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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (2-4, 0-3 WIAC) vs. UW-Oshkosh (4-3, 2-2 WIAC)
Saturday, October 21 - 1 p.m.
Goerke Field (4,000) - Stevens Point, Wisconsin

2006 WIAC Standings

| | Conf. | | Overall | |
|---------------|-------|---|---------|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Whitewater | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| La Crosse | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Platteville | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Oshkosh | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Stout | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Eau Claire | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| River Falls | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Stevens Point | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

Last Week in the WIAC

Stout 14, Eau Claire 6
Whitewater 45, La Crosse 10
Platteville 21, Oshkosh 14
River Falls 20, Stevens Point 17

This Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire at La Crosse, 11:30 a.m.
Oshkosh at Stevens Point, 1 p.m.
Stout at River Falls, 1 p.m.
Whitewater at Platteville, 2 p.m.

Game Outlook:

After playing four straight weeks on the road, UW-Stevens Point finally returns home to face UW-Oshkosh in the annual homecoming contest. The Pointers are looking for their first WIAC victory and are 0-3 in the league for just the second time since 1981.

Broadcast:

The game will be televised on a tape-delayed basis by Fox Sports Net with Bob Brainerd and Bill Brophy on the call and Greg Voeller on the sidelines. The replay will be shown statewide on Tues., Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Student Television will also produce a tape-delayed broadcast that will be shown during the week on cable channel 10 in Stevens Point.

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. It can also be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM). Live webcasts of both radio stations and live game stats will be available on the UW-Stevens Point athletics website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/>.

Series History:

The teams are meeting for the 104th time with UW-Stevens Point holding a 55-40-8 lead in the all-time series. UW-Oshkosh won 23-20 last year as the past six meetings have all been decided by seven points or less. The rivalry started in 1896 and is the 16th longest in NCAA Division III history. It is the longest between two Division III non-private schools.

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 Internat'l | W 35-0 | Deerfield, Ill. | Defense allows just 104 total yards and four first downs |
| Oct. 7 | at UW-Whitewater | L 31-13 | Whitewater | Pointers held to 47 total yards through three quarters |
| Oct. 14 | at UW-River Falls | L 20-17 | River Falls | UWSP drops final game of longest road trip since 1972 |
| 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 are coming off a 20-17 setback to UW-River Falls on Saturday to fall to 0-3 in the league.

After the Falcons jumped ahead 14-0 in the second quarter, the Pointers used two long drives capped by a one-yard run by Cody Childs and a 25-yard field goal by Ryan Graboski to close to within 14-10 at halftime.

The Falcons connected on a pair of third quarter field goals to push the lead back to 10 points before the Pointers rallied on a 10-yard touch-down run by quarterback Brett Borchart. UW-Stevens Point had the ball back with three minutes to play, but was stopped short on a fourth down play and UW-River Falls ran out the clock.

Borchart was 24-for-40 passing for 292 yards and also rushed 10 times for a team-high 47 yards. Free safety Brett Hirsch had a team-high 12 tackles and an interception.

Titans Update:

UW-Oshkosh had a two-game winning streak snapped on Saturday with a 21-14 loss to UW-Platteville. The Titans only punted twice in the game, having three missed field goals and three turnovers as well as a fourth-down stop at the Pioneers' seven-yard in the fourth quarter.

UW-Platteville ran off the final 7:12 of the game, gaining six first downs on its game-clinching drive.

UW-Oshkosh running back Andy Moriarity and quarterback Joe Patek both suffered injuries in the contest. Steve Levonowich filled in for Moriarity and gained 145 yards on 27 carries. Moriarity, a junior, is averaging 95.1 yards per game and currently ranks third on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,500 yards.

Dave Dejewski has a team-high 52 tackles and Ryan Radtke ranks second in the WIAC with five interceptions.

Kicker Lucas Raschke was a second-team All-American in 2004 and has already connected on 51 and 52-yard field goals this season.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 119-66-2 record in his 19th season. Miech's victory total ranks fourth in WIAC history and he entered the season ranked 18th among all active NCAA Division III coaches. Miech is a 1975 graduate of UW-Stevens Point and has twice as many wins as any other coach in Pointers' history.

UW-Oshkosh coach **Phil Meyer** has a 30-36 record in his seventh season with the Titans. Last season, Meyer coached the Titans to a 7-3 record, marking the Titans' best record since 1976. Their 6-1 start was their best since the 1935 season. He previously coached five years as the quarterbacks and tight ends coach at Iowa State University.

Homecoming Blues:

The Pointers have been solid at home with a 18-10 record over their last 28 games, however, six of those 10 losses have been homecoming games as the Pointers have lost the annual event six straight years.

UW-Stevens Point lost to UW-Whitewater in 2005 and 2001 and UW-La Crosse in 2004 and 2002. The Pointers also to UW-Stout in 2003 and UW-Oshkosh in 2000.

The last win came over UW-River Falls in 1999.

Formidable Foes:

Of UW-Stevens Point's last 16 losses, 12 have been to ranked opponents. Two of the other losses came last year to UW-Oshkosh and UW-Eau Claire, which both received votes in the poll. The other two losses have both been at UW-River Falls, coming last week and in 2004.

The Pointers are the only team in the NCAA Division III to have faced three teams currently ranked in the top 10 of the national poll.

Slow Start:

It's unusual to see the Pointers at the bottom of the league standings as UW-Stevens Point is 0-3 in the WIAC for just the second time since 1981. It also happened in 2000.

In 2000, the Pointers were 0-5 and won two of their last three games (one was a non-conference game) to finish the year. In 1981, UW-Stevens Point won four straight after its tough start to finish 4-4 in the league.

Home Sweet Home:

The Pointers are finally back to Goerke Field after playing four straight away games for the first time since 1972. All told, the Pointers logged 1,738 miles on a bus during the four-game stretch.

The season-opening trip to Abilene, Texas, added another 2,474 round-trip miles to the schedule, bringing the total to 4,212 miles traveled over the first six games of the year.

The Pointers have their two shortest road trips still ahead at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 15

Rank, Team (1st place votes) Rec.

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

Fast Learner:

Pointers' senior free safety Brett Hirsch made his first career start on Saturday at UW-River Falls, but looked like a seasoned veteran with a team-high 12 tackles along with an interception and a forced fumble.

Hirsch is in his first season playing football after playing two seasons with the men's basketball team as a guard for both NCAA Division III championship teams. In fact, Hirsch started the first 12 games for the 2003-04 championship team as a freshman and also had a great start to his basketball career with a career-best 12 points in his first start against Northland.

Timely Tackles:

Sophomore defensive lineman Brad Vickroy totaled a career-high seven tackles last week against UW-River Falls, including a pair of key defensive stops that kept the Pointers within striking distance in the second half. Vickroy made solo tackles on two third down plays inside the 10-yard line that forced the Falcons to field goals.

Vickroy has started all six games of the season after not playing last season. He appeared in the final four games of the year in 2004 as a freshman.

Good Behavior:

The Pointers entered last week's game as the WIAC leader in penalties, but had just one for eight yards in last week's game. The lone flag was a holding penalty on a first quarter punt return. UW-Stevens Point was averaging 70.0 penalty yards per game prior to last week.

Aerial Conflict:

UW-Stevens Point is the top passing team in the WIAC and 39th in Division III at 226.2 yards per game, while UW-Oshkosh enters this week with the leading pass defense in the conference. The Titans have surrendered just 150.3 yards through the air per game and rank 44th nationally.

Touchdown Tally:

Pointers' senior Cody Childs scored his 34th career touchdown last week and needs one more to tie Theo Blanco (1985-88) and Jeff Gosa (1973-76) on the school's all-time list. Jimmy Henderson (1991-93) is the record-holder with 39 touchdowns.

Childs has a league-high eight touchdowns this year, including seven rushing scores. In his career, he has 20 rushing touchdowns and 14 receiving.

Childs also enters this week ranked second in the WIAC and 39th nationally in rushing at 104.2 yards per game.

Welcome Back:

UW-Stevens Point wide receiver Jacob Dickert was back in the lineup just two weeks after undergoing an appendectomy on the day of the Pointers' game at Trinity International on Sept. 30.

Dickert had six catches for 56 yards in last week's game at UW-River Falls and would rank third in the WIAC with 57.8 yards receiving per game, but players need to have played in 70 percent of the team's games to qualify for the league leaders.

Career Day, Again:

Pointers' receiver Brad Kalsow had a career high receiving day for the second straight game with eight catches for 93 yards last week. He matched a career-best with five catches for 45 yards at UW-Whitewater the previous week.

Top Tackler:

Pointers' linebacker Brandon Czys ranks second in the WIAC in total tackles with 58 tackles through six games. Czys had his fourth game of double-figure tackles with 10 last week at UW-River Falls, but that's usually not a good sign for the defense as all of those games have resulted in losses. In fact, during his career, he has averaged 12.2 tackles in losses and 3.4 tackles in wins.

Czys ranks 56th in Division III in total tackles and 35th nationally with 35 solo tackles.

On Target:

After completing 40.3 percent of passes in the first two games, Pointer quarterbacks have displayed pinpoint accuracy since. Brett Borchart and Nick Venden have combined to complete 63.4 percent of their passes over the past four games.

Quick Hits:

The Pointers and Titans are the top two teams in the WIAC in team punting as the Pointers average 35.8 yards per punt and UW-Oshkosh averages 35.0 yards per kick...Pointers' punter Luke Frisch ranks 22nd nationally at 38.6 yards per punt...UW-River Falls controlled the ball for 36:28 in last week's victory over the Pointers. The Falcons had the ball just 24:39 in a Pointers' win last year...The Pointers and their opponents both have exactly 96 completions and eight interceptions through the first six games...The Pointers and Titans' 103 previous meetings is the second-longest rivalry in Wisconsin college football behind Ripon and Lawrence.