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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (2-0) vs. Waldorf College (1-3)

Saturday, September 22 - 1 p.m.

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

2007 WIAC Standings

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

This Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire at Whitewater, 1 pm
 Waldorf at Stevens Point, 1 pm
 Platteville at Augustana (Ill.), 1 pm
 Stout at Whitworth (Wash.), 3 pm

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 30, Alma (Mich.) 14
 Oshkosh 62, Lakeland 7
 La Crosse 27, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 20 ot
 Stevens Point 54, Iowa Wesleyan 13
 Drake (Iowa) 20, Platteville 7
 Pacific Luth. (Wash.) 48, River Falls 37
 St. Cloud State 26, Whitewater 16

Game Outlook:

The Pointers conclude the non-conference portion of their schedule this weekend when they host Waldorf in the 21st annual "Spud Bowl." UW-Stevens Point enters the game with a six-game winning streak, which is the fourth-longest streak in the NCAA Division III.

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. It will also be broadcast live on WWSP (89.9 FM). Links to live internet broadcasts are available at: <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/Sports/gen/2007/liveaudio-diostats.asp>.

Television:

The game will be televised on a tape-delayed basis by Student Television and shown during the week on local cable channel 10. It will also be televised tape delayed and shown statewide on Charter Cable on Demand.

Series History:

The Pointers won the previous three meetings over the Warriors, including a 45-7 win last year at Waldorf in a game they led 38-0 at halftime. UW-Stevens Point also posted a 42-13 win at home in 2006 and a 41-7 win at Waldorf in 2005.

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	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	UWSP is 18-2 all-time in Spud Bowl games
Sept. 29	UW-River Falls	1 p.m.	Stevens Point	Falcons were last team to beat Pointers in 2006
Oct. 6	at UW-Platteville	2 p.m.	Platteville	UWSP looks for 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:

UW-Stevens Point rolled to a 53-14 win at Iowa Wesleyan last week, putting up 34 points in the first quarter and another touchdown on their first possession of the second quarter to lead 41-0 at halftime. It was the Pointers' sixth straight victory, dating to last season.

Mike Ferron carried nine times for 91 yards and two touchdowns before leaving the game early in the second quarter. T.C. Farber had 75 yards on 19 carries.

Brad Kalsow caught four passes for 75 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown, while Tyler Hau had two catches for 97 yards with an 83-yard touchdown reception.

Bryan Blum had a team-high nine tackles and Dustin Robinson had two interceptions. Lincoln Berg returned an interception for his second touchdown in as many games.

Warriors Update:

Waldorf fell to 1-3 overall with a 33-0 loss last week to St. Ambrose, which is ranked 14th in the NAIA. The Warriors trailed 16-0 at halftime and were held to 223 total yards with 123 yards rushing. Marcus Lewis rushed 22 times for 48 yards and Darrell Stephens caught three passes for 56 yards.

Waldorf lost to Division I-AA Drake 45-7 the previous week and the Warriors' only victory was a 14-7 triumph over Iowa Wesleyan.

The Warriors' biggest struggles this season have been in the passing game where they are averaging 88.0 yards per game and have not had a touchdown pass in four games. Waldorf also has been hurt by 10 fumbles in its four contests.

Lewis leads the offense at 83.3 yards rushing per game. He is also the top receiver with seven catches and serves as the team's punter.

Bryan Bjorklund leads the defense with 34 tackles. JaWann Billingsley and Jordan Vanderloop each have two interceptions.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 125-66-2 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 more than twice as many wins as any other coach in Pointers' history.

Waldorf coach **Greg Youngblood** has a 1-3 record in his first season with the Warriors. Youngblood was an assistant coach with the Warriors last season and was elevated to head coach in December, replacing 39-year head coach David Bolstorff. Youngblood previously was an assistant at Taylor (Ind.) and played collegiately at Bates (Maine).

Against the NAIA:

This weekend's game marks the Pointers' fifth consecutive non-conference game against an NAIA opponent.

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 12-0-1 record. The last non-conference NAIA team to defeat the Pointers was Central State (Ohio) in 1984.

Home Sweet Home:

The Pointers are finally back to Goerke Field after playing nine of their last 12 games on the road over the past two seasons. UW-Stevens Point's last five non-conference games were all on the road as Waldorf is the last non-conference team to play at Goerke Field in 2005. The Pointers adjusted well to their surroundings, winning their last four road games.

Still Streaking:

The Pointers are tied for the third-longest winning streak in the NCAA Division III with six straight wins.

Two-time defending national champion Mount Union (Ohio) owns the nation's longest win streak at 25 straight games and Williams (Mass.) has won 14 straight.

Bridgewater (Va.) and Salisbury (Md.) also have six-game streaks, winning their last three games last season and opening 3-0 this year. Trinity (Conn.) has won six straight after winning its last six games last season and not having played a game yet in 2007.

Fast Start:

UW-Stevens Point's 34-point first quarter outburst at Iowa Wesleyan was its fastest start in school history. The previous record for points in a first quarter was 29 against Lakeland on Sept. 4, 1976 and the record for points in any quarter was also 34, coming in the third quarter against UW-Oshkosh on Oct. 30, 1993.

The Pointers held a 41-0 lead at halftime, falling two points short of the school record for most first half points, which was set against UW-Platteville on Sept. 26, 1954.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 16

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

Spud Bowl:

Saturday's game will be the 21st annual "Spud Bowl" game, which recognizes the area's potato industry. The annual "Spuds and Suds" picnic begins outside Goerke Field at 3 p.m. The picnic features all-you-can-eat potatoes, bratwurst, chili and potato cake. There also will be Point Beer and Coca-Cola available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for UW-Stevens Point students with ID and children 12-and under.

The Spud Bowl is a local scholarship fund for UW-Stevens Point students with a farm or agri-business background.

The Pointers are 18-2 all-time in Spud Bowl games, having lost last year to UW-La Crosse and in overtime to Northern State (S.D.) in 2000.

Force Play:

The Pointer defense forced five more turnovers in last week's victory and have now forced 25 turnovers during their current six-game winning streak, including 17 over the past three games. In the first quarter against Iowa Wesleyan, the Pointers had three interceptions in a span of four pass attempts.

During the six-game winning streak, the Pointers are plus-17 in turnover margin. Though it has only been two games, the Pointers rank third in Division III in turnover margin and fourth in interceptions per game.

Spreading the Wealth:

It's been tough for defenses to focus on one receiver when playing UW-Stevens Point as the Pointers have had 11 different players make receptions this season. Seven different players caught the team's nine completions against Webber International and eight different players caught the team's 14 completions against Iowa Wesleyan.

Catching On:

UW-Stevens Point senior Tyler Hau caught his first career pass with a 14-yard reception in the fourth quarter and then followed with an 83-yard touchdown catch later in the period.

Hau's touchdown catch thrown by Nick Venden was the 11th longest pass play in school history.

Venden has completed 30 passes in his career, but has two of the longest after connecting with Luke Gunderson for an 87-yarder last year at UW-Whitewater. Of the 14 pass plays in school history that have gone for 80 yards or more, eight have occurred since 2001.

Surprise Scorer:

UW-Stevens Point senior linebacker Lincoln Berg scored his second touchdown in as many games after returning an interception 13 yards for a score last week. It was his third career touchdown and all have come in the past six games three different ways. He returned a fumble last year against UW-Oshkosh and recovered a blocked punt in the end zone against Webber International.

Poll Points:

The Pointers were among five WIAC teams that received votes in this week's D3football.com top 25. UW-Stevens Point ranked seventh among teams getting votes not in the poll with 17 votes this week. UW-Oshkosh received 60 votes and UW-Eau Claire had 20 votes. UW-Whitewater is ranked third and UW-La Crosse is ranked fifth.

Quick Hits:

Waldorf is playing in its second Spud Bowl, having played in the 2005 event. UW-Whitewater and Northern State are the only other schools to play in at least two Spud Bowls...The Pointers' 54-13 win last week was their largest victory margin and most points scored since a 57-3 win at Tri-State (Ind.) in the 2004 season opener...UW-Stevens Point was stopped on fourth down five times in the game at Iowa Wesleyan, including four consecutive possessions in the second and third quarters.