Blugolds Finish 18th In Directors' Cup Competition

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CLEVELAND, Ohio - The UW-Eau Claire athletics program has achieved its best U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup finish in six years with an 18th place out of the 420 schools in NCAA Division III.

In the 12 years since the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) initiated the national All Sports competition| only once have the Blugolds finished lower than 38th.

This year| the Blugolds amassed 525 points| scoring in 10 different national championships. That is the second best point total ever accumulated by UWEC| exceeded only by the 545 points totaled in 1999-2000 when the Blugolds achieved their highest finish ever with an eighth place.

The Blugolds' largest point totals in 2006-07 came from women's indoor track and softball| both of which finished third in the NCAA championships. The Blugolds also scored significantly with a 7th by women's golf| 9th by men's golf| and 12th by women's cross country in addition to having the soccer and volleyball teams reach the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament. The Blugolds also picked up points in men's and women's outdoor track and wrestling.

Williams College (Mass.) defended its title as the best athletics program in NCAA Division III competition by winning its 11th U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup| the prestigious award presented annually by NACDA| United States Sports Academy and USA TODAY to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country.

The Sports Academy Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the NACDA and USA Today. The United States Sports Academy| based in Daphne| Alabama| is the program sponsor. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports – nine women's and nine men's.

Previous Eau Claire Directors' Cup Finishes and Points

2006-07

18th

525

2005-06

27th

402.875

2004-05

28th

332.25

2003-04

68th

205.5

2002-03

38th

292.5

2001-02

20th

388.5

2000-01

8th

476.5

1999-00

8th

545

1998-99

10th tie

280

1997-98

10th tie

250

1996-97

17th

297.5

1995-96

36th

223

2006-07 Blugold National Finishes/Directors’ Cup Points Earned

Women’s Indoor Track

3rd

85

Softball

3rd

83

Women’s Golf

7th

69

Men’s Golf

9th

69

Volleyball

9th

64

Soccer

9th

64

Women’s Cross Country

12th

54

Women’s Outdoor Track

44th

27

Men’s Outdoor Track

66th

5

Wrestling

53rd

5

For a complete scoring summary of all teams| go to
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