



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**#9 UW-Stevens Point (2-1) vs. #3 UW-La Crosse (1-1)**

**Saturday, October 2 - 1 p.m.**

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

### 2004 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	1	0	4	0
Stout	1	0	2	0
Platteville	0	0	3	0
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
La Crosse	0	0	1	1
River Falls	0	0	0	3
Oshkosh	0	1	3	1
Eau Claire	0	1	2	1

### Last Week in the WIAC

Whitewater 12, Eau Claire 7  
Stout 49, Oshkosh 17  
Stevens Point 41, Waldorf (IA) 7  
Pacific Lutheran (WA) 28, River Falls 24  
Platteville 25, Augustana (IL) 23

### This Week in the WIAC

La Crosse at Stevens Point, 1 pm  
River Falls at Eau Claire, 1 pm  
Whitewater at Platteville, 1 pm  
Stout at Waldorf, 2 pm

### Game Outlook:

For the second time in three weeks, two NCAA Division III top 10 teams clash at Goerke Field as ninth-ranked UW-Stevens Point hosts third-ranked UW-La Crosse. The game comes two weeks after second-ranked Linfield visited Stevens Point. It is the conference opener for both teams, who are the predicted favorites in the WIAC. Defending champion UW-La Crosse is picked to repeat and the Pointers are pegged second.

### Radio:

The game can be heard live on WSPT (1010 AM) radio with Scott Krueger calling the play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing the analysis.

The game will also be broadcast live on WWSP (89.9 FM) with Nick Cornette and Tony Bastien on the call.

### Series History:

UW-La Crosse leads the all-time series 38-9-4 and beat the Pointers 24-21 last season in La Crosse. The Eagles are 23-2-2 in the past 27 matchups with the Pointers' last victory coming in 2001 at La Crosse. UW-Stevens Point also won at home in 1998 and at La Crosse in 1987, though the win was later forfeited. The last three meetings have all been decided by six points or less.

### 2004 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 11	Tri-State, Ind.	W 57-3	Stevens Point	Borchart throws 5TD's and runs for 1 TD in first start
Sept. 18	Linfield, Ore.	L 46-35	Stevens Point	Pointers' first non-conference D-III loss since 1981
Sept. 25	at Waldorf, Iowa	W 41-7	Forest City, Iowa	Borchart throws for 248 yards in second quarter
Oct. 2	<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Eagles favorite in WIAC; Pointers picked for second</b>
Oct. 9	at UW-Eau Claire	1 p.m.	Eau Claire	Five of last six meetings decided by five points or less
Oct. 16	at UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Menomonie	Pointers look to avenge 37-27 loss from 2003 season
Oct. 23	<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>102nd meeting - longest of any two Division III publics</b>
Oct. 30	at UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Whitewater	UWSP's 2002 win at Whitewater was first since 1986
Nov. 6	<b>UW-Platteville</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Pointers have beaten Pioneers 13 straight times</b>
Nov. 13	at UW-River Falls	2 p.m.	River Falls	UWSP has won four of past five matchups

### Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point finished off its non-conference season with a 41-7 win over Waldorf (Iowa) on Saturday, using a big second quarter to down the Warriors.

Quarterback Brett Borchart threw for 331 yards in the first half, including 248 yards in a 24-point second quarter outburst as the Pointers built a 31-7 halftime lead. Borchart finished the day 17-for-29 for 336 yards.

Kurt Kielblock caught six passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns, while Tony Romano had five catches for 91 yards and Ross Adamczak had three receptions for 107 yards. Jake Dickert completed three of four passes for 89 yards in the second half.

The Pointers held Waldorf to zero yards passing in the second half. Steve Garvoille led the defense with 14 tackles. UW-Stevens Point outgained the Warriors 533-206.

The Pointers have now scored at least 35 points in six straight games.

### Eagle Update:

UW-La Crosse opened the season by splitting a pair of road games with Division II schools, posting a 34-13 win over Minnesota-Duluth and suffering a 45-44 loss to South Dakota. The Eagles were off last week and will not play a home game until Oct. 16.

UW-La Crosse is the defending WIAC champion and was picked to repeat this season in the league's pre-season poll.

Matt Pagel rushed for 123 yards on 14 carries against South Dakota and had 73 yards on 21 carries at Minnesota-Duluth. The Eagles rolled up 434 total yards at South Dakota, including 270 yards on 34 rushing attempts for an average of 7.9 yards per carry.

Scott Burnoski had four catches for 74 yards in the loss to South Dakota. Ken Halvorson had fumble returns for touchdowns in both games, going 44 yards at Minnesota-Duluth and 38 yards at South Dakota.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 109-53-2 record in his 17th season. Miech currently ranks fifth on the all-time WIAC wins list. 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 15 of his 16 seasons with the Pointers.

UW-La Crosse coach **Larry Terry** has a 54-45-1 career record in his 11th season as a collegiate coach. He has a 29-16 mark in his fifth year with the Eagles, having previously coached at Ripon for six years. Terry was the WIAC Coach of the Year the past two seasons after guiding the Eagles to WIAC titles each year.

### Marquee Matchups:

In the first five weeks of the season, only three games have been or will be played between top 10 Division III teams. This week's game is the second time Goerke Field has hosted one of the nation's top games. UW-Stevens Point was ranked seventh and played second-ranked Linfield two weeks ago. This week, in addition to the Pointers and Eagles, top-ranked Mount Union is playing fourth-ranked Capital.

### First on the Board:

Waldorf's first quarter touchdown last week was only the third first quarter score the Pointers have allowed in their past 14 games.

The Pointers have led at halftime in eight straight games and outscored opponents 207-42 in the first half over that stretch. Waldorf is the only team to score first against the Pointers, who have trailed a total of only four minutes and 55 seconds in the first half of the last eight games. In the game prior to the eight-game streak, they trailed UW-Stout 31-7 at halftime.

### Just for Kicks:

The Pointers have been fortunate to have two kickers both enjoying successful seasons so far as junior Dan Heldmann and freshman John Ryan are still sharing field goal and extra point duties.

The tandem has combined to make 16-of-18 extra points and all three field goal attempts.

Both kickers made field goals last

week, marking the first time since the second game of the 2002 season at Ohio Northern that the Pointers have made two field goals in a game.

### Defensive Turnaround:

When Linfield scored 46 points on the Pointers two weeks ago, it was just the fifth time in John Miech's 17 years that UW-Stevens Point has allowed 40 points or more. Each of the four times that the Pointers played again the following week (one game was the season finale), they held their next opponent under 10 points.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 27

Rank, Team	Rec.
1. Mount Union, Ohio (20)	3-0
2. Linfield, Ore. (5)	2-0
<b>3. UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>1-1</b>
4. Capital, Ohio	3-0
5. St. John's, Minn.	3-1
6. Springfield, Mass.	2-0
7. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	3-0
8. Montclair State, N.J.	2-0
<b>9. UW-Stevens Point</b>	<b>2-1</b>
10. Wheaton, Ill.	3-0
11. Trinity, Texas	4-0
12. Hardin-Simmons, Texas	3-0
13. Hampden-Sydney, Va.	3-0
14. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	3-0
15. UW-Whitewater	4-0
16. Rowan, N.J.	2-1
17. Wooster, Ohio	3-0
18. Washington & Jeff., Pa.	4-0
19. Christopher Newport, Va.	2-1
20. Johns Hopkins, Md.	3-0
21. UW-Eau Claire	2-1
22. Ithaca, N.Y.	2-1
23. Salisbury, Md.	4-0
24. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	4-0
25. Wartburg, Iowa	3-1

**Offensive Remarks:**

UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC in scoring offense at 44.3 points per game and total offense at 502.3 yards per game. In fact, the Pointers rank 12th nationally in scoring offense and eighth in total offense.

The Pointers are averaging a whopping 49.5 points over their last six games dating to last season. UW-Stevens Point has scored 297 points and gained 3,247 yards over the span for an average of 541.1 yards per game. Two of the six games were against ranked opponents UW-Whitewater and Linfield.

**Super Subs:**

Brothers Dustin and Dan Robinson have made the most of their playing time this year.

Dustin, a reserve running back, led the team in rushing for the second time this season with 57 yards on six carries at Waldorf and is averaging 10.5 yards per carry. He has 16 of his 17 carries in the fourth quarter of blowout wins and didn't have a rush against Linfield, but still ranks eighth in the WIAC in rushing at 59.7 yards per game.

Dan Robinson, a reserve linebacker, would rank second in the WIAC with three sacks, but has only played in two of the team's three games and didn't qualify for the league stats this week. He had tackles on the last four plays of the game last week at Waldorf.

**Special Stopper:**

Pointer junior Brett Maxwell has made an impact on special teams the past two weeks, recording tackles on six of the team's 13 kickoffs. He had four tackles on eight kickoffs at Waldorf and recorded two tackles on five kickoffs and another on a punt against Linfield. Maxwell ranks second on the team with 19 tackles for the year.

**Passing Zone:**

Just like 2003 when the Pointers ranked ninth in the country in passing, this season is off to a similar start. UW-Stevens Point ranks 10th in Division III in passing at 319.0 yards per game (they averaged 297.6 in 2003) as quarterback Brett Borchart has posted impressive numbers. He leads the WIAC and ranks 10th nationally in passing efficiency with a 172.96 rating and ranks 12th nationally in total offense at 321.3 total yards per game. Senior receiver Tony Romano leads the WIAC and is 17th in Division III with 107.7 yards receiving per game.

**Terrific Transition:**

Freshman Kasey Morgan came to UW-Stevens Point as a quarterback and worked out at the position during all of training camp, but the former Iola-Scandinavia standout has found a spot on special teams and leads the WIAC while ranking 26th nationally in punt returns with a 12.6 average, totaling 63 yards on five returns. He also has two kickoff returns for a 31.5 yard average.

**Game Notes:**

Neither the Pointers nor their opponents have converted a fourth down this season. UW-Stevens Point has failed five times and its opponents are zero-for-six...UW-Stevens Point is the only team in the WIAC that has not allowed a rushing touchdown...UW-La Crosse's Matt Pagel ranks eighth nationally in kickoff returns with a 34.8 yard average...The Eagles' Ken Halvorson is fourth in Division III with 19 solo tackles in two games, while UW-Stevens Point's Steve Garvoille ranks 24th with 22 solo stops in three outings...Brett Borchart's 78-yard touchdown to Kurt Kielblock last week was the longest pass play in the WIAC this year...Borchart to Tony Romano for 60 yards against Tri-State was the second-longest...Pointers' receiver Jake VanDerGeest caught two passes for 89 yards last week for a 44.5 average.