

## Men's Track Finishes Third At Whitewater Invite

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WHITEWATER - The UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team placed third out of 14 teams today at the UW-Whitewater Invitational held at Kachel Fieldhouse.

The host, UW-Whitewater, finished first in the invite with 152 points. UW-Stevens Point placed second with 132 points. The Blugolds were third with 126.5 points, while UW-Platteville finished fourth with 94.5 points. Carthage College rounded out the top five with 49 points.

**Ted Lillie** (*Jr.-North St. Paul, MN*) won the 5,000 meter run with a time of 15:17.69. The 4x200-meter "A" relay team was also victorious as they posted a winning time of 1:31.74. **Wes Fischer** (*So.-Rosemount, MN*) finished second in the 800-meter run as he posted a time of 1:58.71. In the 200-meter dash, **Bryan Tschudy** (*So.-New Richmond, WI*) and **Adam Sturgis** (*Sr.-Bruce, WI*) finished third and fourth respectively as Tschudy had a time of 23.13 and Sturgis posted a time of 23.16.

**Brian Christ** (*Jr.-Arcadia, WI*) was the top-Blugold finisher in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.80, which was good enough for sixth place. **James Marsh** (*Fr.-Madison, WI/West*) finished eighth out of 39 runners in the mile run with a time of 4:33.70.

**Nick Kropp** (*Fr.-Green Bay, WI/Preble*) was the only Blugold to advance to the finals of the 55-meter dash where he finished sixth with a time of 6.65. **Joe Felber** (*So.-Manitowoc, WI/Lincoln*) and **Nick Aliota** (*Sr.-Brookfield, WI/Central*) both advanced to the 55-meter hurdles finals. Felber finished fifth in the finals, posting a time of 8.13, while Aliota placed sixth with a time of 8.17.

In the field events, the Blugolds swept the top two spots in the triple jump as Joe Felber placed first, leaping a distance of 45-2.5. **Kirk Schmidt** (*Fr.-Athens, WI*) was second, jumping 43-5.75. **Sam Johnson** (*So.-Deer Park, WI/Amery*) was victorious in the weight throw, tossing a distance of 57-6.25.

**Nate Woodward** (*Fr.-De Pere, WI*) placed third in the high jump by clearing 6-2.25. Also placing third in the pole vault was **Nick Desotelle** (*So.-Weston, WI/D.C. Everest*) as he cleared 14-9.

The Blugolds will compete in the Warren Bowlus Open next Saturday in Menomonie. The event begins at 11 a.m.

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