

# Blugolds Win Third Straight WIAC Golf Title

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WATERTOWN - The UW-Eau Claire women's golf team won its third consecutive Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and qualified for its seventh straight NCAA Division III national championships here Sunday.

The Blugolds finished the 36-hole conference tournament with a 660 total to beat out UW-Oshkosh which had the best team round Sunday (336) and totaled 668 for the two-day meet at Windwood Golf Course here. The Blugolds had a 13-stroke lead heading into the final 18 holes after shooting an opening round 319 but finished with a 341 Sunday to achieve their winning score.

Rounding out the field were UW-Whitewater 674, UW-Stevens Point 686, UW-Superior 751, UW-Stout 753, UW-Platteville 800 and UW-River Falls 816.

Freshman **Torie Ives** (*Osseo/Osseo-Fairchild*) became the fifth Blugold player to capture conference medalist honors when she won a sudden death playoff on the first hole over UW-Oshkosh's Jennifer Young. Ives had carded the second best round in tournament history Saturday with a 73 but struggled to an 85 Sunday for a 158 total while Young matched her opening round total with another 79 Sunday to tie Ives at 158 and force the playoff.

The previous Blugold conference medalists were Maggie Loney (2004, 2005), Kelly Harper (1998), Kristi Moss (2001) and Susan Karlman (2003).

Two other Blugolds finished among the top five for the third year in a row. **Jesse Thompson** (*Sr.-Stevens Point/SPASH*) was fourth with a 163 while **Meghan Sobotta** (*Jr.-Arcadia*) was fifth with a 166. Thompson and Sobotta had tied for third last year.

The fourth Blugold score Sunday came from freshman **Kate Borman** (*Kenosha Bradford*) who hit an 85 and tied for 16th overall at 176. Junior **Kim Huber** (*White Bear Lake, MN*) tied for 14th at 175 on rounds of 88 and 87.

This was the first year the conference tournament served as an automatic qualifier for the NCAA championships. The Blugolds will compete May 8-11, 2007 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

The Blugolds have now won five WIAC titles in the 11-year history of the women's golf championship and finished second the other six times.

Final Results

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