference play in a rematch of the UMAC playoffs against North Central. A late game comeback pushed the Yellowjackets over the Rams which led to another UMAC tournament rematch against Bethany Lutheran. The Yellowjackets needed another comeback to take down the Vikings. Behind a 30 point performance from Reid Johnson the Yellowjackets were able to exact a measure of revenge over Bethany Lutheran. They then took care of both Northland and Martin Luther to start out conference play 4-0.

Over to track and field

where both teams competed in the Twin Ports Open hosted in the Dr. Lydia C. Thering Fieldhouse here at UW-Superior. At that event Earl Foster set the school indoor 200-meter hurdles record with a time 25.39 seconds. On the women's side Summer Hesseldahl was victorious in the 60-meter hurdles and Bel Dimaze also took home a victory in the high jump. There is still plenty of time to catch the Yellowjackets in the winter semester as every team makes the push towards conference playoffs.



Elise Besonen (Left) and Elsa Olson (Right) during game against North Central
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STUDENT PROFILE | UWS Men's Hockey Freshman Phenom

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We are in the latter half of winter, which means winter sports are winding down here at UW-Superior.

As for the Yellowjackets men's hockey team, they are in the midst of a fantastic season. Right in the center of all of their success is freshman phenom Ikki Kogawa. Kogawa moved

from Japan to Canada when he was 12 and has played at numerous stops along his hockey career.

He has played in Toronto for the majority of his youth career, and he has also made a stop in Boston for a year. He was recruited to come to UWS in May while playing for the Janesville Jets

of the North American Hockey League.

When asked why he decided to come play for the Yellowjackets, Kogawa said, "I knew that this program produced a lot of pro players... The hockey program is good. I knew the conference was very hard compared to other conferences. So I was like, 'Okay this is a good spot for me to develop as a student in hockey.'" Kogawa also mentioned his sister also went to a Universities of Wisconsin school, so he knew the UW system was structured.

As for his play on the ice, Kogawa leads the Yellowjackets in scoring with 7 goals and 13 as-



Ikki Kogawa Leads Men's Hockey In Points This Season
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sists for 20 points in 20 games so far this season.

The Yellowjackets as a whole are first in the conference, posting a 16-3-2 record overall and 11-1-1 in the conference.

As for why they are playing so well, Kogawa said, "Everyone's like best friends; I don't think there's any guys I'd say anything bad about; that's probably the

reason why we've been winning... I don't care if I score or not, obviously if we win."

With only a few games left in the regular season, Kogawa and the Yellowjackets hope to continue their run into the postseason and win the conference.



Ikki Kogawa Shoots Against UW-River Falls
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Up Next in Sports

Men's Basketball

vs Bethany Lutheran
Feb 15 (Sat)/
Superior, Wis. 3:00
p.m. (Senior Day)

vs Crown College Feb.
19 (Wed)/Superior,
Wis. 5:30 p.m.

at Minnesota Morris
Feb 22 (Sat)/ Morris,
Minn. 3:00 p.m.

UMAC Playoffs/
Semi-Final vs TBA
Feb 26 (Wed)

UMAC Playoffs/Final
vs TBA Mar 1 (Sat)

Women's Basketball

vs Bethany Lutheran
Feb 15 (Sat)/
Superior, Wis.
4:45p.m. (Senior Day)

vs Crown College Feb.
19 (Wed)/Superior,
Wis. 7:15 p.m.

at Minnesota Morris
Feb 22 (Sat)/ Morris,
Minn. 4:45 p.m.

UMAC Playoffs/
Semi-Final vs TBA
Feb 26 (Wed)

UMAC Playoffs/Final
vs TBA Mar 1 (Sat)

Men's Hockey

vs UW-Stevens Point
Feb 14 (Fri)/Superior,
Wis. 7:05 p.m.

vs UW-Stevens Point
Feb 15 (Sat)/Superior,
Wis. 7:05 p.m.

WIAC Tournament/
1st Round vs TBA
Feb 21 (Fri)

WIAC Tournament/
2nd Round vs TBA
Feb 22 (Sat)

Women's Hockey

at Northland College
Feb 21 (Fri)/Ashland,
Wis. 6:00 p.m.

at Northland College
Feb 22 (Sat)/Ashland,
Wis. 2:00 p.m.

WIAC Tournament/
1st Round vs TBA
Feb 25 (Tue)

WIAC Tournament/
2nd Round vs TBA
Feb 28 (Fri)

Track and Field

Maday Classic Feb 15
(Sat)/ Superior, Wis. 11:00
a.m.

Gene Glader Classic Feb
22 (Sat)/ St. Paul, Minn.
TBA

UMAC Track and
Field Indoor
Championship Feb 28
(Fri) and Mar 1 (Sat)/
Superior, Wis 1;