

Women's Track Champions For Fourth Straight

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NORTHFIELD, MN - For the fourth consecutive meet, the UW-Eau Claire women's track team took first as it cruised past the competitors with a 184.0 score in St. Olaf's Border Battle.

Behind the 184.0 of these unbeatable Blugolds was UW-Stout's 155.5. St. Thomas took third in 144.5 while St. Olaf's 129.0 brought up the rear.

Several Blugolds performed exceptionally well today. Perhaps the most impressive of them all was the record-breaking 3.89 meter pole vault by **Stephanie Barnes** (*Jr.-Sauk City/Sauk Prairie*). It broke the Eau Claire record and the Tostrud Center record. The previous Tostrud Center record was 3.66 meters and Barnes shared that previous record, which she tied last year, with Karolien Bastiens of St. Thomas. The same jump was the previous school record, as well. It also earned an NCAA automatic and an NCAA provisional. **Liz Faller** (*Jr.-Marinette*) also had an NCAA provisional display with her 8.56 55-meter hurdle, which took first. **Erin Kokta** (*Sr.-Brookfield/East*) had another Eau Claire NCAA provisional showing in her first place 5.50 meter long jump. Kokta was not through, however. In the triple jump she received the same accolades with an 11.19 meter showing, though another competitor got first with an 11.28 meter jump.

Several other Blugolds took the number one spot in their events. **Kjersten Holt** (*So.-Long Prairie, MN/LP Grey Eagle*) ran a top time of 27.18 in the 200-meter dash. **Liz Kooistra** (*Fr.-Lakeville, MN*) won the 400-meter dash in 58.91. The 800-meter run went to **Sarah Stirdivant** (*Fr.-Doylestown, PA/Central Bucks W.*) and her 2:22.05 finish. In the 5-K, **Molly Warner** (*So.-Mosinee*) was today's champ with a 17:55.75 performance.

Even when the Blugolds did not place first in a specific event, it seemed that they were packed near the top to help become champs for the fourth time this year.

The next Eau Claire event is Friday at the UW-Stout Invite in Menomonie. The quest for number five begins at noon.

Border Battle Results

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