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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**#22 UW-Stevens Point (6-1, 3-1 WIAC) at UW-Oshkosh (4-3, 1-3 WIAC)
Saturday, October 27 - 1 p.m.**

J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium (9,800) - Oshkosh, Wisconsin

2007 WIAC Standings

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

This Week in the WIAC

Stout at La Crosse, 1 pm
Stevens Point at Oshkosh, 1 pm
Platteville at River Falls, 1 pm
Mary Hardin-Baylor (TX) at Whitewater, 1 pm

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 40, Platteville 33
La Crosse 24, Oshkosh 0
Stout 28, River Falls 27
Whitewater 31, Stevens Point 14

Game Outlook:

In the 105th meeting between the two schools, the 22nd-ranked Pointers will look to remain in sole possession of second place in the WIAC when they face UW-Oshkosh.

The Pointers are coming off their first loss of the season, while the Titans have lost two straight.

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. The game can also be heard on WWSP (89.9 FM) Links to a live internet broadcast is available at:
<http://athletics.uwsp.edu/Sports/gen/2007/liveaudiostats.asp>.

Series History:

UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 56-40-8 and have won four of the last five, including last year's 27-24 overtime victory. The last seven meetings between the two schools have been decided by seven points or less. Two of the last three have gone to overtime with the Pointers prevailing in both.

Last year, Ryan Graboski kicked a game-winning 32-yard field goal in overtime and Lincoln Berg had two forced fumbles that were both returned for touchdowns as the Pointers pulled out a 27-24 decision.

2007 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 1	at Webber Int'l	W 13-7	Lake Wales, Fla.	UWSP blocks punt for game-winning TD with 38 sec. left
Sept. 15	at Iowa Wesleyan	W 54-13	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	Pointers score school-record 34 points in first quarter
Sept. 22	Waldorf	W 55-0	Stevens Point	UWSP jumps out to 38-0 halftime advantage
Sept. 29	UW-River Falls	W 45-42	Stevens Point	Ferron rushes for 199 of team's 275 total yards
Oct. 6	at UW-Platteville	W 34-31	Platteville	UWSP posts 17th straight victory over Pioneers
Oct. 13	UW-Stout	W 26-23	Stevens Point	Graboski ties a school record with four field goals
Oct. 20	UW-Whitewater	L 14-31	Stevens Point	Warhawks shut out Pointers 14-0 in the second half
Oct. 27	at UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Oshkosh	105th meeting - longest of any Division III state schools
Nov. 3	UW-Eau Claire	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Seven of last nine meetings decided by five or less
Nov. 10	at UW-La Crosse	1 p.m.	La Crosse	Teams meet in season finale for first time since 1961

Pointers Update:

The second longest win streak in Division III is no longer as No. 3 UW-Whitewater defeated No. 20 UW-Stevens Point 31-14 Saturday at Goerke Field.

The Pointers came into the contest having won 10 consecutive games overall and seven Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) games. Whitewater continued its dominance over the WIAC winning its 19 consecutive conference game.

The Pointers got off to a quick start driving down the field on their opening possession. Stevens Point converted three third downs, including a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jake Swank to Brad Kalsow on 3rd-and-9 to make the score 7-0.

The Warhawks answered with a nine play 69-yard drive capped off on a John Novak 13-yard touchdown reception. Whitewater took the lead with over nine minutes remaining in the second quarter on a Jeff Schebler 31-yard field goal to make the score 10-7. The Warhawks extended their lead to 17-7 with over four minutes remaining in the half on a 26-yard touchdown reception by Neil Mrkvicka from Danny Jones.

On the next Stevens Point possession Swank connected with Kalsow for 66 yards down to the Warhawk three yard line. Three plays later Mike Ferron plunged in from one yard out to make the score 17-14 at the half.

The second half belonged to the Warhawks as they would have three drives over five minutes in the half. They took the opening drive 70 yards on 14 plays and Jones connected with Mrkvicka for the second time on the day for a four-yard touchdown pass to put the Warhawks up 24-14.

Whitewater then put the game away with three minutes to play in the third quarter as Jones connected with Aaron Rusch for a 35-yard touchdown pass to make the final score 31-14.

Swank threw for 236 yards on 18-of-37 passing with one touchdown. Kalsow and Jared Jenkins each had seven catches apiece for the Pointers.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point head coach **John Miech** has a 129-67-2 record in his 20th season. Miech is ranked fourth on the all-time WIAC wins list and is the conference's winningest active coach. Including this year, he has now posted .500 or better records in 18 of his 20 seasons. Miech is a 1975 graduate of UW-Stevens Point.

UW-Oshkosh head coach **Pat Cerroni** has a 4-3 record in his first season as the Titans head coach. Cerroni had been UW-Oshkosh's defensive coordinator since the 2000 season. During the past seven seasons, especially the last five, Cerroni directed a UW-Oshkosh defense that ranked among the finest in the WIAC. UW-Oshkosh also ranked second in the WIAC in total defense in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and third in 2002

Kalsow had 125 yards receiving and one touchdown, while Jenkins had 97 yards. Ferron rushed for 90 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown. Tyler Florczak led the Pointer defense with 13 tackles.

Titans Update:

The UW-Oshkosh football team never got its offense going and was shutout for the first time since 2001 when it dropped a 24-0 decision to UW-La Crosse on Saturday in La Crosse.

The Titans had a chance to points on the board early but turned over the ball on downs inside the Eagles 10 yard line.

Andy Moriarty had a strong first quarter, gaining 96 yards on 13 carries. He went over the 100-yard mark early in the second quarter, but finished the game with just 109 yards on 22 carries.

The Titans set a season-low in offensive production with just 135 yards of total offense. The Titans mustered only 51 yards through the air and finished with 84 yards rushing.

UW-Oshkosh has the third-best offense in the WIAC, averaging 391.6 yards per game. Andy Moriarty is third in the conference in rushing with 124.9 yards per contest. Moriarty is second in the conference in all-purpose yards with 1,055 yards this season.

Joe Patek has been efficient at quarterback for the Titans. Patek has thrown for 1,453 yards nine touchdowns and just three interceptions this season. He is second in the conference

with a 135.8 pass efficiency. His two main targets have been Steve Stoltz and Kyle Kubasa. Stoltz has 25 receptions and two touchdowns and Kubasa has 23 catches with a score.

Defensively, the Titans are at or near the top of the conference in every major category. They are at the top in scoring defense and second in total defense. They are led by linebacker Dave Dejewski who has 51 tackles. Eric Stetenbrotten is fourth in the WIAC with six sacks. Bryan Kent leads the secondary with three interceptions.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 22

1 Mount Union (25)	7-0
2 Mary Hardin-Baylor	7-0
3 UW-Whitewater	6-1
4 St. John's	8-0
5 Wheaton (Ill.)	7-0
6 Central	8-0
7 St. John Fisher	7-1
8 Washington and Jefferson	6-0
9 Salisbury	8-0
10 Wesley	7-1
11 Alfred	7-0
12 Capital	6-1
13 Wabash	7-0
14 Occidental	6-0
15 Linfield	4-2
16 Wartburg	6-1
17 Ohio Northern	5-2
18 New Jersey	6-1
19 Trinity (Texas)	6-1
20 Muhlenberg	7-0
21 RPI	6-0
22 UW-Stevens Point	6-1
23 Bethel	6-1
24 Millsaps	6-1
25 Cortland State	6-1

Streak Snapped:

The Pointers 10-game winning streak was the fourth longest in school history. The longest winning streak was 12 games, which occurred over the 1994 and 1995 seasons. Stevens Point had 11-game win streaks over the 1998 and 1999 seasons and over the 1960 and 1961 seasons. No. 1 Mount Union (OH) still holds the longest win streak in Division III at 30 games. The Purple Raiders face 12th-ranked Capital University (OH) on Saturday. Salisbury College (MD) has the second longest at 11 games. Salisbury faces 10th-ranked Wesley College (DE) this week.

The Pointers also had won seven straight WIAC contests during the streak. It was the first time since the 1999 season that Pointers started the season 4-0 in conference play.

Luke Frisch

UW-Stevens Point punter Luke Frisch is currently second in the WIAC and 32nd in the nation, averaging 39.8 yards per punt. Last week against UW-Whitewater, Frisch punted the ball nine times for an average of 38.1 yards per punt.

Offense vs. Defense

The Pointers come into this week's contest with the highest scoring offensive in the WIAC at 34.4 points per game. UW-Oshkosh comes in with the top scoring defense in conference only allowing just 14.3 points per game. The Titans are allowing just 167.1 yards passing through the air.

Give Me That:

The Pointers are eighth in NCAA Division III with 25 takeaways.

The Pointers are third in the nation this week with 17 interceptions this season. Washington-St. Louis (MO) and Mary Hardin-Baylor lead the nation with 18 picks. The Pointers lead the conference in turnover margin (+9) and are 23rd out of 231 teams in Division III.

The Titans are third in the Division III with just six giveaways this season. The three interceptions they have thrown is good for seventh in D3.

Still Pollin'

Even though the Pointers suffered their first loss of the season last week, they still remained in the d3football.com poll, moving down just two spots to 22nd. In the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll UWSP moved down six places also to 22nd.

We'll Take It

Opponents have committed more penalties against the Pointers than any other team in the WIAC. UWSP is getting an average of 70 penalty yards per game from their opponents. UW-Oshkosh has committed the fewest penalties (30) in the conference.

Around the WIAC

The third-ranked UW-Whitewater Warhawks came out on top last week in a battle of the lone conference unbeaten with a 31-14 victory at UW-Stevens Point. The Warhawks will play in Division III's game of the week again this week when second-ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor (TX) travels to Perkins Stadium. The Pointers remained in the D3football.com poll this week as they dropped just two spots to No. 22. The Pointers will travel to face UW-Oshkosh this week. UW-Stout will travel to UW-La Crosse after a thrilling victory over UW-River Falls last week. Stout nailed a 52-yard field goal with 45 seconds left to defeat the Falcons 28-27. It was the third-longest kick in WIAC history. The Falcons will host UW-Platteville this week in the conference's only other game. The Pioneers fell to UW-Eau Claire 40-33 last week. The Blugolds have the week off this week.

Quick Hits:

Last week was the first time all season that the Pointers scored on their opening possession...The Pointers have outscored their opponents by at least 15 points in every quarter this season...Stevens Point has committed 22 less penalties this season than their opponents...The Pointers have allowed a league-low 13 sacks for 69 yards...Pointers' running back Mike Ferron ranks 27th in the nation in rushing and 28th in scoring...Ferron leads the conference with 66 points this season...12 different Pointers have intercepted a pass this season...UWO's Andy Moriarty is 18th in D3 with 874 yards...UWO's Jeremy Roach is fifth in D3, averaging 33.6 yards per kick return