



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (2-3, 0-2) vs. UW-Stout (3-1, 1-1)**

**Saturday, October 16 - 1 p.m.**

**Don & Nona Williams Stadium (4,500) - Menomonie, Wisconsin**

### 2004 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
La Crosse	2	0	3	1
Whitewater	2	1	5	1
Eau Claire	2	1	4	1
Platteville	1	1	4	1
Stout	1	1	3	1
River Falls	1	1	1	4
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Oshkosh	0	2	3	2

### Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 28, Stevens Point 27  
La Crosse 28, Oshkosh 21  
Whitewater 46, Stout 17  
River Falls 25, Platteville 21

### This Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire at La Crosse, 11:30 am  
Stevens Point at Stout, 1 pm  
Whitewater at River Falls, 1 pm  
Platteville at Oshkosh, 1:30 pm

### Game Outlook:

The Pointers attempt to get back on the winning track this week after suffering two straight losses with another tough conference road test at UW-Stout. Both teams are coming off losses as UW-Stout lost 46-17 to UW-Whitewater and UW-Stevens Point lost to UW-Eau Claire 28-27. The Pointers are in need of a victory to keep their WIAC title hopes alive after an 0-2 start.

### 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.

### Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 41-16-1 and has won nine of the last 13 meetings, though the Blue Devils have won the past two matchups and three of the last four, claiming a 37-27 win last year in Stevens Point and a 37-13 triumph in 2002 in Menomonie. UW-Stevens Point also lost in Menomonie in 2000, suffering a 16-8 setback to the Blue Devils.

### 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	1 p.m.	Menomonie	Pointers look to avenge 37-27 loss from 2003 season
Oct. 23	UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	<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	UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Stevens Point	<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:

The Pointers had a big second half rally fall short in a 28-27 loss at UW-Eau Claire on Saturday as all three of UW-Stevens Point's losses have been to ranked opponents.

Brett Borchart was 38-for-58 passing for 429 yards and three touchdowns in the loss. The Pointers trailed 20-0 at halftime and amassed 406 yards in the second half to finish with 515 yards for the game.

UW-Eau Claire pushed the lead to 28-7 in the third quarter, but the Pointers scored three fourth quarter touchdowns to nearly overcome the deficit.

Tony Romano had nine catches for 122 yards and caught touchdowns with 10 minutes and 1:10 left in the game, but the Pointers missed their final extra-point attempt. Kurt Kielblock had 11 catches for 68 yards and Cody Childs caught 10 passes for 103 yards.

Brett Ehret posted 11 tackles to lead the defense and Joe Parks had eight solo tackles.

### Blue Devil Update:

UW-Stout opened the season with three straight wins before suffering its first loss of the year last week 46-17 at UW-Whitewater. The Warhawks opened up a 29-10 halftime lead and then held a 46-10 lead after three quarters.

Quarterback Nick Ohman threw for 229 yards and was also the team's leading rusher last week with 21 carries for 73 yards. The Blue Devils had six turnovers in the game, including four interceptions.

UW-Whitewater completed only five passes the entire game, but three went for touchdowns and the Warhawks totaled 130 yards through the air.

For the season, Ryan Englebert leads the Blue Devils in rushing at 90.5 yards per game, despite being held to 10 yards on 13 carries last week.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 109-55-2 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-Stout coach **Todd Strop** has a 3-1 record in his first season with the Blue Devils. Strop was the team's defensive coordinator the past six seasons for a unit that led the WIAC three of the past four years. He was the 2000 Wisconsin collegiate assistant coach of the year. Strop also coached collegiately three years at UW-Platteville and two years at Ohio Wesleyan.

### Turnover Turnaround:

One of the biggest positives out of last week's loss was that the Pointers had no turnovers after turning the ball over seven times against UW-La Crosse the previous week. The Pointers had 13 turnovers in the first four games this year after turning the ball over 17 times all of last season.

### Slow Start:

Last week's scoreless first half was a rare slow start for the Pointers, who hadn't trailed at halftime since a 31-7 deficit against UW-Stout last year - a streak that reached nine games. It was the first time the Pointers had no points at halftime since an eventual 12-10 win over UW-Oshkosh on Oct. 26, 2002. They had outscored opponents 221-56 in the first half of the previous nine games.

UW-Stevens Point boasts the top offense in the WIAC, but dating to the second half against UW-La Crosse, the Pointers were shutout in four straight quarters for the first time since the final three quarters against UW-La Crosse on Oct. 21, 2000 and the first two quarters against UW-Platteville the following week.

### Poll Position:

UW-Stevens Point dropped out of the D3football.com rankings this week for the first time in the two-year history of the poll. However, despite their 2-3 record, the Pointers are still the second-highest vote-getter not in this week's rankings with 39 votes. The 25th-ranked team has 61 votes.

### Strong Schedule:

All three of UW-Stevens Point's losses this season and the Pointers' last five defeats have all been to ranked opponents. Eight of the Pointers' last 15 games have been against ranked foes as UW-Stevens Point is 3-5 in those contests.

This season, the Pointers are among five Division III teams to already play three ranked opponents. The others are UW-Eau Claire, Howard Payne (Texas), Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) and Otterbein (Ohio).

### 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

**Two-Loss Titles:**

If the Pointers were to win their final five games of the season, they could still have a chance at a conference title, though the WIAC has had a two-loss champion only 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.

**Turf Wars:**

The Pointers are playing on artificial turf for the second straight week after playing on fake grass only 10 times in school history prior to this season.

Including last week's game, the Pointers are 4-6-1 all-time on artificial surfaces. They lost at UW-Stout in 2002, but won their three previous games on the surface - all at the Metrodome from 1998-2000.

**Prolific Pace:**

UW-Stevens Point's offense continues to put up impressive numbers after posting 515 yards last week. The Pointers rank 15th nationally in total offense at 481.6 yards per game and fifth in passing offense at 323.4 yards per game. At this pace, those numbers would put the Pointers among the top offensive squads all-time in school history.

**Stats Clash:**

UW-Stevens Point boasts the league's top passing offense and the fifth-best pass attack in Division III, but will be tested by UW-Stout's defense that leads the WIAC in pass efficiency and ranks 20th nationally in the category.

**Doing it All:**

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout are the top two offensive teams in the league and feature the two best offensive players in quarterbacks Brett Borchart and Nick Ohman.

Borchart leads the WIAC and ranks fifth in the country in total offense at 347.0 yards per game. Ohman is second in the league and 22nd in the country at 267.0 yards per game.

Borchart accounts for 72.1 percent of UW-Stevens Point's total offensive yards and Ohman is responsible for 61.5 percent of the Blue Devils' offensive output.

**Hot Hand:**

Pointers' quarterback Brett Borchart was named the WIAC offensive player of the week after an incredible second half of passing that saw him finish 30-for-46, including 15-for-21 for 226 yards and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Borchart was 38-for-58 passing for the game, marking the second-highest number of completions in school history behind Dave Geissler's 40 completions against UW-Eau Claire on Nov. 12, 1983. Borchart's total was also the second-highest figure in Division III this season behind Craig Platt of Concordia (Ill.), who had 40 completions against MacMurray on Oct. 2. Brett Elliott of Linfield also had 38 completions against UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 18.

**Catching On:**

UW-Stevens Point's Tony Romano currently ranks 28th in Division III with 99.4 receiving yards per game. Romano has five touchdown catches this season and is tied for fourth in school history with 21 for his career. Jeff Gosa holds the record with 35.

**Top Tackler:**

Senior linebacker Brett Ehret has led the Pointers in tackles the past two weeks with 13 tackles against UW-La Crosse and 11 tackles against UW-Eau Claire after posting four tackles in each of the previous two games. He is also third in the conference and tops among WIAC linebackers with six passes defensed.

**Punting Prowess:**

Junior punter Ryan Prochnow was the team's special teams player of the week after averaging 39.3 yards on six punts Saturday. Prochnow uncorked a season-best 52-yard punt in the second quarter and pinned UW-Eau Claire inside their own 20-yard line twice, once on the four-yard line.

**Game Notes:**

UW-Stevens Point's Steve Garvoille had six tackles last week - all solo stops - and ranks 15th nationally in solo tackles...UW-Stout's Joe Seep ranks 24th in the country in punt returns at 12.8 yards per return...UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC in team kickoff returns at 20.9 yards per return...The Pointers have converted a conference-best 50 percent of their third downs (35-for-70)...Three of the top four pass receivers in the WIAC are from UW-Stevens Point as Tony Romano, Kurt Kielblock and Cody Childs all have at least 28 receptions...