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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

#9 UW-Stevens Point (1-1) vs. Waldorf College (2-2)

Saturday, September 25 - 1 p.m.

A. David Bolstorff Field (1,500) - Forest City, Iowa

2004 WIAC Standings

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

This Weekend in the WIAC

Whitewater at Eau Claire, 1 pm

Oshkosh at Stout, 1 pm

Stevens Point at Waldorf, 1 pm

River Falls at Pacific Lutheran, 3:30 pm

Augustana (IL) at Platteville, 6 pm

Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point has its final tune-up for the conference season with a non-conference clash at Waldorf on Saturday. The Pointers are coming off a 46-35 loss to second-ranked Linfield (Ore.) last week and face third-ranked UW-La Crosse next week. Waldorf is 2-2 and facing a WIAC team for the first time ever. The Warriors are coming off a 71-7 loss at St. Ambrose last week.

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:

The teams are meeting for the first time.

About Waldorf:

Located in Forest City, Iowa, the school was a junior college until 1994 and is a member of the NAIA. Waldorf is a member of the Midwest Classic Conference, but plays an independent football schedule since the league does not sponsor the sport. Waldorf has an enrollment of 650 students. Saturday's contest marks the school's homecoming game.

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	1 p.m.	Forest City, Iowa	First-ever meeting between schools
Oct. 2	UW-La Crosse	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Eagles favorite in WIAC; Pointers picked for second
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	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:

UW-Stevens Point fought the second-ranked team in the country down to the wire last week, but fell short in a 46-35 defeat to Linfield (Ore.). The Pointers, who are ranked ninth nationally this week, took a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, but were unable to contain Wildcats' quarterback Brett Elliott, who threw for 480 yards and six touchdowns, including three fourth quarter scores.

UW-Stevens Point's offense also had a big day, gaining 414 yards as Brett Borchart threw for 259 yards and ran for 62 yards. Tony Romano also threw a touchdown pass and caught four passes for 76 yards. Cody Childs rushed for 72 yards on 24 carries and caught five passes for 34 yards.

Ross Adamczak caught five passes for 71 yards and a second quarter touchdown that put the Pointers ahead 14-3. LaRon Ragsdale intercepted a pass and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown to give the Pointers a 35-25 lead in the third quarter.

Warrior Update:

Waldorf fell to 2-2 overall after a 71-7 loss at St. Ambrose last week. The Warriors were outgained 632-106 and had six turnovers. Waldorf was led in rushing by Ken Schaff with 21 carries for 47 yards. Gregory Grams scored the team's lone touchdown with a two-yard run in the second quarter.

T.J. Mayer had 13 tackles to lead the defense, while Roy Banks added 10 tackles and returned an interception 13 yards.

The Warriors beat Haskell (Kan.) 7-6 and Martin Luther (Minn.) 13-12. They also lost to Division II Southwest Minnesota State 49-0.

Waldorf has 46 players on its roster with nine players hailing from Milwaukee. The Warriors feature a huge offensive line with four starters over 305 pounds, including left tackle Darnell Whitley at 6-5, 358 pounds.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 108-53-2 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.

Waldorf coach **David Bolstorff** is 176-138-2 in his 33rd year with the Warriors. Bolstorff coached most of his career while Waldorf was at the junior college level and is the third-winningest active two-year college coach in the country. Waldorf's stadium bears his name and he also serves as the school's chaplain.

Streak Stopper:

UW-Stevens Point's loss to Linfield snapped a streak of 16 straight regular season non-conference victories against Division III opponents since a 10-7 loss on Sept. 26, 1981 at St. Norbert.

The Pointers had won 14 straight regular season Division III non-conference games at home since a 13-10 loss to St. Norbert on Sept. 21, 1974.

Against the NAIA:

A former member of the NAIA, UW-Stevens Point hasn't lost to an NAIA opponent since leaving the organization in the early 1990's, posting a 6-0-1 record. The last non-conference NAIA team to defeat the Pointers was Central State (Ohio) in 1984.

Not Quite Enough:

UW-Stevens Point's 35 points last week was the Pointers' second-highest point total in defeat in school history. The record came in a 39-36 loss to UW-La Crosse on Oct. 1, 1984. They also lost to UW-River Falls 48-35 on Nov. 6, 1976.

Hawkeye Matchup:

UW-Stevens Point will be playing in Iowa for the first time since winning at Drake in 1999. The Pointers are 5-2-1 all-time in the Hawkeye State, having won five straight. The only losses came in 1972 at Northern Iowa and 1952 at Luther. They also have wins at Morningside, Iowa Wesleyan and twice at St. Ambrose.

On the Defensive:

Linfield's 46 points on Saturday marked just the fifth time in coach John Miech's 17 years that the Pointers have allowed 40 points or more. The Pointers gave up 49 points to UW-River Falls in 2000, 43 to Michigan Tech in 1993, 44 to UW-River Falls in 1992 and 41 to UW-River Falls in 1990.

The Pointers haven't allowed a team to score 50 points or more since a 62-7 loss to UW-La Crosse on Sept. 15, 1979 - a current streak of 260 games.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 20

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

Big Returns:

LaRon Ragsdale's 19-yard interception return for a touchdown last week was the second straight game the Pointer defense brought a pick to the endzone after Brett Ehret had a 41-yard return against Tri-State. The two interception returns matches the total the Pointers had over their previous 30 games.

Offensive Outburst:

UW-Stevens Point continued its impressive offensive roll last week and is now averaging 51.2 points over its last five games dating to last season. The Pointers have 256 points over the span after beating Tri-State 57-3 and closing the 2003 season by beating UW-Whitewater 60-30, UW-Platteville 55-21 and UW-River Falls 49-15.

Tight End Trio:

The Pointers' tight ends were busy last week with a combined seven catches. Ross Adamczak had five catches, while Alex Ryan and Tim Bartsch both recorded their first career receptions.

Secret Weapon:

UW-Stevens Point's Tony Romano had caught seven touchdowns over the previous four games, but added a new twist to the offense last week by throwing a 19-yard score to Kurt Kielblock. It was the first time in John Miech's 17 years as head coach that a non-quarterback threw a touchdown pass.

Romano caught four passes for 76 yards last week and now has 103 catches for his career. His 29.0 yards per catch and 116.0 yards receiving per game leads the WIAC.

Also, Kielblock needs two more catches to reach 100 for his career.

Starting Strong:

The Pointers have allowed just 14 points in the first quarter over their past 13 games. UW-Stevens Point has not allowed a first quarter score this year and held their first eight opponents without a point in the first period last season.

The Pointers have led at halftime in seven straight games and outscored opponents 176-35 in the first half over that stretch. The game prior they trailed UW-Stout 31-7 at halftime.

Magic Touch:

Freshman Kasey Morgan has touched the ball twice this season and both have resulted in big success. The former Iola-Scandinavia has the team's longest punt and kickoff returns with a 24-yard punt return and a 40-yard kickoff return.

Game Notes:

Neither the Pointers nor their opponents have converted a fourth down this season. UW-Stevens Point has failed three times and its opponents are zero-for-six...The Pointers rank seventh in the league in total defense, but lead the WIAC in rushing defense having allowed just 62.5 yards per game and only eight first downs rushing...Linfield's 38 pass completions last week was the second-most ever allowed by the Pointers behind 41 by UW-Superior in 1981. The Wildcats' 539 total yards was the fourth-highest total ever given up by the Pointers and the 31 first downs was the second-highest mark.