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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (3-3, 1-2) vs. UW-Oshkosh (4-2, 1-2)

Saturday, October 23 - 1 p.m.

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

2004 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	3	1	6	1
Eau Claire	3	1	5	1
La Crosse	2	1	3	2
Stevens Point	1	2	3	3
Oshkosh	1	2	4	2
Platteville	1	2	4	2
Stout	1	2	3	2
River Falls	1	2	1	5

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 20, La Crosse 10
Stevens Point 23, Stout 7
Whitewater 42, River Falls 3
Oshkosh 54, Platteville 6

This Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire at Gustavus Adolphus, 1:00
Oshkosh at Stevens Point, 1:00
Stout at River Falls, 1:00
Platteville at La Crosse, 4:00

Game Outlook:

Two teams both coming off their first WIAC victory of the year and looking to avoid their third conference loss square off this week at Goerke Field when UW-Stevens Point hosts UW-Oshkosh. The Pointers posted a 23-7 win over UW-Stout last week, while UW-Oshkosh rolled over UW-Platteville 54-6. The rivalry is the longest in Division III among two public schools.

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 WSPT (89.9 FM) radio.

Series History:

The teams are meeting for the 102nd time with UW-Stevens Point holding a 54-39-8 lead in the all-time series after a 13-9 victory last season. After back-to-back UW-Oshkosh wins by 38-31 scores in 2000 and 2001, the Pointers have won the past two games that both featured a combined 22 points scored.

The rivalry started in 1896 and is the 16th longest in NCAA Division III history. It is the longest between two Division III non-private schools.

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	UW-La Crosse	L 35-14	Stevens Point	Pointers hampered by seven turnovers in defeat
Oct. 9	at UW-Eau Claire	L 28-27	Eau Claire	UWSP's 20-point fourth quarter rally falls short
Oct. 16	at UW-Stout	W 23-7	Menomonie	Adamczak and Romano both have eight catches in win
Oct. 23	UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	102nd meeting - longest of any two Division III publics
Oct. 30	at UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Whitewater	UWSP's 2002 win at Whitewater was first since 1986
Nov. 6	UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers have beaten Pioneers 13 straight times
Nov. 13	at UW-River Falls	2 p.m.	River Falls	UWSP has won four of past five matchups

Pointer Update:

The Pointers picked up their first WIAC win of the year and snapped a two-game losing streak with a 23-7 win over UW-Stout on Saturday.

Junior cornerback LaRon Ragsdale provided the first points of the game by returning an interception 77 yards for a touchdown with 23 seconds left in the first half on Saturday.

Senior tight end Ross Adamczak had a career-high eight catches for 132 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown on the Pointers' first drive of the second half. Cody Childs rushed for 71 yards and had a 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that put the Pointers ahead 20-0.

Senior Tony Romano also had a big day with eight catches for 159 yards and had a 37-yard reception to set up a 32-yard field goal by Dan Heldmann in the fourth quarter. Brett Borchart had his third 300-yard passing game in the past four weeks, finishing 24-for-38 for 358 yards.

Brett Ehret added 13 tackles and Chase Kostichka had a late interception to seal the victory.

Titan Update:

UW-Oshkosh thumped UW-Platteville 54-6 last week for its highest WIAC point total since a 67-0 win over the Pioneers on Oct. 11, 1919. It was the Titans' biggest victory margin since a 49-0 win over UW-Superior on Nov. 1, 1969.

UW-Oshkosh opened up a 31-0 halftime lead and amassed 559 yards of total offense, while holding the Pioneers to 226 total yards.

Andrew Stern rushed 32 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Titans. Lucas Raschke added four field goals in the victory. UW-Oshkosh had six different players intercept a pass and held UW-Platteville's passing offense to 156 yards on 18-for-44 passing.

Andy Moriarity is the team's leading rusher at 76.5 yards per game, but was lost to injury after the fourth game.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 110-55-2 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-Oshkosh coach **Phil Meyer** has an 18-23 record in his fifth season with the Titans. Meyer won three games each of his first two years and won four games the past two seasons before claiming victories in four of his first six contests this year. He previously coached five years as the quarterbacks and tight ends coach at Iowa State University.

Tight Race:

Incredibly, all eight WIAC teams are within one game of first place in the loss column through three weeks of the season. The WIAC has had a two-loss champion five times since 1956. However, the Pointers have been part of two-loss titles twice in the past six years. The Pointers were 2-2 in 2001 and 1-2 in 1998, but finished in a tie at the top with a 5-2 record each season.

Poll Position:

Despite its win last week, UW-Stevens Point lost 13 votes in this week's D3football.com rankings. The Pointers had 39 votes last week and have 26 this week, but still have the most notice of any team in the country with three losses. All three teams that beat the Pointers are ranked in the top 15 of the country.

Contrasting Styles:

UW-Oshkosh has achieved much of its success on the ground this season, while UW-Stevens Point's offense has been one of the best passing units in the country.

The Titans have scored 20 of their 24 offensive touchdowns on the ground, while UW-Stevens Point has 14 of its 23 offensive scores through the air.

UW-Oshkosh also has dominated time of possession and leads the WIAC with an average of 35:09 per game. UW-Stevens Point is last in the league in ball control at 28:20 per game.

Scoring Along:

There could be plenty of points put up on Saturday as UW-Oshkosh leads the WIAC in scoring offense at 38.7 points per game and UW-Stevens Point ranks second at 32.8 points per contest. Both teams have scored 35 points or more three times in six games this season.

It's not just the offenses that can score, either. UW-Stevens Point has three interception returns for touchdowns, while UW-Oshkosh has returned two fumbles, an interception and a blocked punt for touchdowns.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 11

Rank, Team	Rec.
1. Mount Union, Ohio (20)	5-0
2. Linfield, Ore. (5)	4-0
3. UW-La Crosse	3-1
4. St. John's, Minn.	5-1
5. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	5-0
6. Springfield, Mass.	4-0
7. Hardin-Simmons, Texas	5-0
8. Wheaton, Ill.	5-0
9. Trinity, Texas	5-0
10. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	5-0
11. Capital, Ohio	4-1
12. Wooster, Ohio	5-0
13. Washington & Jeff., Pa.	6-0
14. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	6-0
15. UW-Eau Claire	4-1
16. Rowan, N.J.	3-2
17. Ithaca, N.Y.	4-1
18. Salisbury, Md.	6-0
19. UW-Whitewater	5-1
20. Concordia-Moorhead	5-0
21. Delaware Valley, Pa.	5-0
22. Augustana, Ill.	4-1
23. Wabash, Ind.	5-0
24. McDaniel, Md.	4-1
25. Bridgewater (Va.)	3-2

In a Groove:

After throwing seven interceptions in his first 114 pass attempts this year, including four against UW-La Crosse, Pointers' quarterback Brett Borchart has gone 104 consecutive attempts without being picked off. That streak will be put to the test this week in UW-Oshkosh, which had six interceptions last week and leads the WIAC with 13 interceptions and ranks second in the NCAA Division III with a plus-16 turnover margin.

Happy Returns:

LaRon Ragsdale's 77-yard interception return for a touchdown last week at UW-Stout made him the first UW-Stevens Point player since Mike Blasczyk in 1972 to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the same season. Ragsdale also had a 19-yard return for a score against Linfield.

Including Brett Ehret's return for a touchdown against Tri-State, the three interception returns this season are the most the Pointers have had in recorded history, dating to 1972. UW-Stevens Point had three picks returned for scores over the past four seasons combined.

Field Goal Frenzy

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh have had two of the most successful field goal units in the league this season as Pointer kickers Dan Heldmann and John Ryan are each three-for-three, while Titan freshman Lucas Raschke is 12-for-13. Raschke needs two field goals to tie the WIAC single-season record held by Kevin McCulley of UW-Stout in 2000. His 12 field goals are the most in Division III this season and he has tied the school record of four in a game twice this year.

Passing Fancy:

UW-Stevens Point ranks fifth in the country with 329.2 yards passing per game. Quarterback Brett Borchart is 22nd in passing efficiency and fourth nationally in total offense at 348.0 yards per game.

Incredibly, of the Pointers' 142 pass completions this year, 140 have been to just five players. UW-Stevens Point has three of the top four receivers in the WIAC as Tony Romano is second with 36 receptions, Kurt Kielblock is third with 34 and Cody Childs is fourth with 33. For their careers, Romano has 131 catches, Kielblock has 124 and Childs has 94.

Romano also ranks 14th in the nation with 104.9 yards receiving per game.

Adamczak Check:

UW-Stevens Point tight end Ross Adamczak had a career-high eight catches last week and totaled 132 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown reception against UW-Stout. He is among the nation's top pass-catching tight ends and ranks third in the WIAC among all receivers at 70.3 yards per game. Adamczak has four touchdowns this season and 16 for his career.

Just for Kicks:

Saturday's game features two of the top punters in Division III as UW-Stevens Point's Ryan Prochnow ranks 23rd at 38.3 yards per kick and UW-Oshkosh's Tom Roszak is 14th at 39.5 yards per punt. Four of the top 23 punters in the country are from the WIAC.

Prochnow is averaging 41.1 yards on 13 punts in WIAC games. He averaged 34.6 yards per kick in the three non-conference games.

Every Second Counts:

The second quarter could be an especially important part of Saturday's game as both the Pointers and Titans have experienced most of their success during the second 15 minutes of the game. UW-Oshkosh has outscored foes 82-14 during the frame and UW-Stevens Point has a 73-38 edge during the quarter.

Game Notes:

UW-Stevens Point ranks 13th nationally in total offense at 475.5 yards per game and has gained at least 400 yards in five of its six games... The Pointers and Titans are the top kickoff return teams in the league as UW-Oshkosh averages 21.6 yards per return and UW-Stevens Point gains 19.8 yards per attempt...UW-Stevens Point averages a league-low 28:20 of possession time per game, but held the ball for 20:02 of the second half against UW-Stout...After having seven turnovers against UW-La Crosse, the Pointers have had just one miscue the past two games, though it was a fumble on the UW-Stout one-yard line...UW-Stout crossed the Pointers' 40-yard line seven times last week, but only came away with one score...UW-Oshkosh quarterback Nick Wara will make his 27th consecutive start on Saturday...Pointers' linebacker Brett Ehret not only leads the team with 52 tackles, but also has a team-high five pass breakups.