



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (5-4, 3-3 WIAC) vs. UW-Stout (3-6, 1-5 WIAC)**

**Saturday, November 11 - 1 p.m.**

**Williams Stadium (4,500) - Menomonie, Wisconsin**

### 2006 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	6	0	9	0
La Crosse	5	1	7	1
Stevens Point	3	3	5	4
Platteville	3	3	5	4
Oshkosh	3	3	5	4
River Falls	2	4	3	6
Stout	1	5	3	6
Eau Claire	1	5	2	7

### Last Week in the WIAC

Oshkosh 25, Eau Claire 21  
La Crosse 41, River Falls 17  
Whitewater 49, Stout 0  
Stevens Point 31, Platteville 28

### This Week in the WIAC

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

### Game Outlook:

The Pointers can clinch third place in the WIAC standings and end the season with a four-game winning streak as they wrap up the year on Saturday at UW-Stout. UW-Stevens Point has pulled out three straight three-point victories to push its record to 5-4 for the season.

### 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. A live webcast will be available on the UW-Stevens Point athletics website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/>.

### Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 43-16-1 and has won 11 of the last 15 meetings, including a 38-26 win last year in Stevens Point. The Pointers won 23-7 in their last trip to Menomonie in 2004.

Brett Borchart was 19-for-31 passing for 328 yards and three touchdowns. Brad Kalsow caught an 80-yard touchdown on the first play of the game and finished with five catches for 138 yards, while Jacob Dickert had a late touchdown and ended the day with six receptions for 126 yards.

UW-Stout totaled 485 yards of offense with Andy Reese rushing 24 times for 138 yards. The Blue Devils were hurt by four turnovers.

### 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
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>UW-La Crosse</b>	<b>L 36-14</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Four first half turnovers cost Pointers in defeat</b>
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
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>W 27-24ot</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Berg forces two fumbles returned for touchdowns</b>
Oct. 28	at UW-Eau Claire	W 20-17ot	Eau Claire	Graboski kicks overtime field goal for second straight week
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>UW-Platteville</b>	<b>W 31-28</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Pointers post 16th straight victory over Pioneers</b>
Nov. 11	at UW-Stout	1 p.m.	Menomonie	UWSP has beaten Blue Devils two straight years

### Pointers Update:

The Pointers made it three straight down-to-the-wire wins by holding off UW-Platteville for a 31-28 win on Saturday at Goerke Field. UW-Stevens Point has surged into a tie for third place in the WIAC standings.

UW-Stevens Point rolled up 445 total yards in Saturday's win as Brett Borchart was 21-for-36 passing for 292 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed eight times for 56 yards. Cody Childs ran for two touchdowns while totaling 93 yards on 26 carries.

Luke Gunderson caught three passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yard touchdown on the fifth play of the game. UW-Stevens Point built a 24-7 lead midway through the third quarter before the Pioneers battled back into the game.

The Pioneers had the ball in the final minute and drove to the UW-Stevens Point 36-yard line before Brett Hirsch had his second interception of the game to seal the victory. Brandon Czys finished with 12 tackles and a fumble recovery for the defense.

### Blue Devils Update:

UW-Stout opened the year with two non-conference victories and then dropped a 14-13 overtime heartbreaker to Whitworth, which is currently ranked ninth in the country. Including that loss, the Blue Devils have dropped six of their last seven games with the only win coming in a 14-6 victory over UW-Eau Claire.

UW-Stout lost its third straight game last week to UW-Whitewater 49-0 in a game it trailed 35-0 at half-time. In fact, the Warhawks outgained the Blue Devils 477-107, holding UW-Stout to just seven first downs.

Ryan Englebert ranks third in the WIAC in rushing at 91.8 yards per game. The Blue Devils also feature the top two kickoff returners in the league as Jesse Wendt averages 27.9 yards per return and Antawan Walker averages 23.9 yards per return.

The Blue Devils have been outscored 92-39 in the fourth quarter.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 122-66-2 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 more than twice as many wins as any other coach in Pointers' history.

UW-Stout coach **Todd Strop** has a 14-14 record in his third season with the Blue Devils. Strop was the team's defensive coordinator for the previous six seasons for a unit that led the WIAC three out of four years. He was the 2000 Wisconsin collegiate assistant coach of the year. Strop also was an assistant for three years at UW-Platteville and two years at Ohio Wesleyan.

### Nail Biters:

Only one other time in its football history has UW-Stevens Point experienced a stretch of tight victories as the Pointers have provided over the past three weeks. The only other time the Pointers have won three straight games by three points or less came in 1979 when they beat UW-Oshkosh 20-17, UW-Stout 34-33 and UW-Superior 21-19 (they lost the following week to UW-Platteville 27-21).

This year's run is reminiscent of just two years ago when the Pointers also opened the conference season 0-2 and then won four straight games. That team also had three straight dramatic wins, beating UW-Oshkosh 22-16 in overtime, UW-Whitewater 15-12 and UW-Platteville 29-26.

### Going Out in Style:

UW-Stevens Point's win over UW-Platteville last week marked the ninth consecutive year that the Pointers have sent their seniors out with a victory by winning their final home regular season game. In fact, the Pointers are now 16-2 on senior day over the last 18 years with both losses coming to UW-River Falls in 1997 and 1995.

The Pointers also have a streak they'd like to see end this week as the home team has won the final game of UW-Stevens Point's regular season seven straight years (excluding neutral sites). The last time a road team was victorious in the Pointers' regular season finale was in 1998 when UW-Stevens Point won at UW-Stout.

### Mr. November:

The Pointers have traditionally played their best football late in the season as 19th year head coach John Miech owns a 29-10 career record in regular season games during the month of November, including wins in seven of his last eight games during the final month of the season.

The Pointers have started 0-2 in conference play under Miech seven other times and finished with a winning league record five of those seasons. In addition, in 1989, they were 0-1-1 and won their last six games.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Nov. 5

#### Rank, Team (1st place votes) Rec.

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

**Chasing Milestones:**

Pointers' running back Cody Childs enters his final career game with 1,834 career yards rushing and 1,859 yards receiving on 190 catches. He also has 37 touchdowns, which is second in Pointers' history and two short of Jimmy Henderson's career record.

Childs needs 15 yards rushing this week to tie Wally Schmitt for fifth on the Pointers' career rushing list and needs 101 yards to match Mike Christman for fourth place.

He needs two receptions to equal Doug Krueger for fourth in school history in career catches and needs nine to match Chuck Braun for third place.

Childs' current season rushing total of 811 yards is 21 yards away from matching Jimmy Henderson's 1992 total for fifth on the all-time list. He needs 36 yards to tie Schmitt for fourth place. Only Henderson in 1993 and Nubbs Miller in 1955 have posted 1,000-yard seasons. Henderson, Miller and Nate Harms are the only 2,000-yard career rushers in school history.

**Go-to Guy:**

Pointers' wide receiver Jacob Dickert continues to lead the WIAC and ranks 15th in the NCAA Division III with 6.7 receptions per game. He also ranks third in the conference with 72.7 yards receiving per game.

Dickert's totals are even more impressive considering he came back from mid-season appendicitis surgery, missing just two games.

**Kick Crazy:**

Sophomore Ryan Graboski won the Pointers' kicking job in the third game of the season, but is already seven-for-10 on field goals this year to rank 14th in the country for field goals made per game. He needs one more to become the sixth player in school history to boot eight field goals in a season. The single-season school record for field goals is 10 by Fred Galecke in 1995 and Pat McFaul in 1970. Graboski is second in the WIAC in kicking points per game with 42 points in seven games played.

**Force Be With You:**

Lincoln Berg forced his third fumble of the season last week, becoming just the second Pointers' player in the eight seasons the statistic is available to reach that mark. Brett Maxwell also had three forced fumbles in 2003 and no player has had four during that span. All three of Berg's caused fumbles have been on the quarterback. Two have been returned for touchdowns and the other set up a touchdown last week.

**Tops in Tackles:**

UW-Stevens Point senior linebacker Brandon Czys was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football defensive Player of the Week after posting his fifth straight game with at least 10 tackles.

Czys had 12 tackles in the Pointers' win over UW-Platteville. He had eight solo tackles and four assisted tackles, while also recovering a fumble that set up a third quarter Pointers' touchdown.

For the season, Czys leads the WIAC with 90 total tackles for an average of 10.0 per game. He has a league-best 55 solo tackles, which ranks 24th in the NCAA Division III.

UW-Stout's Luke Steffen is second in the WIAC with 89 tackles.

**On the Offensive:**

UW-Stevens Point senior quarterback Brett Borchart leads the WIAC and ranks 35th in the NCAA Division III in total offense at 227.8 yards per game. He was second in the league in offense last year and led the conference in 2004.

Borchart now has 6,688 yards passing and 852 yards rushing in just three seasons since transferring from Saginaw Valley State. With 7,540 total yards of offense, Borchart needs 170 yards this week to tie Brion Demski for fifth place on the school's all-time list.

**Big Play Person:**

Pointers' sophomore Luke Gunderson matched a career best with 100 yards receiving last week on three catches. Gunderson had touchdown receptions of 54 and 29 yards after entering the game with one previous career touchdown.

For the season, he has been the team's big-play receiver with a team-high 20 yards per catch.

**Pickoff Plays:**

Brett Hirsch had two interceptions for the Pointers last week, giving him five for the season and the most by a Pointers' player since LaRon Ragsdale had five in 2003. If Hirsch gets another this week it would be the highest total since Dillon Maney had six picks in 2001.

**Quick Hits:**

The Pointers are ranked 27th in the NCAA Division III in passing offense at 236.8 yards per game...UW-Stevens Point was 10-for-18 on third down last week, marking its most successful third down plays since converting 10 of 19 against UW-Stout in 2004...UW-Stevens Point punter Luke Frisch ranks 22nd in the country with a 38.6 yard average.