



University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

Jim Strick, Sports Information Director
103 Health Enhancement Center - Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-346-2840 Fax: 715-346-3626 e-mail: jstrick@uwsp.edu Web: <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics>

UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (0-2) vs. Waldorf College (2-2)

Saturday, September 24 - 1 p.m.

Goerke Field (4,000) - Stevens Point, 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
Eau Claire	0	0	1	1
La Crosse	0	0	1	1
Stevens Point	0	0	0	2
River Falls	0	0	0	2
Platteville	0	1	1	2

Around the WIAC

Last Week's Games

Stout 24, Springfield, Mass. 7
Oshkosh 27, Albion, Mich. 13
Whitewater 73, Lakeland 12
Drake, Iowa 37, Platteville 14
Bemidji State, Minn. 35, River Falls 19
Linfield, Ore. 45, Stevens Point 7

Saturday's Games

Eau Claire at St. Francis, Ind., Noon
Pacific Luth., Wash. at River Falls, 1 pm
Platteville at Augustana, Ill., 1 pm
Waldorf, Iowa at Stevens Point, 1 p.m.

Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point looks to rebound by finally playing an unranked opponent after opening the year with one of the most challenging schedules in small-college football. The Pointers played fourth-ranked Hardin-Simmons (Texas) and top-ranked Linfield (Ore.) prior to this week's game with Waldorf (Iowa). The game is the annual "Spud Bowl" and will be followed by the "Spuds and Suds" picnic.

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-Stevens Point won the first meeting between the two schools 41-7 last year in Forest City, Iowa. Waldorf scored the game's first touchdown, but the Pointers tied the game before adding 24 second quarter points to build a 31-7 halftime lead.

UW-Stevens Point rolled up 533 yards compared to 206 for the Warriors. Brett Borchart was 17-for-29 passing for 336 yards and three touchdowns. Dustin Robinson rushed for 57 yards and Cody Childs gained 56 yards, while Kurt Kielblock caught six passes for 120 yards for the Pointers.

Waldorf did not complete a pass in the second half and was led by Kenny Patrick's 69 yards rushing on 19 carries.

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	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers won inaugural meeting 41-7 last year
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 opened the year with one of the most challenging schedules in the NCAA Division III, losing to fourth-ranked Hardin-Simmons (Texas) 38-12 and top-ranked Linfield (Ore.) 45-7 last week.

The Pointers hung tough with Linfield through the first 28 minutes, trailing 10-0 with less than two minutes left before halftime. The Wildcats, however, returned an interception for a touchdown and scored again with one second left in the half for a 24-0 lead at intermission.

Jacob Dickert had three catches for 70 yards last week to lead the offense and now has six catches for a team-leading 108 yards for the season. Cody Childs has eight catches for 57 yards and Cory Flisakowski leads the team in rushing with 72 yards on 30 carries.

Brandon Czys had an interception last week and leads the team with 24 tackles. Jared Flesch has 19 tackles, including 15 solo stops.

Warriors Update:

Waldorf, an NAIA independent in Forest City, Iowa, had won two straight games before suffering a 31-3 loss to St. Ambrose, which is ranked 13th in the NAIA. The Warriors were hurt by five turnovers in the defeat to the same St. Ambrose squad that handed them a 71-7 defeat during the 2004 season.

Waldorf opened the season with a 16-2 loss to Dakota State and then rallied to beat Iowa Wesleyan 41-33 and Martin Luther (Minn.) 10-2.

After allowing 40.5 points per game last season, Waldorf has given up just 20.5 points per game this year.

Chris Rittgers caught six passes for 42 yards to lead the Warriors. Marcus Lewis rushed nine times for 33 yards and Adam Whiting had six carries for 30 yards. Lewis averages 60.3 yards per game and Whiting gains 54.8 yards per contest.

Eric Gay has all three of the team's interceptions.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 113-58-2 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.

Waldorf coach **David Bolstorff** is 187-169-2 in his 38th 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 recently retired as the school's chaplain.

Spud Bowl:

Saturday's game will be the 19th annual "Spud Bowl" game, which recognizes the area's potato industry. The annual "Spuds and Suds" picnic begins outside Goerke Field at 3 p.m. The picnic features all-you-can-eat potatoes, bratwurst, chili and potato cake. There also will be Point Beer and Coca-Cola available. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for UW-Stevens Point students with ID and children 12-and under.

The Spud Bowl is a local scholarship fund for UW-Stevens Point students with a farm or agri-business background.

Driving Distance:

The Pointers opened Saturday's game at Linfield with an impressive drive lasting nine minutes and four seconds.

The drive was the longest UW-Stevens Point has had over the past six seasons. During that span they have had only one drive lasting longer than eight minutes. The Pointers' longest possession last season was seven minutes and 44 seconds, also coming against Linfield.

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 7-0-1 record. The last non-conference NAIA team to defeat the Pointers was Central State (Ohio) in 1984.

On the Defensive:

Linfield's 45 points on Saturday marked only the sixth time in coach John Miech's 173 career games that the Pointers have allowed 40 points or more. The Pointers gave up 46 to Linfield last year, 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 streak of 270 games.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 18

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

Spud Success:

UW-Stevens Point is 17-1 all-time in Spud Bowl games with the only loss coming in overtime to Northern State (S.D.) in 2000. The Pointers have dominated the past two events with a 57-3 win over Tri-State last year and a 56-7 romp over Butler in 2003. Nine of the Pointers' Spud Bowl wins have been by 17 points or more. Waldorf will be the Pointers' 16th different opponent in the event's 19-year history. This is the fifth consecutive year the game will be played in the afternoon.

Top Tackler:

Pointers' linebacker Brandon Czys leads the WIAC in total tackles through the first two games. After recording 14 tackles last week, Czys now has 24 tackles for an average of 12.0 per game. No other WIAC player is averaging more than 10 per game.

Deep Threats:

UW-Stevens Point has two of the top three kickoff returners in the WIAC deep on its kickoffs. Cody Childs ranks second in the league at 24.6 yards per return and Kasey Morgan is averaging 20.0 yards per return. Both players have returned five kicks in the first two games.

Sizing 'Em Up:

Waldorf features the biggest offensive line the Pointers will see all year and perhaps one of the biggest they've ever seen. All five starters are over 300 pounds, weighing 313, 342, 307, 330 and 389, respectively. That's an average of 336.2 pounds per lineman.

Punting Prowess:

Pointers' punter Ryan Prochnow picked right up where he left off last year after ranking 28th nationally in punting. Prochnow currently ranks third in the WIAC with a 36.8 average and has put three of his 11 kicks inside the 20-yard line.

Fresh Faces:

Waldorf is the Pointers' fourth straight home non-conference opponent to make its first appearance at Goerke Field. Hardin-Simmons also had never played in Stevens Point, while Linfield and Tri-State both made their first-ever trips to Goerke Field last year. The last Iowa school to play at Goerke Field was Drake in 2000.

Holding Strong:

The Pointers have stopped their opponents inside the red zone three times in the first two games after doing so five times all of last year. UW-Stevens Point has forced two missed field goals and an interception when its opponents have the ball inside the 20-yard line.

Extra Points:

Waldorf is playing WIAC opponents two straight weeks as the Warriors play next week at UW-Stout...This week's game is the Pointers' only contest among the first five against an unranked opponent. Next week they play 11th-ranked UW-La Crosse followed by 14th-ranked UW-Whitewater...Eric Reible returned a blocked punt last week to the Linfield five-yard line, nearly achieving the Pointers' first punt return for a score since 1997...The Pointers' opponents have scored a defensive touchdown in each of their first two games. UW-Stevens Point had gone the past two seasons without surrendering a defensive score...The Pointers are currently 0-2 outside the league and haven't been swept in a season by their non-conference opponents since 1975 when they lost to Morningside and St. Norbert...UW-Stevens Point has committed just eight penalties compared to 20 for its opponents so far this season.