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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (1-2) vs. Trinity International University (2-2)
Saturday, September 30 - 2 p.m.
Frazier Field - Deerfield, Illinois

2006 WIAC Standings

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

Last Week in the WIAC

Stevens Point 45, Waldorf 7
Whitworth (Wash.) 14, Stout 13 (2 ot)
St. Francis (Ind.) 63, River Falls 8
Platteville 24, Augustana (Ill.) 7
La Crosse 27, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 10
Whitewater 17, Oshkosh 3

This Week in the WIAC

Stout at Platteville, 1 pm
Whitewater at Eau Claire, 1 pm
Stevens Point at Trinity Int'l, 2 pm
Oshkosh at River Falls, 7 pm

Game Outlook:

Fresh off its first victory of the season, the Pointers look to ride the momentum into this week's non-conference game at Trinity International. The contest is the second of four straight road games for the Pointers, who are facing Trinity International for the first time ever. It is UW-Stevens Point's last non-conference game of the year before finishing with six straight WIAC games. The game also marks the Pointers' second straight against an NAIA foe after beating Waldorf 45-7 last week.

Radio:

The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling the play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing the analysis. A live webcast will also be available on the UW-Stevens Point athletics website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/webcast.htm>.

Series History:

The teams are meeting for the first time ever.

2006 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 2	at Hardin-Simmons	L 49-17	Abilene, Texas	UWSP drops season opener for just third time in 14 years
Sept. 16	UW-La Crosse	L 36-14	Stevens Point	Four first half turnovers cost Pointers in defeat
Sept. 23	at Waldorf	W 45-7	Forest City, Iowa	Pointers amass 510 total yards in taking 38-0 halftime lead
Sept. 30	at Trinity Int'l	2 p.m.	Deerfield, Ill.	Teams meeting for first time ever
Oct. 7	at UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Whitewater	Warhawks were 2005 NCAA Division III runner-up
Oct. 14	at UW-River Falls	2 p.m.	River Falls	Pointers have won four of last five meetings
Oct. 21	UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	104th meeting - longest of any Division III state schools
Oct. 28	at UW-Eau Claire	1 p.m.	Eau Claire	Six of last eight meetings decided by five or less
Nov. 4	UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers have beaten Pioneers 15 straight times
Nov. 11	at UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Menomonie	UWSP has beaten Blue Devils two straight years

Pointer Update:

UW-Stevens Point picked up its first win of the year in dominating fashion over Waldorf, using a huge first half performance to win 45-7 on Saturday in Forest City, Iowa. The Pointers rolled up 510 total yards in the first half while building a 38-0 halftime lead. For the game, UW-Stevens Point totaled 587 yards.

UW-Stevens Point scored on its first six possessions as Brett Borchart threw for 344 yards and four touchdowns in the first two quarters. He had touchdown throws of 50 and 39 yards to Jacob Dickert, who totaled five catches for 108 yards.

Cody Childs had a career-high 162 yards rushing on 16 carries and also caught two passes for 116 yards. Childs had a nine-yard touchdown run and an 85-yard touchdown reception. Dustin Robinson added a two-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Pointers' defense limited Waldorf to 244 total yards, including just 66 yards rushing. The Pointers also intercepted three passes.

Trojans Update:

Like UW-Stevens Point, Trinity International has played some strong opponents and hasn't been in any tight games yet this year.

The Trojans beat Iowa Wesleyan 22-7 last week and also beat Division I-AA Valparaiso 39-20. Trinity International's losses are both to nationally ranked NAIA foes with a 56-0 setback to seventh-ranked McKendree (Ill.) and a 25-7 loss to 24th-ranked Malone (Ohio).

Matthew Reaves rushed for 81 yards on 21 carries and Deon Dukes caught seven passes for 132 yards in Trinity International's win over Iowa Wesleyan. Ryan Thorson was 12-for-18 passing for 202 yards.

Dukes has 21 catches for 337 yards in the first four games, while Thorson has not thrown an interception.

Trinity International's defense held Iowa Wesleyan to just 142 total yards and six first downs last week.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 118-64-2 record in his 19th season. Miech's victory last week moved him into fourth place on the WIAC all-time wins list with Mike Farley, who coached at UW-River Falls from 1970-88. Miech is a 1975 graduate of UW-Stevens Point and has twice as many wins as any other coach in Pointers' history.

Trinity International coach **Derek Dewitt** has a 13-12 record in his third season with the Trojans. Dewitt led Trinity International to an 8-3 record and an NAIA playoff appearance during his first year in 2004, earning Mid-State Football Association Coach of the Year honors. He was previously an assistant coach at conference rival Olivet Nazarene.

Rough Starts:

One of UW-Stevens Point's issues in the first two games of the year changed dramatically as the Pointers got off to a great start in last week's win at Waldorf.

The Pointers led 21-0 after the first quarter and outgained Waldorf 269-63 in the first 15 minutes. In fact, they led 38-0 and totaled 510 yards in the first half. In the first two games of the year, they had been outscored 28-0 and outgained 277-44 in the opening quarter.

Against the NAIA:

A former member of the NAIA, UW-Stevens Point hasn't lost to an NAIA foe since leaving the organization in the early 1990's, posting an 9-0-1 record. The last non-conference NAIA team to defeat the Pointers was Central State (Ohio) in 1984.

Below the Border:

Despite its proximity, matchups between the Pointers and teams from the state of Illinois are relatively rare.

This week's game will be just their eighth trip to play across the border. It is just their second game in Illinois since 1971, having won at Augustana in 2003.

All-time, the Pointers have played just 12 games against teams from Illinois with eight of the matchups coming from 1948 or earlier. The Pointers have also had matchups with Eastern Illinois, Bradley, Illinois Wesleyan and Northern Illinois during the 1930's and 1940's.

First Half Flurry:

The numbers from the Pointers' first half last week at Waldorf were staggering as the team put up 510 total yards, which is likely a school record for one half of play.

The Pointers had 16 first downs and 344 yards passing while scoring on their first six possessions. Cody Childs also had all of his 278 yards of offense in the first half. The Pointers accomplished all of that in less than 13 minutes of possession time as their longest of the six scoring drives was two minutes, 19 seconds.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 24

Rank	Team (1st place votes)	Rec.
1.	Mount Union, Ohio (22)	3-0
2.	UW-Whitewater (3)	3-0
3.	Capital, Ohio	3-0
4.	St. John's, Minn.	4-0
5.	Hardin-Simmons, Texas	2-0
6.	Wesley, Del.	3-0
7.	Rowan, N.J.	1-1
8.	UW-La Crosse	2-0
9.	Bridgewater, Va.	4-0
10.	Ohio Northern	3-0
11.	Occidental, Calif.	2-0
12.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	2-1
13.	Central, Iowa	3-0
14.	Coe, Iowa	4-0
15.	Wilkes, Pa.	4-0
16.	St. John Fisher, N.Y.	4-0
17.	Whitworth, Wash.	3-0
18.	Hobart, N.Y.	3-0
19.	Cortland State, N.Y.	3-0
20.	Linfield, Ore.	0-2
21.	Wheaton, Ill.	3-0
22.	Ithaca, N.Y.	3-1
23.	Delaware Valley, Pa.	2-1
24.	Christopher Newport, Va.	2-1
25.	Springfield, Mass.	3-0

Childs Play:

UW-Stevens Point running back Cody Childs is off to a great start with 361 yards on 60 carries for an average of 6.0 yards per play.

He leads the WIAC at 120.3 yards per game. Childs also has seven catches for 200 yards to rank fourth in the league in receiving and first in all-purpose yards. Nationally, Childs is ranked 18th in Division III in rushing and 10th in all-purpose yards.

Childs, who has earned all-conference honors each of the past three years, ran for 266 yards all of last season.

Total Package:

Pointers' quarterback Brett Borchart currently leads the WIAC in total offense at 214.3 yards per game with 583 yards passing and 60 yards rushing through three games. He was second in the league in total offense last year and first in the WIAC in 2004.

Borchart's 344-yard performance on Saturday was the sixth 300-yard game of his career and the fourth time he has thrown at least four touchdowns in a game.

Perfect Performance:

Sophomore Ryan Graboski made his first appearance as the team's kicker last week and had a terrific start, making all six extra point attempts and a 22-yard field goal. He also handled kickoffs, averaging kicks to the 8.5 yard line.

Graboski, played both football and soccer at Woodbury High School (Minn.), which is the same school as former Washington Redskins' kicker Chip Lohmiller. Graboski was a two-time recipient of Woodbury's special teams MVP award that is named after Lohmiller.

Teaming Up:

UW-Stevens Point had plenty of contributors on its defense that limited Waldorf to just 66 yards rushing. The Pointers had 27 different players record tackles, including 25 of the 27 defensive players who made the trip to Waldorf. Two offensive players made tackles on special teams plays.

Sophomore Ed Schaber, who had two career tackles prior to last week, led the team with five tackles.

Heading Home:

This week's game will be a homecoming of sorts for two key Pointers' players that hail from the Chicago area. Senior quarterback Brett Borchart and sophomore receiver Brad Kalsow are both from Huntley, which is located just west of Chicago and about 43 miles from Deerfield.

On the Offensive:

After totaling 570 yards in its first two games, the Pointers' 587-yard performance last week has the team ranked atop the WIAC in total offense with an average of 395.3 yards per game. UW-Stevens Point ranks 31st in the NCAA Division III in total offense.

Quick Hits:

Brett Borchart's 85-yard touchdown pass to Cody Childs last week was the seventh-longest pass play in Pointers' history and the longest of Borchart's career...The Pointers have been the most penalized team in the WIAC with an average of 6.7 flags and 81.0 yards per game...UW-Stevens Point's Luke Frisch continues to lead the WIAC and ranks 19th in the country in punting with a 40.2 average...Better yet, the coverage units have allowed just three returns for a total of six yards as the Pointers' 39.3 net punting average ranks 10th nationally...Ben Zimmerman's interception last week was the first in 33 career games for the senior linebacker...UW-Stevens Point and Trinity International are not scheduled to play next season. The teams agreed to the matchup in April.