



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (5-3, 3-2) vs. UW-Platteville (5-3, 2-3)**

**Saturday, November 6 - 2 p.m.**

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

### 2004 WIAC Standings

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

### Last Week in the WIAC

Platteville 20, Eau Claire 17  
Oshkosh 28, River Falls 25  
Stout 31, La Crosse 21  
Stevens Point 15, Whitewater 12

### This Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire at Stout, 1:00  
River Falls at La Crosse, 1:00  
Whitewater at Oshkosh, 1:00  
Platteville at Stevens Point, 2:00

### Game Outlook:

Back on top of the WIAC with a three-game winning streak, UW-Stevens Point hosts UW-Platteville in the final home game of the season. Both teams posted dramatic victories over then-first place teams last week as the Pointers beat UW-Whitewater 15-12 and UW-Platteville topped UW-Eau Claire 20-17. The game features the top two passing offenses in the WIAC.

### 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) unless the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team is playing for the WIAC tournament championship. Then the station will broadcast soccer instead.

### Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 42-30-3 and has beaten the Pioneers 13 straight times since UW-Platteville's last win in 1991. UW-Stevens Point rolled up 628 total yards, including 427 passing yards in a 55-21 victory over the Pioneers last year in Platteville.

Tony Romano caught 13 passes for 244 yards and Eric Reible rushed for 90 yards in last year's victory.

### 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	W 22-16 ot	Stevens Point	Kostichka's interception seals overtime win
Oct. 30	at UW-Whitewater	W 15-12	Whitewater	Kielblock catches two TD's, including one with 7:35 left
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:

UW-Stevens Point edged UW-Whitewater 15-12 on Saturday to help tighten up the WIAC football race and put itself back in a four-way tie for first place in the conference, which features all eight teams within one game of first place.

Kurt Kielblock caught two touchdowns, including a 23-yard score on a fourth-and-16 play with 7:35 remaining in the fourth quarter as the Pointers rallied from behind late in the game for the second straight week.

Kielblock's other touchdown came with 32 seconds left in the first half on a 19-yard pass from Brett Borchart. Borchart rushed for 85 yards on 17 carries and Kielblock caught six passes for 55 yards.

The Pointer defense had a big game, holding UW-Whitewater to 277 total yards and just one-for-15 on third down plays. The Warhawks completed only one pass for seven yards in the second half. Steve Garvoille had 13 tackles and Jared Flesch recovered a fumble that led to the winning touchdown to lead the defense.

### Pioneer Update:

UW-Platteville is coming off a 20-17 victory over UW-Eau Claire last week as the Pioneers' Damian Droessler scored a one-yard touchdown on the final play of the game.

Brent Nelson was 31-for-58 passing for 300 yards and two touchdowns for the Pioneers, who trailed 10-0 in the second quarter. UW-Platteville took over the ball with 4:07 left in the game and drove 78 yards in 18 plays, converting a fourth-and-10 in its own territory and then scoring the winning play on a fourth down after a timeout with two seconds left.

Nelson throws for 244.2 yards per game and completes 55.8 percent of his passes. UW-Platteville averages just 74.8 yards rushing per game and Nelson has the team's longest rush of the season with an 18-yard gain.

Jimmy Harris leads the WIAC with 79 tackles.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 112-55-2 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-Platteville coach **Mike Emendorfer** has a 21-36 career record in his sixth season with the Pioneers. Emendorfer also coached eight seasons at Hanover (Ind.) and has been part of four teams that have led Division III in passing during the past 12 years.

### Title Chances:

Despite an 0-2 start, the Pointers are back in position for a WIAC title and could clinch at least a share of their fourth title in seven years with victories in their final two games.

This year will mark just the sixth time since 1956 that the WIAC will have a two-loss champion and third time in seven 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.

Hopes for an NCAA Division III playoff berth are still alive as well. UW-Stevens Point needs victories in its final two games and one loss by both UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse in the final two weeks to earn the bid. Even if the Pointers lose this week, with the tight league race, there are still mathematical possibilities for a league title and playoff berth.

### Wacky WIAC:

All eight teams enter this weekend within one game of first place as four teams are 3-2 and four teams sit at 2-3. Every matchup this weekend features a 3-2 team against a 2-3 squad, so it's possible that all eight teams could enter the final week of the season with a 3-3 record.

No team controls its own destiny for the league's NCAA playoff berth as all four 3-2 teams need help to clinch the berth. In fact, all eight teams still have a chance to clinch the automatic berth. If the four 2-3 teams all win this week and get the right combination the following week, each of them has an opportunity for the playoff spot.

### Third Down Defense:

An important attribute of Pointer victories this season has been their defensive play on third down. In UW-Stevens Point's five wins, its opponents are a combined 17-for-80 (21.3 percent). However, in the three losses, opponents are 29-for-50 (58.0 percent). The Pointers held UW-Whitewater to one-for-15 on third downs last week and their last three opponents are nine-for-49.

Meanwhile, the Pointers' offense continues to lead the WIAC in third-down efficiency at 47.7 percent for the season.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Nov. 1

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

**Still on Top:**

Pointers' wide receiver Tony Romano still leads the WIAC in receiving yards per game with a 93.9 yard average despite having just one catch for four yards last week. However, Romano still had a key two-point conversion grab in the fourth quarter.

It was the first time this season he's been held to fewer than four catches and 50 yards and the first time he's had just one catch since last season against Butler when his only reception was a 30-yard touchdown. The yards were the fewest Romano has had since having two catches for no yards last year at Augustana.

Romano had a career high last year against UW-Platteville with 13 catches for 244 yards.

**Out of this League:**

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville have not only played some of the best teams in the country in WIAC games, but have played some top notch non-conference games as well.

The Pointers' suffered a loss to Linfield, which is still undefeated and ranked second in the country. UW-Platteville handed 11th-ranked Augustana its only loss and also beat Thiel (Pa.) and Division I-AA Drake, which are both currently 7-2.

**Behind the Line:**

Pointers' defensive end Craig Johnson spent much of last Saturday's game in the UW-Whitewater backfield, registering four tackles for loss for a total of 18 yards. Johnson has led the Pointers in the category the past two years and currently leads the WIAC with 10 solo and four assisted tackles for loss.

**Family Affair:**

One of the top defensive players on each side of the ball on Saturday come from the same family with brothers Brett Ehret from UW-Stevens Point and Brandon Ehret from UW-Platteville both starting at linebacker.

Brett ranks sixth in the WIAC with 66 tackles and Brandon is 14th in the league with 56 tackles. The Clinton natives are also tied for fifth in the conference with six pass breakups apiece.

**Passing Zone:**

This week's game features the top two passing teams in the WIAC as UW-Stevens Point leads the league at 286.6 yards per game and UW-Platteville is second with a 272.1 average. The Pointers are 16th nationally in passing and UW-Platteville is 19th. The Pioneers have led the league in passing five straight years. UW-Stevens Point threw for just 106 yards last week, but quarterback Brett Borchart sparked the offense on the ground with 17 rushes for 85 yards. Borchart ranks fourth nationally in total offense at 318.4 yards per game.

**Senior Salute:**

Saturday marks the final regular season home game for 12 UW-Stevens Point seniors - nearly all of whom are starters or key reserves. Those playing at Goerke Field for the final time are Ross Adamczak, Clint Bakken, Brett Ehret, Craig Johnson, Kurt Kielblock, Robb Kolodziej, Jason Mangin, Brett Maxwell, Peter Moskal, Tony Romano, Cliff Ruland and Doug Van Cuyk. Maxwell and Van Cuyk are in their third seasons, but will be graduating and not playing next season.

**Game Notes:**

UW-Stevens Point's fourth down touchdown pass to win the game last week was only its second successful fourth down play in 14 attempts. The other was in the fourth quarter against UW-Eau Claire...The Pointers are two-for-two on two-point conversions this year with Tony Romano scoring both...UW-Stevens Point had made seven consecutive field goal attempts before Dan Heldmann's miss from 41 yards last week...The Pointers are the highest vote-getter not in this week's D3football.com top 25 national poll with 66 votes, which is five points behind the 25th ranked team...UW-Stevens Point's starting center, Peter Moskal, started his freshman year at UW-Platteville...Pointers' defensive coordinator Rob Erickson played for the Pioneers and coached one season at UW-Platteville...Pointers' punter Ryan Prochnow is averaging 40.1 yards per kick in the four WIAC games after averaging 34.6 yards in the three non-conference games. He ranks 24th in the NCAA Division III with a 38.7 season average...Sophomore Cody Childs now has 100 career catches in 17 games...In all five UW-Stevens Point victories, the opponents have had fewer than 20 first downs and 300 yards passing. The Pointers' foes have been over those totals in all three losses...Dustin Robinson had a seven-yard catch last week, becoming only the eighth Pointer player to have a reception this year as all but three of the Pointers' 179 completions have been to five players.