

Women's Track Places First At The UW-Whitewater Invite

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WHITEWATER - The UW-Eau Claire women's track and field team took home first place out of 13 teams with 155.5 points today at the UW-Whitewater Invitational at Kachel Fieldhouse.

UW-Stevens Point finished in the second place with 123 points. Winona State University (MN) was third with a score of 94.5. Carthage College placed fourth with 72.5 points and UW-Platteville was fifth with a score of 54.

Liz Faller (Sr.-*Marinette, WI*) took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.74. Faller was also victorious in the 55-meter hurdles event as she posted a winning time of 8.31. **Liz Kooistra** (So.-*Lakeville, MN*) won the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.98. **Shalene Huth** (Sr.-*Appleton, WI/West*) was the only Blugold to advance to the 55-meter dash finals, where she finished second with a time of 7.45.

The Blugolds swept the top-three spots in the one mile run as **Christina Locke** (Sr.-*Racine, WI/Horlick*) placed first with a time of 5:13.85, and **Cassie Haak** (Sr.-*Shoreview, MN/Mounds View*) finished second with a time of 5:19.25, and **Hannah Humbach** (Fr.-*Madison, WI/Abundant Life*) was third with a time of 5:21.54. Humbach also placed third in the 800-meter run, posting a time of 2:26.60. **Beth Lutz** (So.-*Eau Claire, WI/Memorial*) placed second in the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:24.47. The 4x400-meter relay "A" team was also victorious with a winning time of 4:00.51.

In the field events, **Jessica Owens** (So.-*Elm Grove, WI/Brookfield East*) won the high jump, clearing 5-1.75. The Blugolds took the top-two spots in the pole vault with **Steph Barnes** (Sr.-*Sauk City, WI/Sauk Prairie*) placing first, clearing 12-5.5 and **Chelsea Becker** (Sr.-*Rice Lake, WI*) finishing second, clearing a height of 11-11.75.

Tonya White (Fr.-*Byron, MN*) finished fifth in the long jump out of 37 competitors as she jumped a distance of 16-9.5. **Paula Crossfield** (Sr.-*Madison, WI/East*) placed fifth in both the shot put and the weight throw. She threw the shot put 38-4.25 and the weight throw a distance of 47-6.25.

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

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