



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (0-0) vs. Webber International University (0-1)**  
**Saturday, September 1 - 7 p.m. (EDT)**  
**Legions Field (9,000) - Lake Wales, Florida**

### 2006 Final WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitewater	7	0	14	1
La Crosse	6	1	9	2
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
Oshkosh	3	4	5	5
Platteville	3	4	5	5
Eau Claire	2	5	3	7
River Falls	2	5	3	7
Stout	1	6	3	7

### This Weekend in the WIAC

Eau Claire at Southwest St., 7 pm (Thurs.)  
Menlo (Calif.) at Stout, 6 pm (Friday)  
Oshkosh at Ripon, 1 pm  
Whitewater at Lakeland, 1 pm  
River Falls at Hope (Mich.), 1 pm  
La Crosse at Hardin-Simmons, 6 pm  
Stevens Point at Webber Int'l (Fla.), 7 pm

### Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point ventures to Florida for the first time and opens the 2007 season with a non-conference matchup against Webber International. The Warriors are an NAIA member and opened their season last weekend with a 42-21 loss to Bethel (Tenn.). The Pointers bring a four-game winning streak into the season after claiming their last four games in 2006 by a combined 10 points.

### Radio:

The game can be heard live on WWSP (89.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling the play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing the analysis. A live webcast will also be available on the station's website at:  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/90fmlive/ListenToUsLive.html>

### Series History:

The teams are meeting for the first time. In fact, UW-Stevens Point has never faced a team from the state of Florida and Webber International has never played an opponent from Wisconsin.

The schools are scheduled to play again on Sept. 6, 2008 at Goerke Field in Stevens Point.

### 2007 UW-Stevens Point Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Site	Quick Facts
Sept. 1	at Webber Int'l	6 p.m.	Lake Wales, Fla.	UWSP plays in Florida for the first time
Sept. 15	at Iowa Wesleyan	1 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	Pointers won most recent meeting 53-13 in 1996
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>Waldorf</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>UWSP is 18-2 all-time in Spud Bowl games</b>
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Falcons were last team to beat Pointers in 2006</b>
Oct. 6	at UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Platteville	UWSP looks for 17th straight victory over Pioneers
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Pointers have beaten Blue Devils three straight years</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>UW-Whitewater</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Warhawks were 2005 and 2006 Division III runner-up</b>
Oct. 27	at UW-Oshkosh	1 p.m.	Oshkosh	105th meeting - longest of any Division III state schools
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>Seven of last nine meetings decided by five or less</b>
Nov. 10	at UW-La Crosse	1 p.m.	La Crosse	Teams meet in season finale for first time since 1961

### Pointer Update:

The Pointers own a four-game winning streak and look to ride the momentum gained after winning the four games by a total of 10 points to cap the 2006 season. UW-Stevens Point won two of those games in overtime to finish as one of only three WIAC teams with a winning record at 6-4 overall.

The Pointers have 14 returning starters from last year, including eight on defense. UW-Stevens Point's biggest holes are at the offensive skill positions where it must replace its top quarterback, both running backs and its top wide receiver.

Senior linebacker Lincoln Berg and junior punter Luke Frisch were both second-team all-WIAC selections last year and are the team's top returnees. Senior Dan Robinson was a first-team all-WIAC performer in 2005 and returns from a season-ending injury.

### Warriors Update:

Webber International was one of the few college football teams to open its season last week, dropping a 42-21 decision to Bethel (Tenn.), which is ranked sixth in the NAIA.

The Warriors scored the game's first touchdown early in the second quarter as Taylor Atwood rushed for the first of his two touchdowns for a 6-0 lead, but Bethel came back with 35 straight points to take control. Webber International totaled 31 first downs and ran 90 plays compared to 51 for Bethel, but the Warriors couldn't stop Bethel's Adrain Smith, who rushed for 207 yards on 14 carries.

Atwood, a freshman, rushed for 88 yards on 23 carries. The Warriors also have a freshman quarterback in Andrew Carr, who was 19-for-35 passing for 139 yards in his first collegiate game.

Webber International is in its sixth season as a varsity program and finished 5-5 last season against an independent schedule. All but one of the players on the Warriors' roster is from Florida.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 123-66-2 record in his 20th season. Miech is ranked fourth on the all-time WIAC wins list and is the conference's winningest active coach. He has posted .500 or better records in 17 of his 19 seasons. Miech is a 1975 graduate of UW-Stevens Point and has twice as many wins as any other coach in Pointers' history.

Webber International coach **Kelly Scott** is in his second season as the Warriors' head coach and owns a 5-6 career record. Scott spent four seasons as the team's defensive coordinator before taking over as the team's head coach. He was a graduate assistant at South Carolina and was a head coach at several high schools prior to joining Webber International's staff.

### Against the NAIA:

A former member of the NAIA, UW-Stevens Point hasn't lost to an NAIA foe since leaving the organization in the early 1990's, posting an 10-0-1 record. The last non-conference NAIA team to defeat the Pointers was Central State (Ohio) in 1984.

The Pointers beat Waldorf and Trinity International last year and are playing all three non-conference games this year against NAIA foes.

### Starting Strong:

UW-Stevens Point has won five of its last seven season openers and 11 of its last 14 with the only losses coming the past two years to Hardin-Simmons and in 2000 against Northern State.

### Still Streaking:

UW-Stevens Point hasn't played in over nine months, but the Pointers still share the fourth-longest winning streak in Division III after winning their last four games in the 2006 season.

Two-time defending national champion Mount Union (Ohio) has won 23 straight games. Williams (Mass.) has won 14 straight and Trinity (Conn.) has won six straight as both teams play in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, which does not participate in the postseason.

Five other schools won their last four games of last season: Newport News (Va.), Bridgewater State (Mass.), Franklin (Ind.), Lake Forest (Ill.) and North Carolina Wesleyan.

### Down South:

Saturday's game marks UW-Stevens Point's first contest against a team from the southeastern part of the country and the furthest south the Pointers have ever played.

This season marks the third straight year that the Pointers have played a game in a distant location. They played at Linfield in McMinnville, Ore. in 2005 and at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Texas last year. The game at Hardin-Simmons was previously the furthest south the Pointers had traveled in the regular season.

### D3football.com Preseason Top 25

Rank, Team	Rec.
1. Mount Union, Ohio	15-0
2. UW-Whitewater	14-1
3. St. John's, Minn.	11-2
4. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas	10-3
5. St. John Fisher, N.Y.	12-2
6. Wesley, Del.	13-1
7. UW-La Crosse	9-2
8. Central, Iowa	10-1
9. Springfield, Mass.	10-2
10. Rowan, N.J.	9-3
11. Hardin-Simmons, Texas	8-2
12. Capital, Ohio	11-2
13. Wheaton, Ill.	10-2
14. Linfield, Ore.	6-3
15. Wilkes, Pa.	11-1
16. Whitworth, Wash.	11-1
17. Ohio Northern	6-4
18. North Central, Ill.	9-3
19. Washington & Jeff., Pa.	10-2
20. Augustana, Ill.	7-3
21. Trinity, Texas	8-2
22. Wabash, Ind.	8-2
23. Christopher Newport, Va.	8-3
24. Bethel, Minn.	9-2
25. Wartburg, Iowa	8-2

**Badger Connection:**

An odd scheduling quirk has Webber International facing Division I-AA foe The Citadel as its next opponent on Sept. 8. The Citadel will then play at Wisconsin in its next game on Sept. 15.

**Under the Lights:**

Saturday's game marks the second straight year the Pointers have opened the season with a night game and just their second night kickoff since Sept. 22, 2001 at UW-Platteville.

**Coming Up Golden:**

Former UW-Stevens Point running back Cody Childs, who led the Pointers in rushing last year and departed ranked fifth on the school's career rushing list, helped the United States capture the gold medal at the World Football Championships in Kawasaki, Japan in July. Childs scored three touchdowns in the three games and was named to the all-tournament team. He was one of nine Division III players on the USA's 45-man roster.

**Preseason Picks:**

UW-Stevens Point is picked for fourth in the WIAC preseason poll. Last year's national runner-up UW-Whitewater is pegged to win the league for the third straight year with UW-La Crosse picked second and UW-Oshkosh tabbed third. The Pointers have finished third or higher in the standings six of the past eight seasons.

**Welcome Back:**

UW-Stevens Point has eight starters back on defense, but that total does not include one of its biggest returnees in defensive end Dan Robinson. The senior was injured on the first play of the second quarter in last year's season opener and missed the rest of the season after earning first-team all-WIAC honors in 2005.

Also back from injury is J.T. Mathy, who suffered a broken leg in the final game of the 2005 season and spent last season as a student assistant coach. Mathy has moved to center this year after previously playing nose tackle.

Robinson will be joined on the defensive side of the ball this year by his brother, Dustin, who moves to linebacker after playing running back the past three years.

**Home-Bound:**

Junior offensive lineman Fabian Heath will be playing close to home in his first game with the Pointers. Heath is from Ocala, Fla., which is about 100 miles north of Lake Wales, and attended West Port High School. Heath is the expected starter at left guard and played for Pointers' offensive coordinator Keith Turner at Vermillion Community College (Minn.).

**New Faces:**

UW-Stevens Point has filled the holes at its offensive skill positions with three transfers. Freshman quarterback Jake Swank attended Purdue last year, while running back Mike Ferron played at Rochester Community College and M-back Ray Moore played at Mesabi Range Community College.

**Quick Hits:**

The Pointers will leave for their trip on Friday and will spend Sunday in the Orlando area before returning home on Monday and beginning classes on Tuesday...The Sept. 1 starting date matches the earliest in UW-Stevens Point history as the Pointers also played on the date in 1984 at Central State (Ohio)...UW-Stevens Point received six votes in the NCAA Division III preseason poll by D3football.com...Webber International received three votes in the NAIA preseason rankings.