Blugolds Lead Conference Golf Championship

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WATERTOWN - Led by freshman **Torie Ives** *(Osseo/Osseo-Fairchild)*, the UW-Eau Claire women's golf team stormed to a 13-stroke lead after the first day of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships at Woodwind Golf Course here Saturday

Ives fired a one-over-par 73 to spark the Blugolds to an 18-hole team total of 319, their second best score of the season. UW-Oshkosh is the Blugolds' nearest challenger at 332 while UW-Whitewater is third at 335 and UW-Stevens Point is fourth at 343. Rounding out the field are UW-Superior 366, UW-Stout 383, UW-Platteville 398 and UW-River Falls 412.

The Blugolds, ranked No. 4 in the first National Golf Coaches Assocation Division III poll this fall, are bidding for their third consecutive WIAC championship and their fifth title in the 11-year history of the WIAC women's golf championships. They have finished second six times.

Last year, the Blugolds shot back-to-back rounds of 314 to set a conference 36-hole record of 628. They won the title by 37 strokes over Whitewater.

Ives' 73 ties as the second best championship round score in WIAC history. The record of 71 was set by Blugold Maggie Loney last year at Superior's Nemadji Golf Course.

Senior **Jesse Thompson** *(Stevens Point/SPASH)* had the second-best Blugold total on the opening day at 76 which was the second best overall score as well. The only other players in the field to break 80 were Whitewater's Stephanie Campbell with a 78 and Oshkosh's Jennifer Young with a 79.

The other Blugold scores included 82 by junior **Meghan Sobotta** *(Arcadia)*, 88 by junior **Kim Huber** *(White Bear Lake, MN)* and 91 by freshman **Kate Borman** *(Kenosha/Bradford)*.

The final round of the WIAC championship will be played Sunday. The WIAC champion earns an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Championship next spring. The 10-team finals will be played May 8-11, 2007 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the Hills, Florida.

First Day Results

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