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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (4-4, 2-3 WIAC) vs. UW-Platteville (5-3, 3-2 WIAC)
Saturday, November 4 - 2 p.m.
Goerke Field (4,000) - Stevens Point, Wisconsin

2006 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	5	0	8	0
La Crosse	4	1	6	1
Platteville	3	2	5	3
Stevens Point	2	3	4	4
Oshkosh	2	3	4	4
River Falls	2	3	3	5
Stout	1	4	3	5
Eau Claire	1	4	2	6

Last Week in the WIAC

La Crosse 30, Stout 14
Platteville 28, River Falls 10
Stevens Point 20, Eau Claire 17 (ot)
Whitewater 7, Mary-Hardin Baylor 3

This Week in the WIAC

Oshkosh at Eau Claire, 1 pm
River Falls at La Crosse, 1 pm
Stout at Whitewater, 1 pm
Platteville at Stevens Point, 2 pm

Game Outlook:

After winning in overtime for the second consecutive week, the Pointers return to Goerke Field for their final home game of the season. UW-Stevens Point has beaten UW-Platteville 15 straight times and can move into a tie for third place with the Pioneers with a victory.

Broadcast:

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. The game will also be carried live on WWSP (89.9 FM). A live webcast of both broadcasts will be available on the UW-Stevens Point athletics website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/>.

Student Television will produce a tape-delayed telecast that will be shown during the week on cable channel 10 in Stevens Point.

Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 44-30-3 and has beaten the Pioneers 15 straight times since UW-Platteville's last win in 1991.

UW-Stevens Point held the ball for over 39 minutes in a 31-3 win over the Pioneers last year in Platteville. The Pointers outgained UW-Platteville 117-9 in the first quarter in building a 14-0 lead. Three of UW-Stevens Point's touchdowns came following failed UW-Platteville fourth down plays. Jacob Dickert had seven catches for 132 yards for the Pointers.

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	W 27-24ot	Stevens Point	Berg forces two fumbles returned for touchdowns
Oct. 28	at UW-Eau Claire	W 20-17ot	Eau Claire	Graboski kicks overtime field goal for second straight week
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:

For the second straight week UW-Stevens Point earned a dramatic overtime win with a game-winning field goal on the final play as the Pointers rallied to beat UW-Eau Claire 20-17.

Ryan Graboski provided the winning kick for the second straight week with a 35-yard field goal in overtime for the win. UW-Stevens Point's defense allowed just 25 total yards in the fourth quarter and overtime, stopping the Blugolds on the opening possession of overtime to set up the game-winning kick.

UW-Stevens Point trailed 17-3 in the third quarter and scored two touchdowns to tie the game. After a UW-Eau Claire fumble, Cody Childs rushed eight yards for a touchdown. Brett Borchart later connected with Jacob Dickert for a six-yard touchdown pass with 4:08 left.

Dickert had 11 catches for 97 yards and Childs rushed for 80 yards on 26 carries, while also catching seven passes for 50 yards. Borchart was 31-for-54 passing for 268 yards.

Pioneers Update:

Traditionally the league's top passing team, UW-Platteville has added a rushing dimension to the offense this year and it reached a milestone last week when Mike Genslinger set a single-game school rushing record. The sophomore running back rushed for 285 yards and four touchdowns on 26 carries as the Pioneers beat UW-River Falls for the first time since 1992 with a 28-10 victory. Genslinger ranks second in the WIAC in rushing at 111.1 yards per game.

The Pioneers still can pass, ranking third in the league as Brent Nelson has completed 57.1 percent of his passes for 193.6 yards per game. Joe Danielson leads the league in receiving yards with an average of 87.4 yards per game.

Defensively, Matt Eastlick is third in the WIAC with 75 tackles and Brandon Williger has forced a league-high four fumbles.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 121-66-2 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-Platteville coach **Mike Emendorfer** has a 28-49 career record in his eighth season with the Pioneers and was the 2005 WIAC Coach of the Year after leading UW-Platteville to a 6-4 record for its first winning season since 1992. Emendorfer also coached eight seasons at Hanover (Ind.) where his teams led Division III in passing four times.

Extra, Extra:

The Pointers have played two straight overtime games for the first time in school history. UW-Stevens Point has now won five straight games that have gone past regulation and boasts a 7-2 all-time overtime record. Saturday's win was only the Pointers' second overtime game on the road and first since 1981.

The Pointer defense has held its opponents scoreless and without a first down in the last four overtime contests. UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville have played two overtime games against each other with the Pointers winning 34-28 in 2002 and 27-24 in 1982.

Fourth Down Fortunes:

UW-Stevens Point accomplished some of its best success last week against UW-Eau Claire on fourth down, converting all five of its fourth down plays. The Pointers were successful on two fourth down conversions on the game-tying drive, including Jacob Dickert's six-yard touchdown catch with 4:08 left in the game.

Prior to Saturday's game, the Pointers were four-for-10 all season on fourth down. In fact, the Pointers hadn't converted five fourth down plays in a *season* since 2003.

Records for best fourth down performances are unavailable, but Saturday's game was the first time the Pointers have converted more than four in a game over the past nine years. It was also the first time they've been perfect on three or more tries.

Strong to the Finish:

The Pointers have traditionally played their best football late in the season as 19th year head coach John Miech owns a 28-10 career record in regular season games during the month of November.

UW-Stevens Point has won six of its last seven November games. Miech has had a winning record in the last five games of the year in 15 of his previous 18 seasons. The only exceptions were when the Pointers went 2-3 over the final five games of the year in 2000, 1997 and 1996.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 29

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

Moving Up:

With his 80-yard, one-touchdown performance last week, Cody Childs continues to move up on UW-Stevens Point's career lists. With 1,741 career yards, he needs 108 yards to move into the top five for all-time rushing. Only three players have ever rushed for 2,000 yards in a career (Nubbs Miller, Jimmy Henderson and Nate Harms). With 718 yards this year, Childs needs 114 yards to move into the top five for a single season. The Pointers have only had two 1,000-yard rushers in school history (Miller in 1955 and Henderson in 1993).

Childs also shares the WIAC lead with nine touchdowns and is now tied for second in Pointers' history with 35 touchdowns for his career. He is tied with Theo Blanco and Jeff Gosa. Henderson holds the record with 39.

Good Catch:

Pointers' wide receiver Jacob Dickert leads the WIAC with an average of 7.0 receptions per game after catching 11 passes for 97 yards last week at UW-Eau Claire. He had 12 catches for 113 yards against UW-Oshkosh and six catches for 56 yards at UW-River Falls after missing the previous two games following an appendix operation on Sept. 30.

Dickert ranks fourth in the conference in receiving yards at 73.5 per game.

On Target:

Brett Borchart has completed more than half of his passes in six straight games and has a 55.2 completion percentage for the season. For his career, Borchart has completed 55.8 percent of his passes, currently putting him fourth on UW-Stevens Point's all-time list.

Field Goal Frenzy:

Ryan Graboski's game-winning 35-yard field goal last week was the longest of his career, surpassing his game-winning 32-yarder in overtime the previous week. Graboski's kick was also the longest by a Pointer kicker since John Ryan made a 44-yarder against Tri-State in the 2004 season opener. His four attempts were the most by the team since 2002 against Ohio Northern and the most by an individual since Ricardo Vega against UW-Eau Claire in 2001.

Graboski missed a 49-yard attempt earlier in the game. The try was the longest by the Pointers in the last nine seasons. Ryan's 44-yarder was the previous longest over that span.

Fumbling Around:

The Pointers have recovered four fumbles over the past two games after recovering just three in the first six games combined. Three of the fumbles have been converted into touchdowns, including two that were returned for scores against UW-Oshkosh.

UW-Platteville has also taken advantage of turnovers, recovering a league-high 11 fumbles.

Down the Stretch:

UW-Stevens Point has played some of its best football in the fourth quarter this year, outscoring opponents 51-28 in the final 15 minutes. Last week's fourth quarter comeback was the Pointers' first since pulling out three straight rallies late in the 2004 season.

Working Overtime:

UW-Stevens Point is one of four Division III teams to win two overtime games this year. Central (Iowa), Minnesota-Morris and Concordia (Wis.) are the others. Like the Pointers, Central also posted its victories in consecutive weeks.

Taking Control:

After allowing its opponents to dominate time of possession in the previous two games, the Pointers turned the tables last week, holding the ball for 33:54 and running 90 offensive plays. It marked the most plays the Pointers have run in a game since 93 plays in a double overtime win over UW-Eau Claire in 2001. Only two of the plays went for longer than 20 yards as the Pointers grinded out 27 first downs. UW-River Falls ran 92 plays last week against UW-Platteville.

UW-Oshkosh had the ball for 37:06 against the Pointers and UW-River Falls held the ball for 36:28 the previous week.

Quick Hits:

UW-Stevens Point's two overtime wins are the only overtime games played in the WIAC this year. UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire both lost non-conference overtime games... Pointers' linebacker Brandon Czys has had at least 10 tackles in four straight games and six of the team's eight games this year to rank second in the WIAC with 78 total tackles...UW-Platteville leads the WIAC in third down conversions at 43.6 percent.

Pointers' tight end Adam Spoehr had a career-high four catches for 36 yards last week...Eric Reible began returning kickoffs in the fifth game of the season for the Pointers and now ranks third in the WIAC at 24.6 yards per return...UW-Stevens Point has 18 seniors playing their final home games this Saturday.