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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (0-1) vs. #9 UW-La Crosse (1-0)

Saturday, September 16 - 1 p.m.

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

2006 WIAC Standings

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

This Weekend in the WIAC

Eau Claire at Alma (Mich.), 11:00 a.m.
Oshkosh at Lakeland, 1:00
Azusa Pacific (Calif.) at Whitewater, 1:00
La Crosse at Stevens Point, 1:00
Stout at Upper Iowa, 1:00
River Falls at Pacific Luth. (Wash.) 3:30
Platteville at Drake (Iowa), 6:00

Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse get a head start on the conference schedule with an early WIAC showdown in each team's second game of the season. The Pointers and Eagles are meeting in the conference opener for the sixth straight year.

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>.

Television:

The game will be televised by Fox Sports Net North on a tape delayed basis. It will be shown on Wed., Sept. 20 at 10:15 p.m. following the Milwaukee Brewers/St. Louis Cardinals game. Bob Brainerd and Bill Brophy will call the statewide telecast.

Series History:

UW-La Crosse leads the all-time series 40-9-4 and beat the Pointers 24-0 last season. The Eagles are 25-2-2 in the past 29 matchups with the Pointers' last win coming in 2001. UW-Stevens Point also won at home in 1998 and at La Crosse in 1987, though the win was later forfeited.

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	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers 18-1 all-time in Spud Bowl games
Sept. 23	at Waldorf	1 p.m.	Forest City, Iowa	UWSP has beaten Warriors in both previous meetings
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:

The Pointers lost their season opener for just the third time in the last 14 years with a 49-17 setback at Hardin-Simmons (Texas).

The Cowboys scored the game's first 28 points and outgained the Pointers 335-74 in the first half. The Pointers scored their first points on a two-yard, fourth-down touchdown pass from Brett Borchart to Jacob Dickert on the final play of the first half.

UW-Stevens Point closed to within 35-17 early in the fourth quarter before Hardin-Simmons added a pair of late touchdowns.

Senior running back Cody Childs was a bright spot for the Pointers with a career-high 123 yards rushing on 26 carries. Childs had the team's second touchdown with a 26-yard run in the third quarter and John Ryan added a 28-yard field goal.

Brandon Czys made a team-high 12 tackles to lead the defense.

Eagles Update:

UW-La Crosse opened the season in impressive fashion with a 17-3 win at Division I scholarship foe South Dakota State. The Eagles had four interceptions, including three by WIAC Defensive Player of the Week Steve Teeple as they held the Jackrabbits to 16-for-36 passing for 137 yards. Nick Ihde made a team-high 15 tackles.

John Schumann threw for 186 yards and two touchdowns for the Eagles' offense. Dan Hall rushed 14 times for 61 yards.

UW-La Crosse was unranked in the first national poll, but surged to 14th after its win and rose five more spots to ninth this week. Like UW-Stevens Point, the Eagles enjoyed a week off last week.

UW-La Crosse was 5-4 overall and 4-3 in the WIAC last season and was picked for second in this year's pre-season poll. The Eagles returned seven starters on both offense and defense from last year's squad.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 117-63-2 record in his 19th season. Miech enters the season tied for 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.

UW-La Crosse coach **Larry Terry** has a 66-52-1 career record in his 13th season as a collegiate coach. He has a 41-23 mark in his seventh year with the Eagles, having previously coached at Ripon for six years. Terry was the WIAC Coach of the Year three straight years from 2003-05 after guiding the Eagles to WIAC titles each year.

Spud Bowl:

Saturday's game will be the 20th 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 \$7 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.

The Pointers are 18-1 all-time in Spud Bowl games and are playing a WIAC foe for the eighth time and first time since facing UW-River Falls in 2001. UW-La Crosse is making its first Spud Bowl appearance. The Pointers' only loss came in overtime to Northern State (S.D.) in 2000.

Road Warriors:

This week's game is the only contest either UW-Stevens Point or UW-La Crosse will play at home until Oct. 7. Both teams have only three home games as the Pointers play five of their first six games on the road. The Eagles play their first three on the road before their home opener Oct. 7. Neither squad has a home non-conference game this year.

The Pointers' three home games are their fewest since 1947. They went 2-5 that year, but won two of the three home games.

Flirting With Fifty:

After allowing 49 points in their season opener, the Pointers extended their streak of keeping opponents under 50 points to 277 straight games.

An opponent hasn't reached that mark against the Pointers since Sept. 15, 1979 when they lost to UW-La Crosse 62-7. It was the ninth time during the span that they've allowed 40 points and the fourth time they've given up 49.

By contrast, the Pointers have scored 50 points on their opponents 25 times since 1979.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 10

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

Early Encounter:

Saturday's game marks the Pointers' earliest WIAC game since they played a season opener at UW-Stout on Sept. 7, 1996. It's the earliest home WIAC game since they faced UW-Platteville on Sept. 15, 1990.

The game also marks the first time the Pointers have played a WIAC foe in the second game of the season since facing UW-River Falls in 1998.

The contest was originally scheduled on Sept. 30, but was moved this spring when the Pointers added a non-conference game with Trinity International, which had only one available open date.

Topping Triple Digits:

UW-Stevens Point senior running back Cody Childs reached the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career against Hardin-Simmons when he carried 26 times for 123 yards.

Childs, a three-time all-WIAC selection, had his previous best game in 2004 against UW-Platteville when he ran for 94 yards. The 26 carries was also a career high.

Brotherly Love:

The Pointers have plenty of family ties on this year's roster with four sets of brothers.

One duo is in the starting lineup with senior wide receiver Jacob Dickert and his brother, Jesse, a junior center. Senior Peter Prusinski and his freshman brother, Jerry, are both reserves at defensive tackle. Senior defensive end Dan Robinson and junior running back Dustin Robinson are both in their third year as contributors in the lineup, while sophomore defensive back Luke Frisch is joined this year by his brother, Luke, who is a freshman linebacker.

Robinson Out:

Pointers' senior defensive end Dan Robinson was injured on the second play of the second quarter against Hardin-Simmons and will miss the entire season with a broken leg. Robinson was hit behind the play following a 48-yard touchdown pass.

It's a key loss for the Pointers as Robinson was the team's only returning first-team all-conference player and led the defense with 95 tackles last season.

Booming Debut:

Pointers' sophomore punter Luke Frisch had quite a debut performance at Hardin-Simmons with three punts for a 46.3-yard average. It was the third-best single-game performance in school history with a minimum of three kicks.

Frisch also had the third-longest punt in school history with a 75-yard blast in the first quarter. It was the longest punt by a Pointer since Tony Del Fatti had a 74-yarder against UW-La Crosse in 1974.

Frisch had one punt attempt for 28 yards in a reserve role last season.

Familiar Foe:

UW-Stevens Point senior linebacker Brandon Czys led the Pointers with 12 tackles last week and faces his former team this week.

Czys played at UW-La Crosse before transferring to UW-Stevens Point last season. He made 81 tackles for the Pointers last year and was a second-team all-WIAC selection.

Line Changes:

UW-Stevens Point has shuffled its offensive line for the upcoming week with four players in different positions than they were against Hardin-Simmons.

Jesse Dickert will move from full-back to center, pushing Jake Nantell to right guard, Jon Vissers to right tackle and Dale Bratz to left tackle. Left guard Mike Kovatch is the only player in the same position for the first two games.

Home Openers:

UW-Stevens Point has won four of its last five home openers and is 15-3 in home debuts under John Miech. The only losses came last year to Hardin-Simmons, in 2000 to Northern State and in 1993 to Michigan Tech.

The last time the Pointers opened at home with a WIAC opponent was in 1999 against UW-Stout.

Quick Hits:

The Pointers and Eagles are meeting in the conference opener for the sixth straight year. Next year they are scheduled to meet in the final game of the year on Nov. 10 in La Crosse...The Pointers' game against Hardin-Simmons included a whopping 247 yards of penalties, including 142 yards on 14 penalties by Hardin-Simmons. There were nine personal foul penalties in the game...UW-La Crosse has been penalized for at least 80 yards in its last four meetings with the Pointers.