Women's Track Trailing La Crosse After Day One

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STEVENS POINT - The unbeaten UW-Eau Claire women's track team finds itself in second place out eight schools at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships.

UW-La Crosse leads all with 56.50 points. Eau Claire has 35. UW-Oshkosh is third at 34.50 while UW-River Falls takes the four spot with a 22 point total. UW-Stevens Point rounds out the top five at 19.50 points. Eau Claire is ranked third in the nation while Oshkosh is ranked first.

Many individuals excelled in their event, with many Blugolds in the top ten and even a champion.

Erin Kokta *(Sr.-Brookfield/East)* leapt to automatic qualification and first place with a record-breaking 5.72 meter (18?91/4") long jump. It breaks the previous facility record of 5.69 meters (18?8") set in 1992. It is also the furthest indoor long jump ever for Eau Claire. Kokta wasn't through, however. She then went on to take third in the high jump on a season-best 1.62 meters (5?33/4").

Two Blugolds broke through to the top 10 in the shot put competition. **Brooke Schmidt** *(Sr.-Rice Lake/Stanley-Boyd)* took fourth with a throw of 12.06 meters (39?63/4") while **Paula Crossfield** *(Jr.-Madison/East)* ended up in sixth on an 11.82 meter (38?91/2") throw. Brooke's mark is her best this season.

Eau Claire took sixth and seventh in the 5000-meter run. **Jane-Marie Ovanin** *(Sr.-Amherst)* ran her season-best race in 18:13.81 and **Molly Warner** *(So.-Mosinee)* followed right behind her at 18:22.73.

The distance medley relay team managed third in 12:38.91.

The Blugolds look to move up in the championships when they begin the second and final day at around 9:00 a.m. tomorrow in Stevens Point.

WIAC Championship Day 1 Results

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