

# Women's Track Takes Second Of Six At Phil Esten Challenge

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LA CROSSE - With 170.10 points and several top placements, the UW-Eau Claire women's track team took the runner-up spot today at UW-La Crosse's six-team Phil Esten Challenge.

The home team took a commanding first place with a 301.70 score. Wartburg College's 85 followed Eau Claire for third. Fourth went to UW-Stout at 81.20.

The Blugolds had three champions in the track events. **Liz Kooistra** (*Fr.-Lakeville, MN*) accomplished an NCAA provisional qualifying run in the 400-meter dash on a 56.71 time. **Liz Faller** (*Jr.-Marinette*) continued her 100-meter hurdle success from last week's Blugold Open with a winning 14.56 time tonight, which also is an NCAA provisional qualification. **Molly Warner** (*So.-Mosinee*) took the 5000-meter run in 17:50.89.

The team fared just as well in the field. **Stephanie Barnes** (*Jr.-Sauk City/Sauk Prairie*) again won the pole vault, this time on a 3.77 meter (12'4 1/2") leap. The nearest competitor was at 3.25 meters (10'8"). **Paula Crossfield** (*Jr.-Madison/East*) was first in the discus throw on an NCAA provisional qualifying 43.30 meters (142'1"). First place in the shot put went to **Brooke Schmidt** (*Sr.-Rice Lake/Stanley-Boyd*) and her 11.78 meter (38'7 3/4") throw.

Several Blugolds found themselves in second place today as well. Crossfield took second in the hammer throw on a 43.24 meter (141'10") effort. Schmidt actually finished behind Crossfield in the discus throw with a toss of 37.94 meters (124'6"). **Erin Kokta** (*Sr.-Brookfield/East*) leapt 1.59 meters (5'2 1/2") in the high jump for second. The 4x100-meter relay squad was second in 48.89, another NCAA provisional qualification. **Christina Locke** (*Jr.-Racine/Horlick*) ran the 800-meter run in 2:21.28 to finish runner-up.

Some Blugolds will compete in tomorrow's St. Olaf event in Northfield, MN at 9:30 a.m. Next weekend features two events with the Simpson College Invite on Friday and the Drake Relays on Saturday.

Phil Esten Challenge Results

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