

Men's Track Narrowly Notches First Place Finish

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MENOMONIE - By a narrow margin of 2.50 points, the UW-Eau Claire men's track team took the top spot out of seven competitors at the Warren Bowlus Open with a 193 score.

UW-Stout was the team that just fell short, having 190.50. Hamline University took third with a 113 showing and UW-Superior followed at 31 points. Michigan Tech University claimed the five spot on 19 points.

The team had two individual champs today and also a top place group effort. **Chris Kupfer** (Fr.-Germantown) continued his early season success as he won the 200-meter dash on a 22.77 race. **Brent Tice** (Sr.-Colfax) took first in the shot put with 47-11.75 (14.62 meters). The relay team had a superb meet as well by taking first in the 4x400 meter race with a 3:26.27 display.

Dan Roemhild (So.-Fall Creek) also had an impressive day, though he could not quite reach the top spot. Roemhild finished second in the triple jump on an effort of 41-9.75 (12.74 meters) and in the long jump with a distance of 21-1.5(6.44 meters).

The Blugolds dominated in several events to help push the team over the top. In the 1-mile run **Micah Hernandez** (Sr.-Milwaukee/Wisconsin Lutheran) took second in 4:25.90 while **Ted Lillie** (So.-North St. Paul, MN) was third at 4:31.36. Eau Claire took third and fourth in the 55-meter hurdles with an 8.12 race from **Matt Crosby** (Fr.-Glenwood City) and an 8.41 showing by **Brian Christ** (So.-Arcadia). **Dan Pederson** (So.-Boyceville) helped exert Eau Claire control on the triple jump with a third place finish at 40-6 (12.34 meters). The Blugolds took third, fourth and fifth out of 21 people on the weight throw. **Matt Smith** (Sr.-Buffalo, MN) had 52-.75 (15.87 meters), **Sam Johnson** (Fr.-Amery) tallied 51-1.75 (15.59 meters), and **Ryan Brohmer** (Jr.-La Crosse/Logan) managed 50-2.5(15.30 meters).

Many other Blugolds contributed to the first place day with finishes in the top three. These included **Nick Aliota** (Jr.-Brookfield/Central) in the 55-meter dash, **Bryan Tschudy** (Fr.-New Richmond) in the 200-meter dash, **Grant Haugan** (Fr.-Green Bay/Ashwaubenon) in the 400-meter dash, **Jules Miller** (So.-Green Bay/East) in the 3000-meter run, **Ben Wulterkens** (So.-Stanley/Stanley-Boyd) in the high jump and **Al Oleson** (Jr.-Wausau/West) in the shot put.

This is the second first place meet for the team this year. The Blugolds have only been beaten by three teams in all meets combined thus far.

The next action for Eau Claire is in Northfield, MN for the Border Battle. Events begin at 11:00 a.m. next Saturday.

Warren Bowlus Open Results

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