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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (1-2, 0-0 WIAC) vs. #14 UW-La Crosse (1-1, 0-0 WIAC)
Saturday, October 1 - 3 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Stadium (4,349) - La Crosse, Wisconsin

2005 WIAC Standings

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

Around the WIAC

Last Week's Games

St. Francis, Ind. 35, Eau Claire 10
River Falls 45, Pacific Lutheran 14
Augustana, Ill. 45, Platteville 14
Stevens Point 42, Waldorf, Iowa 13

Saturday's Games

Eau Claire at Whitewater, 1 pm
Waldorf at Stout, 1 pm
Stevens Point at La Crosse, 3 pm
River Falls at Oshkosh, 7 pm

Game Outlook:

Coming off its first victory of the season last week against Waldorf, the Pointers open conference play Saturday against three-time defending league champion UW-La Crosse. It marks UW-Stevens Point's third game in four weeks against a top 15 nationally-ranked opponent. The Pointers and Eagles are meeting in the conference opener for the fifth straight year. UW-La Crosse has been off the past two weeks and is playing its first game since Sept. 10.

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-La Crosse leads the all-time series 39-9-4 and beat the Pointers 35-14 last season on the strength of 21 second-half points after a 14-14 deadlock at halftime. UW-Stevens Point had four of its seven turnovers in the second half of the defeat.

The Eagles are 24-2-2 in the past 28 matchups with the Pointers' last victory coming in 2001 at La Crosse. UW-Stevens Point also won at home in 1998 and at La Crosse in 1987, though the win was later forfeited. Prior to last season, the three previous encounters were decided by six points or less.

2005 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 3	Hardin-Simmons	L 38-12	Stevens Point	HSU ranked fourth in NCAA Division III preseason poll
Sept. 17	at Linfield, Ore.	L 45-7	McMinnville, Ore.	2004 NCAA champs post 35th straight regular season win
Sept. 24	Waldorf, Iowa	W 42-13	Stevens Point	Dickert catches three TD's and throws one TD
Oct. 1	at UW-La Crosse	3 p.m.	La Crosse	Eagles picked to win fourth straight WIAC championship
Oct. 8	UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers have lost five straight Homecoming games
Oct. 15	UW-River Falls	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Falcons' 24-22 win denied Pointers 2004 WIAC title
Oct. 22	at UW-Oshkosh	1:30 p.m.	Oshkosh	103rd meeting - longest of any two Division III publics
Oct. 29	UW-Eau Claire	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Six of last seven meetings decided by five or less
Nov. 5	at UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Platteville	Pointers have beaten Pioneers 14 straight times
Nov. 12	UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	UWSP posted 23-7 win last year in Menomonie

Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point picked up its first victory on Saturday with a 42-13 rout of Waldorf. The Pointers out-gained the Warriors 519-377 and had no turnovers in the victory.

Wide receiver Jacob Dickert had a big day for the Pointers, catching three touchdowns and throwing another as a reserve quarterback to Kevin Neu in the fourth quarter. Brett Borchart was 20-for-31 passing for 296 yards and four touchdowns. Cody Childs caught a 56-yard touchdown on the Pointers' first offensive play and finished with seven catches for 130 yards.

Damon Mehlberg the Pointers' top rusher with a career-high 97 yards on 10 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown run in the second half. Eric Reible six times for 69 yards.

Joe Parks led the defense with eight tackles. Dan Robinson added seven tackles and a sack.

Eagles Update:

UW-La Crosse opened its season with a 42-13 loss to Division I-AA scholarship team South Dakota State before posting a 34-6 win at Howard Payne (Texas). The Eagles have had open dates the past two weekends and haven't played since Sept. 10.

UW-La Crosse is picked to win the WIAC in the league's preseason poll and could become the first school ever to win four straight outright league titles. The Eagles are playing their home opener this weekend.

John Schumann has taken over as the starting quarterback and completed 66.7 percent of his passes while throwing four touchdowns in the first two games. The Eagles have had 11 different receivers with Ted Everson catching nine passes for 207 yards.

UW-La Crosse has been held to a total of 132 rushing yards in its first two games with Corey Geldernick leading the team with 33.0 yards per game.

Steve Teeples led the WIAC with seven interceptions last year and has two already this season.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 114-58-2 record in his 18th 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 was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in April.

UW-La Crosse coach **Larry Terry** has a 61-49-1 career record in his 12th season as a collegiate coach. He has a 29-16 mark in his sixth year with the Eagles, having previously coached at Ripon for six years. Terry was the WIAC Coach of the Year the past three seasons after guiding the Eagles to WIAC titles each year.

Offensive Explosion:

The Pointers rolled up 519 yards of total offense against Waldorf, surpassing their combined mark from the first two games this season when they totaled 512 yards. It was their highest output since 533 yards last year against Waldorf, though it also marked the 12th time in their last 16 games that they achieved over 400 yards of total offense.

Early Showdown:

Saturday's game marks the fifth straight year that UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse have met in the conference opener. UW-La Crosse has won three of those meetings, but the Pointers have gone on to finish second or third in the WIAC each of the four seasons.

Mr. Versatility:

Pointers' wide receiver Jacob Dickert did a little bit of everything on Saturday, catching four passes for a total of 46 yards and three touchdowns through three quarters. Wearing number 85, he moved to quarterback for two fourth quarter drives and threw a 19-yard touchdown pass on his only pass attempt. The team's holder on extra points and field goals, he also had a five-yard rushing play called back for holding.

Dickert was the team's reserve quarterback the past two seasons before moving to wide receiver this year. He also has appeared on the kickoff coverage teams the past two seasons.

Breakout Game:

Pointers' fullback Damon Mehlberg led the team with 97 yards on 10 carries in his third game at UW-Stevens Point after transferring from Joliet (Ill.) Junior College. Mehlberg earned a start against Waldorf in place of injured Cory Flisakowski and had a 46-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Through the first two games, Mehlberg had gained a total of seven yards on five carries. The 5-7, 222-pound back has yet to lose yardage on any of his rushing attempts.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 25

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

Dynamite Debuts:

Pointers' freshman Jeremie Schwartz made a significant impact in Saturday's game, recording his first five catches of his career. Schwartz totaled 55 yards on his receptions and also had a four-yard punt return. He was sixth at the Division 1 state track and field meet last spring in La Crosse in the 400-meter dash.

Also, sophomore Kevin Neu had his first career reception, catching a 19-yard touchdown from Jacob Dickert in the fourth quarter.

All-Purpose Player:

UW-Stevens Point's Cody Childs currently leads the WIAC in kickoff returns and ranks second in the league in all-purpose yardage. Childs is averaging 25.4 yards on seven kickoff returns. He also is the team's leading punt returner at 9.8 yards per return and the top receiver with 15 catches for an average of 62.3 yards per game. Combining his 42 yards on 14 rushing attempts, Childs is averaging 148.7 all-purpose yards per game. His 130 yards receiving last week against Waldorf was a career high.

A Leg Up:

Sophomore John Ryan had a solid week as the Pointers' kickoff specialist, booting four touchbacks on seven kickoffs and earning WIAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. Ryan limited Waldorf to just two kickoff returns for a total of 25 yards. This season, opponents' average starting field position following Ryan's kickoffs is their own 23-yard line. UW-La Crosse ranks last in the WIAC in kickoff returns with a 13.7-yard average.

Also, Pointer punters put four of their six punts against Waldorf inside the 20-yard line as the Warriors average starting field position was their own 20.

Tackling Success:

Pointers' linebacker Brandon Czys was previously at UW-La Crosse and now leads the WIAC in tackles with 31 through three games for UW-Stevens Point. Czys has at least seven tackles in every game this season. He played in four of the first six games of the 2003 season at UW-La Crosse, posting no tackles and one fumble recovery.

Flag Frenzy:

After committing just a total of eight penalties in their first two games the Pointers had 13 penalties for 110 yards against Waldorf, marking their most yards penalized since Nov. 11, 1998 against UW-Stout. The Pointers' penalty numbers are reasonable compared with their opponents, who are averaging a whopping 89 yards of penalties per game so far this season.

Positive Positioning:

UW-Stevens Point made several position changes last week that all proved successful. Sophomore Joe Parks made his first start at defensive end after previously playing linebacker and led the team with eight tackles. Meanwhile, Jake Nantell made his first start at center after spending the past two years and first two games this season at defensive end. Along with Heslyn Menadue, who made his first start at right guard, the pair gave added protection to the Pointer quarterbacks who were not sacked in the game against Waldorf.

Thunderbirds Flocking:

UW-Stevens Point has five players on its current roster who played prep football at Iola-Scandinavia. The Thunderbirds advanced to the WIAA Division 6 quarterfinals last year and have an enrollment of just 253 students. Sophomore defensive back Kasey Morgan is a starter for the Pointers, while sophomore Ryan Cresson and freshmen Jack Marx, Luke Gunderson and Evan Stoiber are all reserves. Morgan, Cresson, Marx and Gunderson all saw playing time last week against Waldorf.

Extra Points:

Pointers' quarterback Brett Borchart had 169 of his 296 yards passing last week in the first quarter. He was pulled after three quarters...UW-Stevens Point is now 18-1 all-time in "Spud Bowl" games with the win last week...Pointers' defensive end Dan Robinson had a five-yard sack last week to lead the WIAC and rank 20th in Division III with four sacks for the season...UW-Stevens Point had 61 different players see action in the win over Waldorf...The win last week marked the 30th straight year that the Pointers have won at least one of their non-conference games.