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UW-Stevens Point Football Preview

UW-Stevens Point (4-0, 1-0 WIAC) vs. UW-Platteville (1-3, 0-1 WIAC)
Saturday, October 6 - 2 p.m.

Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium (10,000) - Platteville, Wisconsin

2007 WIAC Standings

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

This Week in the WIAC

La Crosse at Eau Claire, 11:30 am
River Falls at Whitewater, 1 pm
Stout at Oshkosh, 1:30 pm
Stevens Point at Platteville, 2 pm

Last Week in the WIAC

Eau Claire 21, Oshkosh 20
Stevens Point 45, River Falls 42
Stout 28, Platteville 7
Whitewater 35, La Crosse 28

Game Outlook:

UW-Stevens Point looks to extend a pair of winning streaks this week as the Pointers bring the second-longest winning streak in the NCAA Division III at eight games into UW-Platteville, which UW-Stevens Point has beaten 16 consecutive times. The Pointers have won their past five conference games by a total of 13 points.

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. 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 44-30-3 and has beaten the Pioneers 16 straight times since UW-Platteville's last win in 1991.

The Pointers held off the Pioneers for a 31-28 victory last season as the teams combined for 921 yards of total offense and 691 yards passing. UW-Stevens Point's Brett Hirsch intercepted a UW-Platteville pass on the Pointers' own 12-yard line with 36 seconds left to seal the win.

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	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:

The Pointers opened league play with a victory for the first time since 2001 and extended the second-longest NCAA Division III winning streak to eight straight games with a wild 45-42 victory over UW-River Falls on Saturday at Goerke Field.

The lead changed seven times in the second half with each team alternating touchdowns after UW-River Falls had led 21-7 in the first half.

The Pointers scored their 45 points despite 275 total yards of offense. Mike Ferron rushed for 199 of those yards on 29 carries and had two touchdowns. Quarterback Jake Swank rushed for the winning score with a 25-yard sprint to the endzone with 2:17 left in the game.

Kasey Morgan added an 83-yard kickoff return and Luke Frisch returned an interception 33 yards for a score. Brad Kalsow had three catches, including a nine-yard touchdown.

Pioneers Update:

UW-Platteville shut down UW-Stout to just 234 total yards last week, but the Blue Devils returned two interceptions and a punt for touchdowns to post a 28-7 victory and hand the Pioneers their third straight loss.

UW-Platteville had five turnovers in the game, which was delayed twice by lightning. Mike Genslinger rolled up his third 100-yard rushing effort of the year, gaining 128 yards, while Craig Patterson caught six passes for 102 yards.

The Pioneers opened the year with a win over St. Ambrose, but then lost non-conference games to Drake and Augustana (Ill.). UW-Platteville has been outscored 55-7 in the second half, including 20-0 in the fourth quarter.

Genslinger averages 129.8 yards rushing per game, while quarterback Michael Schmidt has completed 59.6 percent of his passes. Genslinger was the WIAC's leading rusher last year with 1,028 yards and fifth Pioneers' player to surpass 1,000 yards.

The Coaches

UW-Stevens Point coach **John Miech** has a 126-66-2 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.

UW-Platteville coach **Mike Emendorfer** has a 29-54 career record in his ninth season with the Pioneers and was the 2005 WIAC Coach of the Year after leading UW-Platteville to a 6-4 record for its first winning season since 1992. Emendorfer also coached eight seasons at Hanover (Ind.) where his teams led Division III in passing four times.

Winning Ways:

UW-Stevens Point's eight-game winning streak ties for the fourth-longest in school history and marks the sixth time the Pointers have won eight in a row. It is their longest since winning 11 straight over the 1998 and 1999 seasons.

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 27 straight games, while UW-Stevens Point is one of four teams with an eight-game win streak.

Bridgewater (Va.), Salisbury (Md.) and Trinity (Conn.) are the other three schools that have won eight straight.

Starting Strong:

UW-Stevens Point's 4-0 start is its best since 1999 when the team won its first six games. The Pointers also won their WIAC opener for the first time since 2001 and are looking to go 2-0 in league play for the first time since starting 4-0 in the WIAC in 1999.

Offensive Outburst:

Last week's game with UW-River Falls marked the most points scored in 63 all-time meetings with the Falcons, surpassing a 48-35 loss in 1976.

It also marked the first time the Pointers have played in a game where both teams scored at least 40 points. The last time two WIAC teams both reached the 40-point mark came in 2000 when UW-Eau Claire beat UW-River Falls 65-44.

Three for Forty:

After failing to score in the opening half of its first game at Webber International and then finishing with 13 points for the game, the Pointers have rolled up a whopping 154 points over the past three games.

It marks the fourth time the Pointers have scored 40 or more points in three consecutive games. If they can reach 40 this week, it would be the first time they've ever done in four straight weeks in a single season. They did reach 40 in the last three games of 2003 and opener in 2004.

D3football.com Top 25 - Sept. 30

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

Running Wild:

Pointers' running back Mike Ferron had the ninth-highest single-game rushing total in school history on Saturday with his 199-yard effort against UW-River Falls. It was the most yards gained by a UW-Stevens Point player since Jason VanderVelden ran for 204 yards against UW-Eau Claire in 2003.

Ferron already has 563 yards rushing in four games this year, ranking seventh in the NCAA Division III, though tying for third in the WIAC. He is averaging 6.8 yards per carry. The Pointers have had only two 1,000-yard seasons in school history. Jimmy Henderson rushed for 1,556 yards in 1993 and Norbert Miller gained 1,158 yards in 1955.

Unlikely Sources:

UW-Stevens Point had both a kickoff and interception return for touchdowns last week, marking the fifth straight game the Pointers have had a touchdown from defense and/or special teams.

The Pointers have already returned three interceptions for touchdowns this year along with one kickoff and one blocked punt.

Kasey Morgan's 83-yard kickoff return for a touchdown last week was the Pointers' first since Cory Flisakowski returned the opening kickoff 99 yards against UW-La Crosse on Oct. 5, 2002.

Spreading it Around:

UW-Stevens Point has already had 14 different receivers catch the team's 50 completions this season. By comparison, only 10 players caught passes all of last season. Brad Kalsow has 14 receptions and is the only player with more than seven catches.

Even quarterback Jake Swank got into the act last week, catching a five-yard pass. It was the first reception by a quarterback since Scott Krause caught one of his own deflected balls for a four-yard loss against UW-La Crosse on Oct. 4, 2003.

Short Trips:

UW-River Falls scored six touchdowns on the Pointers' defense last week, but four of the Falcons' scoring drives began in UW-Stevens Point territory. UW-River Falls had scoring drives of 39, 43, 35 and 25 yards.

UW-River Falls opened the game 14-for-17 passing, but completed just seven of 26 attempts the rest of the game.

Moving Up:

UW-Stevens Point ranked second among teams getting votes and falling short of this week's D3football.com top 25. The Pointers received 48 votes to fall nine votes short of the national rankings. UW-Stevens Point had 26 votes in last week's poll.

Comfort Zone:

UW-Stevens Point has enjoyed making trips to Platteville since its last defeat in 1991. The Pointers have won each of their last eight trips by double figures, winning those games by an average of 26.9 points.

"Special" Teams:

The Pointers' special teams have been truly special this season. UW-Stevens Point ranks second in the WIAC in kickoff returns, second in punt returns and third in kickoff coverage. Punter Luke Frisch also leads the WIAC with a 40.5 average and Kasey Morgan is the league's top punt returner. The Pointers have scored two special teams touchdowns, while blocking two punts and an extra point. Kicker Ryan Graboski is also five-for-six on field goals through four games.

Morgan was named the WIAC special teams Player of the Week as the Pointers landed the honor for the third time in four games this season.

Pickoff Plays:

UW-Stevens Point had one interception in last week's game, but continues to lead the NCAA Division III with 14 interceptions for the season. The Pointers also rank fourth nationally with 18 total takeaways.

Even more remarkable is the fact that the team's 14 interceptions have come from 11 different players. Also, starting free safety Brett Hirsch, who led the team with five interceptions last year, does not have one yet this season.

Quick Hits:

UW-Stevens Point's successful fourth-down conversion on its game winning drive last week was just its second successful fourth-down play in nine tries this season...For the first time since 1999, the Pointers are the last remaining undefeated team in the WIAC. That season, UW-Stevens Point went 6-0, but was the only team to open 2-0...UW-River Falls ran 21 of the game's first 22 plays in last week's game as the Pointers fumbled on their first play and returned a kickoff for a touchdown on their second possession...UW-Stevens Point leads the WIAC in scoring offense at 41.8 points per game and UW-Platteville is last at 13.5 points per game.