



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (4-3, 2-2) vs. #13 UW-Whitewater (6-1, 3-1)**

**Saturday, October 30 - 1 p.m.**

**Perkins Stadium (11,000) - Whitewater, Wisconsin**

### 2004 WIAC Standings

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

### Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 30 Gustavus Adolphus 14  
Stevens Point 22, Oshkosh 16 (ot)  
River Falls 28, Stout 10  
La Crosse 42, Platteville 14

### This Week in the WIAC

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

### Game Outlook:

Still just one game out of the WIAC title chase, UW-Stevens Point has an opportunity to gain ground on one of the three first place teams with a matchup at UW-Whitewater. The Pointers survived a 22-16 overtime victory over UW-Oshkosh last week and take on the 13th-ranked Warhawks, who had a bye 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 Warhawks lead the all-time series 53-29, though the Pointers have won the past two meetings, posting a 17-14 win in Whitewater in 2002 and a 60-30 rout last year in Stevens Point.

UW-Stevens Point scored on five of its first six possessions and led 27-0 after the first quarter and 39-0 at halftime in last year's win over the Warhawks. It marked the most points the Pointers have ever scored in the series and was the highest point total allowed by UW-Whitewater since 1984. Ross Adamczak had seven catches for 195 yards and two touchdowns and Tony Romano caught three touchdown passes for the Pointers.

### 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>L 35-14</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Pointers hampered by seven turnovers in defeat</b>
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	<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>W 22-16 ot</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Kostichka's interception seals overtime win</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:

The Pointers kept their WIAC title hopes alive in dramatic fashion by outlasting UW-Oshkosh 22-16 in overtime on Saturday.

Tony Romano caught a 19-yard touchdown on the Pointers' third play of overtime and then Chase Kostichka had an interception on UW-Oshkosh's third play to seal the victory for UW-Stevens Point.

Romano finished with 91 yards on five catches as Brett Borchart was 23-for-46 passing for 209 yards. Borchart also ran for 60 yards two touchdowns, including a one-yard run with 2:27 left that put the Pointers ahead 16-13. Kurt Kielblock caught nine passes for 76 yards with eight of his catches coming in the second half.

Clint Bakken led the Pointers with eight tackles and also hurried the quarterback on the game-ending interception. The teams were forced to leave the field for a 37-minute weather delay with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter and UW-Stevens Point holding a 3-0 lead.

### Warhawk Update:

UW-Whitewater is coming off a bye week after rolling over UW-River Falls 42-3 the previous week.

The Warhawks are the league's top defensive team this week, allowing just 284.3 yards per game and 11.6 points per game. They have been especially impressive in conference games, holding three of their four opponents under 10 points, while giving up 248.5 yards per game and 8.5 points per game.

Colin Burns is the leading rusher in the WIAC at 153.9 yards per game. Jim Lesczynski is the team's leading receiver with 24 catches for an average of 52.4 yards per game.

Defensively, Nick Zolper and Jason Boehlke share the WIAC lead with five sacks apiece, while Collin Price leads the conference with 9.5 tackles for loss. The Warhawks are the most penalized team in the WIAC at 81.4 yards per game.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 111-55-2 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-Whitewater coach **Bob Berezowitz** has 130-68-4 record in his 20th season with the Warhawks. Berezowitz ranks third on the conference's all-time victories list and has coached the Warhawks to six conference championships during his career.

### Extra, Extra:

Last week's overtime contest was the eighth in UW-Stevens Point history and the Pointers are now 6-2 when playing past the fourth quarter. Three of the overtime games were NFL-style overtime periods played during 1981 and 1982, including a win over UW-Oshkosh in 1981. UW-Stevens Point's most recent overtime game was a 34-28 win over UW-Platteville in 2002.

### Poll Position:

For the second straight week, UW-Stevens Point lost votes in the D3football.com rankings following a victory. The Pointers had 39 votes before their win over UW-Stout and 26 before the victory over UW-Oshkosh, but fell to 24 votes this week. The Pointers still have the most votes of any three-loss team. All three teams that beat the Pointers are ranked in the top 11 of the country.

### Third Down Duel:

UW-Stevens Point has been terrific in third down situations this season, ranking second in the WIAC by converting 53 of 110 attempts for a 48.2 percent success rate. Meanwhile, UW-Whitewater's defense has thrived on third down situations, holding teams to 23-for-114 attempts for just a 20.2 percent success rate. Their foes are three-for-29 in the fourth quarter.

UW-Stevens Point struggled on third down last week, failing on seven straight tries in the second half. However, the Pointers finished eight-for-21 for the game, converting their final three attempts, including the game-winning touchdown in overtime.

### Finishing Strong:

UW-Stevens Point is finishing the season with the same three opponents as last year and recorded its best offensive stretch in school history over the final three weeks against UW-Whitewater, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls last season.

The Pointers scored at least 49 points against each opponent, while averaging 54.6 points and 580.0 total yards in the three games. In fact, UW-Stevens Point outscored the three teams by a combined 100-14 in the first half.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 25

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

**Turnover Turnaround:**

UW-Stevens Point was hampered by turnovers in its first four games with 13 turnovers and a minus-four turnover margin. Included was a seven-turnover game against UW-La Crosse.

However, the Pointers have reversed that trend with just two turnovers the past three games and a plus-five turnover margin.

Quarterback Brett Borchart had seven interceptions in his first 114 pass attempts of the year, but went 147 consecutive attempts before being picked off again with one minute left in the fourth quarter last week.

**Passing the Test:**

For the fourth straight week, UW-Stevens Point's conference-leading offense will face a defense that allows under 300 yards per game. UW-Eau Claire was allowing 299.5 yards before giving up 515 to the Pointers. UW-Stout allowed 287.3 yards before UW-Stevens Point racked up 446 and UW-Oshkosh was giving up 268.0 prior to allowing 436 to the Pointers. The totals are still the most yards allowed this season for all three foes.

This week, UW-Whitewater's defense leads the WIAC by giving up 284.3 yards per game, including a league-best 104.4 rushing.

**Clutch Catches:**

UW-Stevens Point's Kurt Kielblock had nine catches last week, but eight came in the second half and five resulted in first downs, including a 12-yarder on a third-and-10 play during the Pointers' go-ahead drive late in the fourth quarter. He ranks third in the WIAC with six catches per game.

**Stepping Up:**

Pointers' senior defensive tackle Clint Bakken has enjoyed the two best games of his career in helping the team to victories the past two weeks. Bakken posted a career-high nine tackles against UW-Stout and had eight tackles last week against UW-Oshkosh. The unanimous All-WIAC selection from a year ago also rushed the passer to force the game-ending interception.

**Switching Sides:**

A key player on each side of the ball will be facing his former team this week as UW-Stevens Point free safety Steve Garvoille and UW-Whitewater running back Colin Burns both began their careers with the opposition.

Garvoille played two seasons with the Warhawks and now ranks second on the Pointers with 54 tackles, including a league-high 42 solo stops.

Burns redshirted at UW-Stevens Point in 2002 and had 11 carries for the Warhawks, but is having a big year with 199 carries for a league-leading 153.9 yards per game. He ranks sixth in Division III in rushing.

**Rolling On:**

UW-Stevens Point had 436 total yards of offense last week and continues to rank high nationally. The Pointers have the 14th-ranked offense in Division at 469.3 yards per game and they rank sixth in passing at 311.6 yards per game.

Individually, quarterback Brett Borchart is fourth in total offense at 336.3 yards per game and Tony Romano is 14th in receiving with 106.7 yards per game.

**Game Notes:**

UW-Stevens Point ranks 13th nationally in total offense at 469.3 yards per game and has gained at least 400 yards in six of its seven games...Pointers' punter Ryan Prochnow is averaging 40.0 yards per kick in the four WIAC games after averaging 34.6 yards in the three non-conference games. He ranks 23rd in the NCAA Division III with a 38.5 season average...UW-Whitewater's Nick Croak ranks eighth nationally in punting with a 40.4 average...The Pointers are seven-for-seven on field goal attempts this season...Sophomore Cody Childs needs two catches for 100 for his career. He already has 98 catches in 16 career games...LaRon Ragdsale had an interception last week for the third straight game...UW-Oshkosh quarterback Nick Wara led the team with 50 yards rushing last week, marking the second straight game the opponents' quarterback led the team in rushing...In all four 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...All but two of the Pointers' 165 completions have been to five players.