



# University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Sports Information

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## UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

**UW-Stevens Point (1-0) vs. Iowa Wesleyan College (0-2)**

**Saturday, September 15 - 1 p.m.**

**Evans Field (5,000) - Mount Pleasant, Iowa**

### 2007 WIAC Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eau Claire	0	0	2	0
Oshkosh	0	0	2	0
La Crosse	0	0	1	0
Platteville	0	0	1	0
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Whitewater	0	0	1	0
River Falls	0	0	1	1
Stout	0	0	1	1

### This Week in the WIAC

Alma (Mich.) at Eau Claire, 1 pm  
Azusa Pacific (Calif.) at La Crosse, 1 pm  
Lakeland at Oshkosh, 1 pm  
Pacific Luth. (Wash.) at River Falls, 1 pm  
Drake at Platteville, 1 pm  
Stevens Point at Iowa Wesleyan, 1 pm  
Whitewater at St. Cloud State, 6 pm

### Game Outlook:

Coming off a thrilling season-opening victory, UW-Stevens Point looks to continue its momentum in a non-conference game at Iowa Wesleyan. The Pointers have now won five straight games dating to last season, while Iowa Wesleyan enters Saturday's game with an 11-game losing streak.

### 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. A live webcast will also be available on the station's website at: <http://www.b1049.com>.

### Series History:

The Pointers won the previous two meetings between the teams, taking a 53-13 win at home in 1996 and a 41-13 victory at Iowa Wesleyan in 1995. UW-Stevens Point rolled up 551 yards of total offense in the last encounter despite having a time of possession of just 19 minutes, 20 seconds. The teams are scheduled to meet again next season on Sept. 13 in Stevens Point.

### 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	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

### Pointers Update:

UW-Stevens Point is back to action following a week off and a thrilling season-opening win at Webber International. The Pointers' Dustin Robinson blocked a punt and Lincoln Berg recovered in the end zone with 38 seconds remaining for a 13-7 win.

UW-Stevens Point had a solid defensive effort by forcing six turnovers and holding Webber International to 110 total yards in the second half. The Pointers also stopped the Warriors three times on fourth down.

Tyler Florczak had two interceptions, while Kasey Morgan had an interception and a fumble recovery. Berg had eight tackles and recovered a fumble along with the blocked punt.

Offensively, the Pointers received a big game from Mike Ferron, who rushed 25 times for 148 yards and one touchdown in his debut. Seven different receivers combined to catch the team's nine pass completions.

### Tigers Update:

Iowa Wesleyan was dealt its 11th consecutive defeat last week with a 46-0 loss to Ohio Dominican, which is ranked 13th in the NAIA. The Tigers also lost their season opener to Waldorf 14-7 to bring an 0-2 record into this week's contest.

Iowa Wesleyan was outgained 621-117 last week as Ohio Dominican did much of its damage through the air, completing 38 of 48 passes for 430 yards and racking up 33 first downs.

The Tigers were 1-9 last season, dropping their final nine games after beating Waldorf in the season opener. They are a member of the Mid-States Football Association.

Tigers' quarterback Aaron Rozanski has been the team's leading rusher in each of the first two games with 60 yards against Waldorf and 30 against Ohio Dominican. The Tigers' defense has forced seven turnovers in two games, including five fumbles. Chris Prospere had two interceptions in last week's game.

### The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 124-66-2 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.

Iowa Wesleyan coach **Jason Smelser** is in his second season as the Tigers' head coach and has a 1-11 career record. He was a defensive coordinator at Iowa Wesleyan in 2005 and previously was an assistant coach for five seasons at his alma mater, Southern Arkansas. Smelser was an all-conference fullback in 1998.

### 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 11-0-1 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.

### On the Road Again:

The Pointers are back on the road this week for their ninth road game among their last 12 games. Last season, they played seven of their 10 games away from home. In fact, this week's game is the Pointers' fifth straight non-conference game on the road and the sixth in their last seven non-league games. UW-Stevens Point is adjusting to life away from home, however, having won three straight road games.

### Streaking On:

The Pointers own the fourth-longest winning streak in the NCAA Division III at five straight victories. They won their last four games in 2006 and their season opener this year with the five wins coming by a combined 16 points. Bridgewater State (Mass.) also won its last four games last year and is 1-0 this season.

Two-time defending national champion Mount Union (Ohio) has won 24 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 and has not begun its 2007 season yet.

### Conference Prowess:

The WIAC is off to a strong start this year with a 10-2 overall record. The only losses were UW-River Falls to third-ranked St. John's and UW-Stout to Division II Missouri-Rolla. League teams have outscored opponents 349-158 through the first two weeks.

### D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 9

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

**Block Party:**

UW-Stevens Point's game-winning blocked punt marked the first time the Pointers have blocked a punt for a touchdown in John Miech's 20 years as head coach. It was the first since Tom Finco returned a block six yards against UW-Whitewater on Oct. 4, 1986. Kurt Soderberg blocked a punt that resulted in a safety against UW-Superior on Oct. 15, 1988.

In fact, the Pointers hadn't blocked a punt since Oct. 22, 2005 when Ben Zimmerman blocked a UW-Oshkosh kick.

UW-Stevens Point also had a punt blocked by Webber International, marking the first time the Pointers have had one of their punts blocked since UW-River Falls did it in the final game of the 2004 season.

**Smooth Transition:**

UW-Stevens Point's Dustin Robinson was selected as the WIAC special teams Player of the Week after blocking the punt to win the game against Webber International. Robinson also had a solid game defensively with seven solo tackles in his first start at linebacker.

It's not the first time Robinson has made a quick adjustment to new surroundings. He joined the wrestling team for one week last winter when the team's 197-pounder was injured and recorded a pin against Augsburg and a win against UW-Eau Claire to earn WIAC Wrestler of the Week honors.

**Fountain of Youth:**

UW-Stevens Point struggled offensively at Webber International, but it's no surprise considering that the team's starting quarterback, running back and "m-back" were all playing in their first games as Pointers. In addition, starting wide receiver Luke Gunderson made his fourth career start and Brad Kalsow returned at wide receiver after missing the last three games with an injury last year. Overall, the Pointers returned just 311 total yards of offense from last season (rushing and passing).

The Pointers' nine completions were their fewest in a game since completing three passes in a 2001 NCAA playoff game in a downpour at St. John's. They had four games that year with fewer than 10 completions and won three of the games.

**Zoning Out:**

In a strange twist, the Pointers' game against Webber International saw only two plays run inside the opponents' 20 yard-line the entire game. Webber International entered the red zone once and threw an incomplete pass from the Pointers' 15-yard line on fourth down, while the Pointers ran one play from deep in Warriors' territory and it resulted in a 16-yard touchdown run by Mike Ferron.

**Making Miscues:**

The Pointer defense forced six turnovers in the win over Webber International, marking the second straight game they've forced opponents into that many miscues. UW-Stout also had six turnovers in the 2006 season finale. In fact, over the current five-game winning streak, the Pointers have forced 20 turnovers and are plus-13 in turnover margin. Of the 20 turnovers, 12 have been fumbles and eight are interceptions.

**Forcing the Issue:**

Freshman defensive end Matt Lunder made four solo tackles in his debut with the Pointers, but made an even bigger impact to the season opener by forcing two fumbles. One of the fumbles was recovered by UW-Stevens Point in the fourth quarter while the other was recovered by a Webber International offensive lineman.

**Successful Start:**

UW-Stevens Point senior Tyler Florczak had two interceptions in the win at Webber International, marking the first two interceptions of his career. He also collected six tackles and broke up a pass. It was Florczak's second career start after getting a start in a nickel package last year against UW-Platteville.

**Quick Hits:**

UW-Stevens Point received 13 votes in this week's D3football.com rankings and picked up four votes during its bye week...The Pointers are playing a Mid-States Football Association member for the second straight year after beating Trinity International 31-0 last year.