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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (1-4, 0-2 WIAC) vs. UW-River Falls (2-3, 1-1 WIAC)

Saturday, October 15 - 1 p.m.

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

2005 WIAC Standings

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

Around the WIAC

Last Week's Games

Whitewater 44, Stevens Point 12
Eau Claire 21, River Falls 11
La Crosse 45, Platteville 27
Oshkosh 34, Stout 27

Saturday's Games

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

Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point plays just its second game this season against an unranked opponent and also has a chance to avenge a loss to UW-River Falls in last year's season finale when the Falcons denied the Pointers a chance at a share of the WIAC championship with a 24-22 victory. UW-Stevens Point has played four highly-ranked opponents during the first five weeks of the season, including a 44-12 loss to eighth-ranked UW-Whitewater 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:

UW-River Falls leads the all-time series 37-23-3. The Pointers have won four of the last six meetings and had claimed three straight prior to UW-River Falls' 24-22 victory last season. The Falcons' last victory in Stevens Point was a 37-31 triumph in the final game of the 1997 season.

Last season, UW-Stevens Point rallied from a 24-10 deficit with two fourth quarter touchdowns, but missed both extra points in the defeat. Brett Borchart threw for 307 yards and rushed for 65 yards for the Pointers. John Peterlik rushed 24 times for 168 yards for UW-River Falls.

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	L 24-0	La Crosse	Czys finishes with 20 tackles against former squad
Oct. 8	UW-Whitewater	L 44-12	Stevens Point	Warhawks gain 663 total yards in victory
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:

A challenging five-game stretch is finally over for the Pointers after a 44-12 homecoming loss to UW-Whitewater on Saturday.

UW-Stevens Point played without three of its top running backs and suffered several more injuries on the afternoon in its fourth game against a highly-ranked foe in five weeks. UW-Whitewater scored touchdowns on its first two possessions and then added two field goals in the second quarter for a 20-0 advantage. Another field goal opened the second half and a touchdown with 24 seconds left in the third quarter built a 30-0 lead.

UW-Stevens Point mounted most of its offense in the fourth quarter, going 67 yards in five plays and scoring on a six-yard run by Eric Reible. After UW-Whitewater added a pair of touchdowns, the Pointers got another score on a one-yard sneak by quarterback Brett Borchart with 5:18 remaining. Reible gained 54 yards on 15 carries. Jacob Dickert had 61 yards receiving on three catches.

Falcons Update:

An early 21-3 deficit was too much for UW-River Falls to overcome in a 21-11 loss to UW-Eau Claire last weekend. The Blugolds scored touchdowns on their first three possessions and had 210 total yards at that point, but the Falcons allowed just 65 yards over the remainder of the game. UW-River Falls totaled 357 yards and moved into Blugolds' territory on their last four drives, but a fumble and two failed fourth downs ended the first three attempts before they scored on their last possession.

Traditionally one of the top rushing teams in Division III, UW-River Falls has done more passing this season than usual. With its wishbone offense, the Falcons have already attempted 83 passes this year after throwing 39 times all of last season. In fact, UW-River Falls was one-for-two passing in its win over UW-Stevens Point last season.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 114-60-2 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-River Falls coach **John O'Grady** has an 91-71-3 record in his 17th season with the Falcons. He currently ranks eighth on the all-time WIAC victories list. O'Grady's UW-River Falls teams have led Division III in rushing offense five times. He had only one losing season in his first 12 years, but has suffered four straight since.

Strength of Schedule:

A quick glance at the national rankings shows no doubt as to how challenging the Pointers' schedule has been this season. All four of UW-Stevens Point's losses have been to teams ranked in the top 10 of this week's D3football.com poll. Three of those teams are still undefeated, while UW-La Crosse has a loss to Division I-AA South Dakota State.

In fact, of UW-Stevens Point's last 10 losses, nine have been to ranked opponents. The only exception was last year's defeat at UW-River Falls.

Deja Vu?:

The Pointers are 0-2 in the conference for the third straight year, but they've found a way to still have a strong finish each year. In 2003, the Pointers won their last five games and last season, they won four straight before losing in the final regular season game.

The Pointers have been 0-3 in the WIAC only once since 1981. It happened in 2000 when they lost the third conference game of the year to UW-River Falls.

Preseason Picks:

UW-Stevens Point was picked for third in the WIAC and still has a high finish well within reach, having already played the top two teams in the preseason rankings. UW-La Crosse was the league's preseason favorite and UW-Whitewater was picked second. UW-River Falls was the preseason eighth place pick.

Big Yards:

UW-Whitewater gained 663 yards in last week's contest, marking the most the Pointers have ever allowed in a single game. The previous record was 612 yards in a 49-29 loss to UW-River Falls on Oct. 29, 1983. All of the 612 yards allowed in that game were rushing yards.

UW-Stevens Point stayed within reach in the first half with defensive stands near the goal line, holding the Warhawks to field goals on three straight drives deep in Pointers' territory.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 9

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

Youth Rally:

UW-Stevens Point played 51 different players in last week's game against UW-Whitewater, including 11 sophomores and 10 freshmen. The Pointers had three sophomore starters and three freshmen starters, including receivers Brad Kalsow and Jeramie Schwartz, who both made their first career starts.

Still Czys-iling:

UW-Stevens Point's Brandon Czys continued his strong year with seven tackles in last week's game and still leads the WIAC with 58 total tackles. He has at least seven tackles in every game. The junior transfer from UW-La Crosse also shares the team lead with two interceptions.

Spreading it Around:

The Pointers have already thrown to 12 different receivers this season after having only eight different players catch a pass all of last season. In fact, only six players caught more than one pass last year, while 10 players have done so already this year.

Special Effort:

UW-Stevens Point's special teams units on kickoffs have truly been special as they rank second in the conference in kickoff coverages and lead the league in punt returns. The opponents' average field position after kickoffs is their own 23-yard line as kicker John Ryan has six touchbacks in his 17 kickoffs.

Punter Ryan Prochnow is averaging 38.6 yards per kick and has put 12 of his 30 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Kasey Morgan ranks second in the WIAC in kickoff returns at 22.3 yards per return. Cody Childs would be among the leaders in both kickoff and punt returns, but does not have enough to qualify. He averages 25.4 yards on kickoffs and 9.8 yards on punts.

Flag-Fest:

UW-Whitewater had 10 penalties for 90 yards last week as the Pointers continue to draw the most penalties in the WIAC. All five of the Pointers' opponents have been penalized at least eight times and their foes have been marked off for 92.2 yards per game, which is over 14 more yards than any other team's opponents. Oddly, only seven of the 50 opponents' penalties have resulted in a Pointers' first down.

Running Low:

The Pointers played last week's game without their top three running backs, who all missed the game due to injury. Cory Flisakowski will miss the rest of the season, while Cody Childs and Dustin Robinson each missed last week's game. That trio accounted for 42.3 percent of the Pointers' all-purpose yardage in their first four games.

Extra Points:

The Pointers will play their only junior varsity game of the season on Sunday at 1 p.m. at UW-Whitewater. They had another game cancelled earlier in the year...UW-Whitewater's three field goals last week marked the first time an opponent kicked three field goals in a game since the Warhawks beat the Pointers 9-0 in 2000...The Pointers have only allowed one sack in their last three games and four all season...The Pointers ran the same number of plays as their opponents over the first three games, but have run 37 fewer the past two weeks. UW-Whitewater ran 78 plays in last week's game compared with 55 for the Pointers...UW-River Falls leads the WIAC in time of possession and UW-Stevens Point is eighth.