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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

#10 UW-Stevens Point (2-0) vs. Butler University (0-3)

Saturday, September 27 - 1:00 p.m.

Goerke Field (4,000) - Stevens Point, Wisconsin

2003 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
La Crosse	0	0	3	0
Oshkosh	0	0	3	0
Stevens Point	0	0	2	0
Platteville	0	0	2	0
Eau Claire	0	0	1	1
Stout	0	0	1	1
Whitewater	0	0	1	1
River Falls	0	0	0	2

Last Week in the WIAC

Augustana (SD) 37, UW-Stout 20
St. John's (MN) 24, UW-Eau Claire 10
UW-La Crosse 28, South Dakota 24
UW-Platteville 21, Drake (IA) 20
UW-Oshkosh 26, Lakeland 23 (4 OT)

This Week in the WIAC

UW-Eau Claire at UW-River Falls, 1:00
UW-Platteville at Augustana (IL), 1:00
Butler (IN) at UW-Stevens Point, 1:00
UW-Whitewater at Tri-State, 1:30
St. Thomas (MN) at UW-Stout, 7:00

Game Outlook:

The Pointers finally play a game at Goerke Field after two road games and a bye week to open the season. UW-Stevens Point is 2-0 after posting its biggest shutout win in 82 years with a 63-0 rout of Tri-State (Ind.) in its last outing. Butler opened the season with three straight losses. This week's game marks the 17th annual "Spud Bowl."

Radio:

The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling the play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing the analysis.

Series History:

Butler leads the series 2-1 after a 43-29 win last year in Indianapolis. The two schools played a home-and-home series in 1994 and 1995 with the road team winning each meeting. Butler won the first meeting 28-16 on Sept. 24, 1994 before the Pointers came back to post a 37-0 win in Indianapolis on Sept. 23, 1995.

Spud Bowl History:

UW-Stevens Point is 15-1 in annual Spud Bowl games, beating Augustana (Ill.) 20-17 in last year's event. The only loss was a 28-21 overtime defeat to Northern State (S.D.) in 2000. The past five Spud Bowls have been decided by five points or less.

2003 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 6	at Augustana, Ill.	W 19-15	Rock Island, Ill.	Krause leads eighth career fourth quarter comeback win
Sept. 13	at Tri-State, Ind.	W 63-0	Angola, Ind.	Pointers' biggest shutout victory since 1921
Sept. 27	Butler	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Teams combined for 988 total yards in 2002 Butler win
Oct. 4	at UW-La Crosse	1 p.m.	La Crosse	Defending WIAC champs take field in conference opener
Oct. 11	UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Blue Devils favorite in WIAC; Pointers tabbed second
Oct. 18	UW-Eau Claire	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Four of last five meetings decided by five pts. or less
Oct. 25	at UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Oshkosh	101st meeting - longest of any two Division III publics
Nov. 1	UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	UWSP coming off first win at Whitewater since 1986
Nov. 8	at UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Platteville	Pointers have beaten Pioneers 12 straight times
Nov. 15	UW-River Falls	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	UWSP has won three of past four matchups

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point had a week off after a 63-0 thrashing of Tri-State (Ind.) on Sept. 13. Senior quarterback Scott Krause was 18-for-19 passing for 269 yards and five touchdowns, setting a school record for completion percentage and earning Football Gazette NCAA Division III Offensive Player of the Week honors. The Pointer defense also had an impressive effort, holding Tri-State to 43 yards on 35 carries and not allowing the Thunder to cross the Pointers' 40-yard line.

The victory was the biggest shutout win for the Pointers since a 121-0 win over St. Norbert on Oct. 15, 1921. Overall, it was the Pointers' fifth-highest scoring game and fourth-biggest victory margin in school history. The 28-point second quarter was the second-best in team history.

Bulldog Update:

Butler is 0-3 for the first time since 1981, but hasn't lost its first four games of the season since 1942, despite starting 0-3 five times since.

The Bulldogs looked to be on their way to a victory last week, leading Davidson 27-9 at halftime, but the Wildcats outscored Butler 36-0 in the second half for a 45-27 victory. The Bulldogs have been outscored 71-6 in the second half of their three games this year. They also lost to Tiffin (Ohio) 42-6 and Duquesne 49-0.

Senior defensive back Brandon Martin tied a school record with three interceptions last week and was named the Pioneer Football League Defensive Player of the Week. Quarterback Adam Webb was 15-for-26 passing for a career-high 170 yards.

Butler is a non-scholarship Division I-AA program and a member of the Pioneer Football League with Dayton, Drake, San Diego, Valparaiso, Austin Peay, Davidson, Jacksonville and Morehead State.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 101-50-2 record in his 16th season. Earlier this season, Miech became the sixth coach in WIAC history to reach 100 career wins. Of the 21 WIAC coaches with at least 42 wins, Miech's .667 winning percentage ranks fifth. He is a 1975 graduate of UW-Stevens Point and is the all-time winningest coach in Pointers' history. Miech has had a winning record in 14 of his 15 seasons with the Pointers.

Butler coach **Kit Cartwright** has a 4-9 career mark in his second season as the Bulldogs' head coach after serving as the team's offensive coordinator for the past four seasons. During that time, Butler set 10 school offensive records and led the Pioneer Football League in passing the past three seasons.

Spud Bowl:

Saturday's game will be the 16th annual "Spud Bowl" game, which recognizes the area's potato industry. The annual "Spuds and Suds" picnic begins outside Goerke Field at 3 p.m. The picnic features all-you-can-eat potatoes, bratwurst, chili and potato cake. There also will be Point Beer and Coca-Cola available. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for UW-Stevens Point students with ID and children 12-and under.

The Spud Bowl is a local scholarship fund for UW-Stevens Point students with a farm or agri-business background.

Starting Strong:

UW-Stevens Point is 2-0 for the sixth time in the past eight years. The Pointers also opened the year with two straight road victories for the seventh time in 27 chances, though they've been successful in four straight opportunities.

Out of this League:

UW-Stevens Point has enjoyed plenty of success against Division I-AA and Division II teams over the past eight years. The Pointers are 14-3 against upper-division opponents since losing to Butler in 1994. The only losses during the span were last year's 43-29 loss to Butler, a 28-21 overtime loss to Division II Northern State (S.D.) in the 2000 season opener and a 37-29 loss to Division I-AA Drake the following week.

After the 1994 loss to Butler, the Pointers won 13 straight over Division I-AA and II foes before the back-to-back defeats in 2000. UW-Stevens Point also beat Division II Winona State (Minn.) in the 2000 season finale.

Happy Travels:

With two road wins already this year, the Pointers have now won 17 of their last 18 regular season non-conference games with the only loss during that span coming last season at Butler.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 22

Rank, Team	Rec.
1. Mount Union, Ohio (25)	2-0
2. St. John's, Minn.	2-0
3. Wheaton, Ill.	2-0
4. UW-La Crosse	3-0
5. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	2-0
6. Linfield, Ore.	2-0
7. Rowan, N.J.	3-0
8. Bridgewater, Va.	3-0
9. Wartburg, Iowa	2-0
10. UW-Stevens Point	2-0
11. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	1-1
12. Ithaca, N.Y.	2-0
13. UW-Stout	1-1
14. Hampden-Sydney, Va.	2-0
15. Lycoming, Pa.	2-0
16. Wittenberg, Ohio	2-0
17. Wash. & Jefferson, Pa.	2-0
18. John Carroll, Ohio	2-0
19. Brockport State, N.Y.	3-0
20. Wooster, Ohio	2-0
21. Hardin-Simmons, Texas	1-1
22. Trinity, Texas	2-1
23. Bethel, Minn.	3-0
24. Springfield, Mass.	3-0
25. Capital, Ohio	2-0

Taking a Break:

UW-Stevens Point's bye week was marked the second straight year the Pointers have taken a week off in mid-season, but only the second time since the second week of the 1998 season.

Under Coach Miech, the Pointers are 2-4 following scheduled bye weeks. UW-Stevens Point lost to UW-La Crosse 31-25 last year, lost to UW-River Falls 18-13 in 1998, beat UW-Oshkosh 52-7 in 1996, lost to UW-La Crosse 21-14 in 1993, beat UW-Platteville 31-7 in 1992 and lost to UW-Whitewater 14-13 in 1992.

Goerke Greatness:

UW-Stevens Point is 13-2 in home openers under John Miech with the only losses coming in 2000 to Northern State and in 1993 to Michigan Tech. All-time, UW-Stevens Point is 178-108-8 at Goerke since the stadium opened in 1932.

Home Sweet Home:

The Sept. 27 home opener is the latest the Pointers have hit the Goerke Field turf since a Sept. 30 opener in 1995 when they played their first three games on the road. Only three times since 1968 have the Pointers opened at home later than Sept. 27. In addition to 1995, they opened on Sept. 28, 1991 and Oct. 8, 1977. The Pointers won all three of those home openers.

Quick Recoveries:

Defensive end Josh VanderVelden has already recovered three fumbles this season, which is the most in a season by a Pointer since Jonah Roth had three in 2000. No Pointer player has had four since Clint Kriewaldt in 1997.

As a team, the Pointers had four recoveries last week and now have six for the year. UW-Stevens Point recovered five all of last season and had seven in the entire 2001 regular season.

Passing Judgement:

Saturday's game marks an interesting confrontation between Pointer quarterback Scott Krause and the Butler secondary. Krause ranked second in Division III last week in passing efficiency with a quarterback rating of 224.67, completing 71.7 percent of his passes with eight touchdowns and one interception.

Meanwhile, the Butler defense ranks last among 121 Division I-AA schools in passing efficiency defense with a 185.74 rating. The Bulldogs' foes have completed 59.3 percent of passes for 13 touchdowns and four interceptions.

Oddly, the Bulldogs do have one of the nation's top individual defenders, however, as Brandon Martin has all four of the team's interceptions to lead Division I-AA in the category.

Snap Streak Snapped:

Scott Krause had taken all but three snaps over the past two seasons and was taken out in the final quarter with the big lead against Tri-State as Jake Dickert ran the final eight plays of the game.

Dickert's first play snapped Krause's streak at 1,145 consecutive snaps. The streak includes field goals as the team's holder, but does not include extra points (which he also took) or punts. The last snap he didn't take was in the fourth quarter against UW-Stout on Oct. 27, 2001 after he took a hard hit following a five-yard gain. Backup Nolan Ott fumbled the next snap, but Jason VanderVelden recovered and Krause re-entered the following play.

Down and Out:

UW-Stevens Point hadn't held an opponent to fewer than 10 first downs in a game since Sept. 21, 1996 when the chains moved just six times in a 52-7 win over Bemidji State, however, they've now done it two straight weeks. Augustana had seven first downs and Tri-State managed just nine.

The New Fridge:

Pointer defensive tackle Clint Bakken may have become one of the biggest players in Division III history to score an offensive touchdown when the 315-pounder bulldozed in from one-yard out to give the Pointers a 13-0 lead against Tri-State.

Bakken also carried from the two-yard line on third down on the previous play, taking the ball to the one before scoring on the next play. He added two sacks and was the team's Defensive Player of the Week.

Conference Power:

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is already off to a great start with a combined 13-5 record and three teams ranked in the top 13 nationally. Three of the five losses have been to Division II teams and the other losses are to the top two ranked Division III squads in Mount Union and St. John's.

Game Notes:

Butler's defense ranks 120th of 121 Division I-AA schools, allowing 45.3 points per game. Only Rhode Island has allowed more...The Bulldogs rank 110th in offense at 11.0 points per game...UW-Stevens Point ranks fifth in total defense and 20th in total offense in Division III...The Tri-State win was the Pointers' first shutout since a 54-0 win over UW-Platteville on Sept. 27, 1997...Krause completed his final two passes against Augustana and first 12 against Tri-State for 14 straight completions...Krause's 95.7 percent completions against Tri-State was actually better than the Division III record of 91.3 percent, but he needed a minimum of 20 completions to qualify. Even then, it also would not have counted since it was against an NAIA opponent...Kurt Kielblock is the first Pointer player to post 100-yard receiving games in consecutive games since Chad Valentyne had three straight 100-yard games in 1999...Cory Flisakowski's 149 yards rushing against Tri-State was a career high.