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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (1-3, 0-1 WIAC) vs. #8 UW-Whitewater (4-0, 1-0 WIAC)
Saturday, October 8 - 1 p.m.
Goerke Field (4,000) - Stevens Point, Wisconsin

2005 WIAC Standings

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

Around the WIAC

Last Week's Games

Whitewater 28, Eau Claire 7
Stout 44, Waldorf 3
La Crosse 24, Stevens Point 0
River Falls 13, Oshkosh 10 (ot)

Saturday's Games

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

Game Outlook:

The Pointers conclude their stretch of games against highly-ranked opponents by taking on eighth-ranked UW-Whitewater in the annual homecoming contest. UW-Stevens Point will be playing its fourth game in the first five weeks against a team ranked in the top 15 nationally. The Pointers are coming off a 24-0 loss to 14th-ranked UW-La Crosse, while UW-Whitewater beat UW-Eau Claire 28-7 and is among the top scoring teams in the country at 45.0 points per game.

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-Whitewater leads the all-time series 53-30, though the Pointers have won three straight meetings, winning 15-12 last year, 60-30 in 2003 and 17-14 in 2002. The Pointers have never beaten the Warhawks four straight years, but also won three straight from 1932-35 and 1954-56.

Brett Borchart connected with Kurt Kielblock for a 23-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-16 play with 7:35 left for the victory in last year's contest. UW-Whitewater entered the game ranked 13th in the country and was held to one-for-15 on third downs.

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	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:

The Pointers suffered a 24-0 loss in their conference opener at UW-La Crosse on Saturday in their third game against a ranked opponent among the first four games.

The Pointers were hurt by two turnovers deep in Eagles' territory as well as a fumbled snap on a field goal attempt. All three miscues came following solid drives by the Pointers' offense.

UW-Stevens Point's Brandon Czynski had a huge game defensively against his former team with 20 tackles and an interception. J.J. Chaudoir added 16 tackles in the loss.

Brad Kalsow added three catches for 39 yards and Eric Reible had six carries for 44 yards.

Brett Borchart is averaging 180.2 yards passing per game, while Damon Mehlberg is the leading rusher at 31.0 yards per game and Cody Childs has a team-high 17 receptions for 48.0 yards per game.

Warhawks Update:

UW-Whitewater is off to a red-hot start, averaging 45.0 points per game while allowing just 11.5 points in four games. The Warhawks rank sixth in Division III in total offense with an average of 537.5 yards per game.

The Warhawks posted a 28-7 victory over UW-Eau Claire on Saturday as Justin Beaver rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries to earn WIAC offensive Player of the Week honors. UW-Whitewater also held the Blugolds to 233 total yards.

The Warhawks feature a balanced offensive attack as quarterback Justin Jacobs ranks 11th in the country in passing efficiency and Beaver is 13th nationally in rushing at 147.0 yards per game. UW-Whitewater leads the WIAC in passing and ranks second in rushing.

Defensively, the Warhawks lead the league in rushing defense, allowing just 84.5 yards per game. Robb Widuch has a team-leading 40 tackles to rank third in the WIAC.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 114-59-2 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-Whitewater coach **Bob Berezowitz** has 135-70-4 record in his 21st 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. Along with Miech, he is also a member of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Not Over Yet:

Don't write off the Pointers' WIAC title chances with one league loss. UW-Stevens Point has won three WIAC championships the past seven years and has had at least one loss every year.

In fact, despite their success, the Pointers have been 2-0 in the WIAC just once in the past eight years. In 2001, the Pointers were 2-2 and won their last three games for the title and in 1998, UW-Stevens Point was 1-2 and lost its conference opener to UW-River Falls before winning its last four league games. Last year, they lost their first two games and had a chance to share the title in the final game.

"Power-foe" Scheduling:

On Saturday, the Pointers will play their fourth game against a team in the top 12 of this week's NCAA Division III rankings by D3football.com.

The Pointers lost to fourth-ranked Hardin-Simmons and top-ranked Linfield before a defeat last week to UW-La Crosse, which is ranked 12th in this week's poll.

Three other teams have played two squads among the current top 12. Texas Lutheran played Mary Hardin-Baylor and Trinity, UW-Eau Claire played St. John's and UW-Whitewater, and Howard Payne (Texas) played Hardin-Simmons and UW-La Crosse. Howard Payne adds a third this week with Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The Pointers' next four games after Saturday are against currently unranked opponents.

Second Best:

The second quarter could be an interesting focus of Saturday's game as UW-Whitewater has dominated opponents during the second 15 minutes, outscoring foes 80-6. In fact, the Warhawks are jumping out to huge leads with a 111-12 advantage in the first half of their four games. UW-Whitewater has not trailed yet this season.

UW-Stevens Point has been outscored 35-10 in the second quarter this year after outscoring teams 214-93 over the past two seasons.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 2

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

Top Tackler:

Pointers' linebacker Brandon Czys strengthened his hold as the top tackler in the WIAC by racking up 20 tackles in last week's loss to UW-La Crosse, where Czys played his first two seasons.

Czys became just the third player this season in Division III to record 20 tackles in a game and his mark was one short of the national single-game high of 21 tackles by Clayton Darlage of Franklin (Ind.) last week against Anderson (Ind.).

His 17 assisted tackles were the most by any Division III player this season. Czys recorded 10 tackles in each half of the game. He now leads the WIAC with 51 tackles, which is 10 more than any other league player and ranks 19th in Division III.

Top Tackler, Too:

UW-Stevens Point strong safety J.J. Chaudoir added a career-high 16 tackles in the loss to UW-La Crosse.

Chaudoir's total was the second-highest in the WIAC this season behind Czys' 20 tackles in the same game.

Chaudoir had no tackles in the win over Waldorf and was forced to make eight tackles in the loss to Linfield.

Homecoming Blues:

The Pointers have been tough at home with a 16-7 record over their last 23 games, however, five of those seven losses have been homecoming games as the Pointers have lost the annual event five straight years.

UW-Stevens Point lost to UW-La Crosse in 2004 and 2002. The Pointers also lost to UW-Stout in 2003, UW-Whitewater in 2001 and UW-Oshkosh in 2000.

Smooth Transition:

Pointers' wide receiver Brad Kalsow led the team with his first three career catches for a team-high 39 yards last week. Kalsow played last season as a reserve guard with the national champion UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team, appearing in 28 of the team's 32 games and scoring 61 points for the year. He has played in all four games with the football team this year.

Whistle Blowers:

UW-Stevens Point easily leads the WIAC in drawing penalties as the Pointers' opponents have already been flagged 40 times for a whopping 371 yards. By contrast, the Pointers have 30 penalties for 264 yards.

The trend could continue this week as UW-Whitewater was penalized 13 times for 133 yards in last week's win over UW-Eau Claire.

Rare Shutout:

UW-Stevens Point's zero points last week marked the first time the Pointers have been shutout since Oct. 14, 2000 in a 9-0 loss at UW-Whitewater. It was only the fourth time in the last 219 games that the Pointers have failed to score.

Big Gainer:

Pointers' running back Eric Reible is averaging 9.1 yards per carry after gaining 118 yards on just 13 carries this season. Reible had a 56-yard rush against Waldorf and gained 22 yards on one play last week at UW-La Crosse.

Extra Points:

UW-Stevens Point's Dan Robinson leads the WIAC with four sacks this season and also ranks 19th in Division III with the total...UW-Whitewater has scored on all 11 of its trips inside the red-zone this year, including seven touchdowns. The Warhawks' opponents have crossed the 20-yard line just five times this year...Pointers' running back Cory Flisakowski did not play for the second straight week and is questionable again for this week's contest...Pointers' defensive back Kasey Morgan ranks second in the WIAC in kickoff returns at 19.6 yards per return...UW-Stevens Point's Jared Flesch ranks fourth in the WIAC with 37 total tackles.