



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (3-6, 2-4 WIAC) vs. UW-Stout (6-3, 3-3 WIAC)**

**Saturday, November 12 - 1 p.m.**

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

### 2005 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	6	0	9	0
Oshkosh	4	2	7	2
Eau Claire	4	2	5	4
Stout	3	3	6	3
La Crosse	3	3	4	4
Stevens Point	2	4	3	6
River Falls	2	4	3	6
Platteville	0	6	1	8

### Around the WIAC

#### Last Week's Games

Oshkosh 24, Eau Claire 18 (ot)  
Whitewater 32, Stout 10  
La Crosse 40, River Falls 25  
Stevens Point 31, Platteville 3

#### Saturday's Games

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

### Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout finish up their 2005 seasons as the Pointers look to maintain the momentum they built in a 31-3 victory last week at UW-Platteville. The Blue Devils had their chances to remain in the conference title chase dashed last week in a 32-10 loss to UW-Whitewater as the Warhawks wrapped up the league championship.

### Radio:

The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Tom Weaver calling the play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing the analysis. The game will also be broadcast live on WWSP (89.9 FM).

### Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 42-16-1 and has won 10 of the last 14 meetings, including a 23-7 victory last year at Menomonie. The Blue Devils won their last visit to Stevens Point with a 37-27 win in 2003.

Brett Borchart was 24-for-38 passing for 358 yards and Tony Romano had eight catches for 159 yards for the Pointers. UW-Stout totaled 406 yards, but was held to one touchdown for the game. LaRon Ragsdale returned an interception 77 yards for a touchdown with 23 seconds left in the first half for a 7-0 Pointers' halftime lead.

### 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	W 23-16	Stevens Point	Borchart throws for 255 yards and runs for 83 yards
Oct. 22	at UW-Oshkosh	L 23-20	Oshkosh	Childs scores all three UWSP touchdowns
Oct. 29	UW-Eau Claire	L 17-3	Stevens Point	Pointers hampered by five interceptions
Nov. 5	at UW-Platteville	W 31-3	Platteville	Pointers forced five turnovers and four fourth-down stops
Nov. 12	UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	UWSP posted 23-7 win last year in Menomonie

### Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point rolled past UW-Platteville 31-3 last week as the Pointers forced five UW-Platteville turnovers and turned four fourth-down stops into three touchdowns in the victory.

UW-Stevens Point also held the Pioneers to 31 yards rushing on 27 carries and controlled the ball for over 39 minutes. It was the Pointers' 15th straight victory over UW-Platteville.

Jacob Dickert had a career-high in receiving yards with seven catches for 132 yards. Brett Borchart was 14-for-21 passing for 230 yards and one touchdown, while also running for a score. Cody Childs caught a 25-yard touchdown pass and Eric Reible rushed for a pair of touchdowns. Dustin Robinson rushed 26 times for a team-high 75 yards.

Kasey Morgan and Jared Flesch both had interceptions and the defense also recovered three fumbles.

### Blue Devils Update:

UW-Stout opened the year with four straight wins, but has since lost three of its last five games, including a 32-10 decision to conference champion UW-Whitewater last week.

The Blue Devils led UW-Whitewater 10-0 after the first quarter last week as Evan Larsen hit a 40-yard field goal and Tanner Kattre passed to Jesse Wendt for a 42-yard touchdown. The Warhawks cut the lead to 10-7 at halftime and then scored four second half touchdowns, including a 70-yard interception return in the game's final minute to seal the win.

UW-Stout was held to 163 total yards for the game, gaining 89 of those yards in the first quarter. The Blue Devils had 44 yards rushing on 33 attempts for the game.

Andy Reese ranks fourth in the WIAC in rushing at 105.1 yards per game and Wendt is fifth in receiving at 72.9 yards per contest. Tony Fitts has five interceptions and kicker Evan Larsen has made nine of 12 field goals and 28 of 29 extra point attempts.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 116-62-2 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-Stout coach **Todd Strop** has an 11-9 record in his second season with the Blue Devils. Strop was the team's defensive coordinator for the previous 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 was an assistant for three years at UW-Platteville and two years at Ohio Wesleyan.

### Covering Up:

UW-Stevens Point's three fumble recoveries on Saturday at UW-Platteville matched the Pointers' total through the first eight games of the season. The Pioneers actually fumbled six times in the game, but recovered three of their own. It was the most fumbles the Pointers have recovered in a game since falling on three loose balls against Butler on Sept. 27, 2003.

The five total turnovers forced by the Pointers were the most they've created in a game since Tri-State had six miscues on Sept. 13, 2003.

The turnover situation could be important this week as UW-Stout leads the WIAC in turnover margin at plus-14. The Blue Devils have forced a league-high 29 turnovers, including 22 interceptions, which is five more than any other league defense.

### Fourth Time's the Charm:

The Pointers stopped UW-Platteville on all four of its fourth down attempts and converted three of their four fourth down plays in Saturday's game. It was a turnaround from the first eight games when the Pointers' opponents were eight-for-15 and UW-Stevens Point was just one-for-nine on fourth down.

The Pointers converted three of UW-Platteville's failed fourth downs into touchdowns, including a failed fake punt in the first quarter.

This week's foe, UW-Stout, leads the WIAC in both fourth downs converted on offense and fourth down defense.

### Kickoff Clash:

UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC in kickoff coverage, allowing opponents to start at an average of their own 23-yard line. UW-Stout is second in the category, limiting opponents' average starting position to their own 24-yard line.

Meanwhile, both teams also lead the league in kickoff returns. UW-Stout averages 22.1 yards per return and UW-Stevens Point averages 20.6 yards per return. UW-Stevens Point's Kasey Morgan is second in the league individually with a 21.0 average.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Nov. 6

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

**Whistle Blowing:**

The Pointers have led the WIAC all season in most opponents' penalties as their foes have averaged 68.1 yards per game in penalties. UW-Stout has not had the officials on its side this season with easily the most flags of any WIAC school at 81.2 penalty yards per game. The Blue Devils' opponents, on the other hand, have been the least penalized in the league at 43.6 yards per game.

**Defensive Duel:**

UW-Stout leads the WIAC in total defense at 253.1 yards per game, while UW-Stevens Point is eighth at 449.2 yards per game. The Pointers have played their best two defensive games of the year the past two weeks, allowing 333 yards to UW-Eau Claire and 328 yards to UW-Platteville.

In fact, UW-Platteville had just 31 yards rushing on 27 carries last week, marking the lowest opponents' total since UW-Whitewater had 26 yards on Nov. 1, 2003. It was the first time the Pointers have held an opponent under 150 yards this season.

**Moving Up:**

Pointers' coach John Miech can move into a tie for fourth place on the WIAC all-time victories list with a win on Saturday. Miech would match former UW-River Falls coach Mike Farley, who was 117-70-3 with the Falcons from 1970-88.

**Rare Miss:**

UW-Stevens Point kicker Dan Heldmann has been a reliable field goal specialist in his four years, but missed inside 30 yards for the first time in his career with a failed 27-yarder against UW-Platteville. He bounced back to later connect from 25 yards and is now eight-for-nine inside 30 yards for his career and 13-for-18 overall in four seasons.

**Senior Day:**

The Pointers bid farewell to 10 seniors who play their final game on Saturday. The group includes four players in the defensive backfield in J.J. Chaudoir, Jared Flesch, Chase Kostichka and LaRon Ragsdale. Also playing their final game are kicker Dan Heldmann, linebacker Kyle Korinek, punter Ryan Prochnow, defensive lineman Alex Ryan, wide receiver Jake VanDerGeest and offensive tackle Tom Wallace.

**Bouncing Back:**

Pointers' quarterback Brett Borchart had a career-high five interceptions against UW-Eau Claire, marking the third time in his career he threw three or more in a game. However, all three times, Borchart threw no interceptions the following game, including last week at UW-Platteville.

**In Control:**

The Pointers have had some impressive scoring drives this season, but saved perhaps their best all year for last week at UW-Platteville when they used up 8:43 and went 75 yards in 17 plays before Eric Reible scored on a seven-yard touchdown run. It was the Pointers' fourth drive longer than seven minutes this season. For the game, the Pointers controlled the ball for a total of 39:06.

**Keeping Busy:**

One of the reasons for the Pointers' success on long drives has been the play of Dustin Robinson, who has had career highs in carries each of the past two weeks. After rushing 20 times against UW-Eau Claire, Robinson carried 26 times at UW-Platteville. He had a total of 27 carries over the first seven games of the season.

**Go-to Guy:**

Pointers' wide receiver Jacob Dickert had a career high in receiving yards for the second straight week with 132 last week after totaling 125 the previous game. Dickert has risen to fourth in the WIAC in receiving yards per game with a 73.3 average.

**Extra Points:**

Only four players have scored points for the Pointers in WIAC games this year as Brett Borchart and Cody Childs have four touchdowns and Eric Reible has three in addition to Dan Heldmann's kicking points... Pointers' sophomore defensive back Lincoln Berg had a career-high five tackles and also recovered a fumble on the final play of the game last week... Junior defensive back Tony Seidel also recorded a career-best with four tackles while making his first start of the year at cornerback... UW-Stout's Joe Seep is among the national leaders and leads the WIAC in punt returns at 16.5 yards per return... Eight individuals will be inducted into the UW-Stevens Point athletics hall of fame and introduced at halftime Saturday. The inductees are Dan Buntman (track), Kim Cwik (soccer), Greg Dantoin (football/baseball), Kevin Gelwicks (swimming), Colin Green (wrestling), Lisa Grudzinski (basketball), Randy Simpson (football) and Todd Tretter (hockey).