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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

#22 UW-Stevens Point (5-0, 2-0 WIAC) vs. UW-Stout (2-3, 1-1 WIAC)

Saturday, October 13 - 1 p.m.

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

2007 WIAC Standings

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

This Week in the WIAC

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

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 31, La Crosse 29
Whitewater 38, River Falls 12
Oshkosh 23, Stout 13
Stevens Point 34, Platteville 31

Game Outlook:

Riding the second-longest winning streak in the NCAA Division III at nine games, UW-Stevens Point hosts UW-Stout for homecoming. The Pointers, who are ranked 22nd in the country, are 5-0 for the first time since 1999 and look to maintain pace in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

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 44-16-1 and has won 12 of the last 16 meetings, including a 20-19 win last year in Menomonie for their third straight win over UW-Stout.

The Blue Devils outgained UW-Stevens Point 424-294 in last year's game, but the Pointers forced six turnovers and stopped UW-Stout on downs at the Pointers' 35-yard line in the final minute of the game.

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	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Pointers have beaten Blue Devils three straight years
Oct. 20	UW-Whitewater	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Warhawks were 2005 and 2006 Division III runner-up
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 Pointers extended the nation's second-longest winning streak to nine straight games with another tight victory in a 34-31 win at UW-Platteville.

Pointers' quarterback Jake Swank was 25-for-37 passing for 298 yards and four touchdowns. Swank also rushed five times for 34 yards. Three of his touchdown passes went to Brad Kalsow, who finished with eight catches for 72 yards. Jared Jenkins totaled 10 catches for 159 yards.

Mike Ferron was limited to 62 yards on 29 carries, but is still averaging 125.0 yards per game through the team's first five games.

Dustin Robinson led the defense with 11 tackles. The Pointers' defense stopped the Pioneers on a fourth-down play at the UW-Stevens Point 39-yard line in the final minute.

Senior Kasey Morgan continues to lead the WIAC in punt returns at 11.1 yards per return.

Blue Devils Update:

UW-Stout dropped a 23-13 decision at UW-Oshkosh after falling behind 23-0 early in the third quarter. The Blue Devils rolled up 408 total yards in the game and ran 92 plays compared to the Titans' 57 plays.

Quarterback Tanner Kattre provides most of the Blue Devils' offense as the team's leading rusher. Last week, he rushed 27 times for 145 yards and also completed 13 of 30 passes for 140 yards.

UW-Stout has achieved most of its success on the ground this year with just two touchdown passes in five games. Running back Andy Reese rushed for 106 yards the previous week in a win over UW-Platteville and leads the team at 90.0 yards per game for the season.

The Blue Devils have also tried three different kickers and are two-for-six on field goals after missing from 28 and 29 yards last week.

Linebacker Kyle Seiler ranks third in the WIAC with 50 tackles, totaling 18 solo and 32 assists.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 127-66-2 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-Stout coach **Duey Naatz** has a 2-3 record in his first season as the team's head coach. He is in his 18th year with the Blue Devils' staff, having coached the defensive backs, running backs and offensive line. He has been the assistant head coach for the last eight seasons and has also been the offensive coordinator.

Nail-Biters:

After another down-to-the-wire win last week, the Pointers have won six straight WIAC games by three points or less and by a total of 16 points. The Pointers' longest conference winning streak in school history was 10 straight when they won the final three games in 1960 and first seven league games in 1961.

High Drama:

Here's a look back at the final moments of the six games during the current streak:

1 - Ryan Graboski kicked an overtime field goal to beat UW-Oshkosh after Kasey Morgan intercepted a pass on the Titans' possession.

2 - Graboski kicked another overtime field goal at UW-Eau Claire after the Pointers' defense held the Blugolds on the first possession of overtime.

3 - Brett Hirsch intercepted a pass with 36 seconds left after UW-Platteville had driven to the 36-yard line, preserving a three-point win.

4 - The Pointers forced UW-Stout to turn the ball over on downs with 53 seconds left for a one-point win after the Blue Devils drove to the 35-yard line.

5 - Jake Swank rushed for a 25-yard touchdown with 2:17 left and the Pointers' defense stopped UW-River Falls on four plays with 1:30 left for a three-point victory.

6 - The Pointers' defense held UW-Platteville on downs for a three-point win after the Pioneers drove to the 39-yard line with 45 seconds left.

Starting Strong:

UW-Stevens Point has opened the season 5-0 for the 10th time in school history and first since 1999. The Pointers have never lost more than two games after a 5-0 start.

UW-Stevens Point has had five 6-0 starts, coming in 1999, 1995, 1961, 1955 and 1933. They finished undefeated in 1955 and 1993, while losing one game in 1961 and two games in 1995 and 1999.

The Pointers are 2-0 in league play for the first time since starting 4-0 in the WIAC in 1999.

D3football.com Top 25 - Oct. 6

Rank, Team	Rec.
1. Mount Union, Ohio (25)	5-0
2. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	5-0
3. UW-Whitewater	4-1
4. St. John's, Minn.	6-0
5. Wheaton, Ill.	5-0
6. Central, Iowa	6-0
7. Capital, Ohio	5-0
8. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	5-1
9. Washington & Jeff., Pa.	4-0
10. Wesley, Del.	5-1
11. Ohio Northern	4-1
12. Salisbury, Md.	6-0
13. St. Olaf, Minn.	5-1
14. Wabash, Ind.	5-0
15. Alfred, N.Y.	5-0
16. UW-Eau Claire	5-1
17. Wartburg, Iowa	4-1
18. UW-La Crosse	2-2
19. Montclair State, N.J.	4-1
20. Linfield, Ore.	2-2
21. Occidental, Calif.	4-0
22. UW-Stevens Point	5-0
23. Trinity, Texas	4-1
24. College of New Jersey	4-1
25. Whitworth, Wash.	4-1

Streak Speak:

UW-Stevens Point's nine-game winning streak is the fourth-longest in school history. The Pointers won 12 straight over the 1994 and 1995 seasons and won 11 straight from 1998-99 and 1960-61.

Only two-time defending NCAA Division III champion Mount Union (Ohio) enters this week with a longer winning streak than UW-Stevens Point. The Purple Raiders have won 28 straight games, while UW-Stevens Point is one of three teams with an eight-game win streak.

Salisbury (Md.) and Trinity (Conn.) are the other two schools that have won nine straight.

Putting up Points:

Pointers' junior Brad Kalsow caught three touchdowns in the win over UW-Platteville, becoming the first UW-Stevens Point player to reach the mark since Cory Flisakowski had four touchdown catches at UW-River Falls in 2002.

Kalsow leads all WIAC receivers with six touchdowns for the season after grabbing four touchdowns in his first two seasons combined.

Breakout Game:

UW-Stevens Point freshman Jared Jenkins totaled 10 catches for 159 yards in last week's win after entering the game with seven catches for 83 yards in his first four games combined. Jenkins' highlight play against UW-Platteville was a 66-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter.

Forcing the Issue:

The Pointers continue to lead the NCAA Division III with 15 interceptions this season. Amazingly, the interceptions have come from 12 different players. An additional four players have also forced a fumble as the Pointers rank fourth nationally in most turnovers forced. UW-Stevens Point has intercepted a pass in seven straight games and 13 of its last 14 contests.

UW-Stout enters this week having thrown a league-high 10 interceptions this season. The Blue Devils rank 197th of 231 Division III teams in interceptions thrown.

Earning Respect:

UW-Stevens Point moved into the D3football.com NCAA Division III rankings this week at No. 22 with its nine-game winning streak. The Pointers are one of 12 unbeaten teams in the poll.

It is the first time the Pointers have been ranked since Nov. 8, 2004 when they were No. 20 before a season-ending loss to UW-River Falls. UW-Stevens Point appeared in the first 23 D3football.com polls when the rankings started in the 2003 season.

Offensive Outburst:

UW-Stevens Point was held scoreless in its first half of the season at Webber International, but the Pointers' offense has been on fire since. UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC and ranks 10th nationally at 40.1 points per game. The Pointers are averaging 47.0 points over their last four games.

Despite all of the points, the Pointers rank fifth in the league in total offense at 375.6 yards per game.

UW-Stevens Point has had five defensive or special teams touchdowns among its 27 touchdowns. Last week's game snapped a string of six straight games with a defensive or special teams touchdown.

Quick Hits:

UW-Stevens Point had lost six straight homecoming games before beating UW-Oshkosh in overtime last season...UW-Platteville's five-yard fumble return for a touchdown last week was the first by a Pointers' opponent since Hardin-Simmons brought a fumble back for a touchdown in 2005...UW-Stevens Point's opponents have run 30 more plays than the Pointers this year, but they have gained 360 fewer yards...The Pointers have allowed a league-low 10 sacks for 61 yards...Pointers' running back Mike Ferron ranks 18th in the nation in rushing and 14th in scoring.