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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (6-3, 3-3 WIAC) at UW-La Crosse (4-4, 2-4 WIAC)
Saturday, November 10th - 1 p.m.**

Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field - La Crosse, Wisconsin

2007 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UW-Whitewater	6	0	8	1
UW-Eau Claire	4	2	7	2
UW-Oshkosh	3	3	6	3
UW-Stevens Point	3	3	6	3
UW-Stout	3	3	4	5
UW-La Crosse	2	4	4	4
UW-River Falls	2	4	3	6
UW-Platteville	1	5	2	7

This Week in the WIAC

Stout at Eau Claire, 1:00 p.m.

Stevens Point at La Crosse, 1:00 p.m.

River Falls at Oshkosh, 12:00 p.m.

Platteville at Whitewater, 1:00 p.m.

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 28, Stevens Point 7

La Crosse 49, River Falls 34

Oshkosh 35, Platteville 20

Whitewater 26, Stout 10

Game Outlook:

The Pointers will look to close out the 2007 regular season with a victory after dropping its previous three games. The Pointers began the season 6-0 and were ranked as high as 20th in D3football.com poll.

The Eagles come in with a 4-4 record. The last time the Eagles had a sub-500 season was the 2001 season when they finished 4-6.

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:

The Pointers are just 9-41-4 all-time against the Eagles. La Crosse has won the last five meetings and 15 of the last 17. The last Pointers win over the Eagles came in La Crosse in 2001, a 17-16 victory.

Last year, the Pointers turned over the ball four times in the first half on its way to falling 36-14. The loss was only UW-Stevens Point's second in the 20-year history of the Spud Bowl, which is the Pointers' annual event recognizing the area's potato industry.

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	L 10-27	Oshkosh	Graboski ties school record with 10th field goal of season
Nov. 3	UW-Eau Claire	L 7-28	Stevens Point	Marx rushes for a career-high 133 yards
Nov. 10	at UW-La Crosse	1 p.m.	La Crosse	Teams meet in season finale for first time since 1961

Pointers Update:

The UW-Stevens Point football team had two turnovers that led directly to touchdowns in the second half as the Pointers fell to No. 25 UW-Eau Claire 28-7 on Senior Day at Goerke Field.

The game started out sloppy as there were fumbles on the first three possessions. The Blugolds fumbled at midfield when Dustin Robinson forced the ball loose and Lincoln Berg recovered. Then the Pointers fumbled and the Blugolds returned the ball to the Pointers 13 yard line. However, then the Blugolds fumbled the ball back to the Pointers at the three yard line.

However, the Blugolds still struck first in the opening quarter as Mitch Schaeuble connected with Tony Hull for a 20-yard touchdown pass with 1:59 remaining in the quarter.

Then late in the second quarter, the Blugolds kicked a field goal to make the score 10-0, however Stevens Point was called for a personal foul to keep the drive going. On the next play, Matt Olson ran it in from three yards out to give the Blugolds a 14-0 lead at the half.

After Kasey Morgan intercepted Eau Claire on the Blugolds first possession of the second half, the Pointers took the ball down the field and cut the Eau Claire lead to a touchdown when Jake Swank connected with Jared Jenkins on a seven-yard touchdown pass.

Then after Stevens Point held Eau Claire to a three-and-out, the Pointers were forced to punt after just three offensive plays. The Blugolds' Nate Jahn would get a paw on the punt and Tom Dohr took it 32 yards for a touchdown to give the Blugolds a 21-7 advantage. The last time the Pointers had a punt blocked for a score was against the Blugolds in October of 2003.

Then on the next Pointer possession, Kyle Meulemans picked off the Pointers and took it the other way for a 35-yard touchdown return to give Eau Claire a 28-7 lead. Eau Claire was

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point head coach **John Miech** has a 129-69-2 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-La Crosse head coach **Larry Terry** is in his eighth season as the Eagles head coach. Terry has compiled a 53-29 record at La Crosse and has led the Eagles to three WIAC titles (2002, 2003, 2004) and guided the Eagles to four appearances in the NCAA Division III Playoffs in his first seven years. He has been selected the WIAC Coach of the Year three times (2002, 2003, 2004).

also the last team to take an interception back for a touchdown against the Pointers in 2005.

The Pointers outgained the Blugolds 315-287 in the contest, but turned the ball over five times. The bright spot for the Pointers was Jack Marx, who rushed for a career-high 133 yards on 27 carries. Jared Jenkins led the Pointers with five catches for 52 yards and one touchdown. Dustin Robinson had 14 tackles to lead the Stevens Point defense.

Eagles Update:

Despite nearly being doubled on offensive plays, UW-La Crosse came away with a 49-34 victory at UW-River Falls last Saturday in River Falls.

UW-River Falls finished with 96 plays on offense, totaling 514 yards, but La Crosse used quick scoring drives to earn the win. The Eagles had 52 plays on offense, finishing with 428 yards. It is the Eagles 15th straight win over UW-River Falls.

The Eagles have the highest scoring offense in the conference, averaging 33.2 points per game and average 442.4 yards in total offense, including 263.9 yards through the air to lead the WIAC.

Junior quarterback Griffin Moe is completing 64.2% of his passes and has 17 touchdowns against seven interceptions.

Griffin's main target has been Ted Everson, who is averaging over five receptions per game and over 100 yards per contest with five touchdowns.

At running back Dan Hall is fifth

in the conference, averaging 113.6 yards per game. he has a 94-yard touchdown run this season. Hall is tied for first in the WIAC for scoring with 10 points per game.

The downside for La Crosse this season has been the defense. The Eagles rank next-to-last in the conference, allowing 369.1 yards per game. They have the fewest takeaways in the conference with 12. Joe Troia leads the squad with 41 tackles.

On special teams, the Eagles lead the WIAC, averaging 26.1 yards per kick return.

D3football.com Top 25 - Nov. 5

1 Mount Union (25)	9-0
2 UW-Whitewater	8-1
3 St. John's	9-0
4 Central	9-0
5 Mary Hardin-Baylor	8-1
6 St. John Fisher	8-1
7 Wesley	8-1
8 Washington and Jefferson	9-0
9 Wabash	9-0
10 Wheaton (Ill.)	8-1
11 Salisbury	8-1
12 Wartburg	8-1
13 Trinity (Texas)	8-1
14 New Jersey	8-1
15 Muhlenberg	9-0
16 Bethel	8-1
17 Capital	7-2
18 Franklin	8-1
19 UW-Eau Claire	7-2
20 Whitworth	7-2
21 St. Olaf	7-2
22 St. Norbert	10-0
23 Occidental	7-1
24 Redlands	7-1
25 North Central	7-2

Regular Season Finales

Since the 1999 season, the Pointers are 6-2 in the last regular season contest. Stevens Point has won its last regular season game the last two seasons, both over UW-Stout. The last time the Pointers won three straight regular season finales was from the 1999-2001 seasons.

Mr. Opportunistic

With his fumble recovery last week Lincoln Berg has three recoveries this season, which is tied for the top of the conference. In his career, Berg has seven recoveries. He also has two forced fumbles and an interception this season.

It's all about field position

Pointer punter Luke Frisch goes into the season finale tied for the conference lead in punting average. Frisch has a 40.7 average this season and is tied with Mitch Schaeuble of the UW-Eau Claire. The 40.7 average is 13th in the NCAA Division III. Frisch had a 64-yard punt pinned inside the five yard line last week against the Blugolds.

On Third Downs

The Pointers have struggled the last few games to convert on third downs. Last week against UW-Eau Claire, the Pointers were just 1-for-11 on third downs and are just 4-for-25 in their last two games. Only twice this season, has Stevens Point converted over 50% of their third downs in a game.

How Bout Fourth Down

The Pointers have converted just two fourth downs all season, which is tied for seventh in the WIAC with UW-Oshkosh. The Eagles, on the other hand have converted the most fourth downs with 13 and have converted 59% of their attempts. Both teams are tied for the conference lead for allowing the lowest percentage of conversions. Both the Pointers and the Eagles have six conversions on 17 attempts.

Record Still Standing

Pointer kicker Ryan Graboski is still looking to set a single season school record for field goals in a season. He currently has 10, which has been done two other times before, Fred Galecke in the 1995 season and Pat McFaul in the 1970 season. Graboski did not kick a field goal last season against the Eagles.

Around the WIAC

The second-ranked UW-Whitewater Warhawks clinched their conference championship last Saturday with a 26-10 victory over UW-Stout. The league title is the 28th in program history and also secures an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament that begins on Nov. 17. The WIAC's other ranked team No. 19 UW-Eau Claire defeated Stevens Point last weekend 28-7. The Blugolds had a blocked punt and an interception returned for touchdowns. UW-La Crosse defeated UW-River Falls last week in a shootout 49-34. In that game Flacon wide receiver Michael Zweifel set a WIAC record with 18 receptions. He has 85 catches for 985 yards, both of which are school records. In the last WIAC game last week UW-Oshkosh defeated UW-Platteville 35-20. Titan running back Andy Moriarty had 370 yards from scrimmage in the win. The game of the week this week will be Stout at Eau Claire. The Blugolds will try to keep their playoff hopes alive, while the Blue Devils can finish for a tie for second with the win.