Women Runners Seventh At Pre-Nationals

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COLFAX - The UW-Eau Claire women's cross country team finished in seventh place out of 22 teams here today at the NCAA Division III Pre-National Meet held at the White Tail Golf Course.

The Blugolds will be hosting the Division III National Championships on November 20, also at the White Tail Golf Course. UW-Stevens Point took first place in the Pre-Nationals with 50 points while UW-La Crosse was second with 88 points. Emory, Macalester, St. Olaf, and St. Thomas rounded out the top six while the Blugolds grabbed seventh with 229 points.

Eau Claire newcomer **Molly Warner** *(Fr.-Mosinee)* paced the Blugolds with a time of 23:07.6, good for 13th place overall. **Korah Petrasko** *(So.-Appleton/East)*finished second on the Eau Claire team and 20th overall in a time of 23:26.6 while **Jane Ovanin** *(Jr.-Amherst)* finished 44th overall with a time of 23:57.6.

Christina Locke *(So.-Racine/Horlick)* was 69th overall with a time of 24:20.1 while **Heather Lipinski** *(Sr.-Thorp)* was 83rd overall with a time of 24:34.6.

Jenna Mitchler of Stevens Point was the individual winner with a time of 22:14.0 and Jessica Griffin of North Central (IL) was second in a time of 22:20.9.

The Blugolds will next be in action October 9 when they travel to Waverly, Iowa to compete in the Wartburg Invite.

Team scores: 1) UW-Stevens Point 50, 2) UW-La Crosse 88, 3) Emory 101, 4) Macalester 126, 5) 194, 6) St. Thomas 211, **7) UW-Eau Claire 229,** 8) Gustavus 239, 9) UM-Duluth 265, 10) North Central (IL) 269, 11) Nebraska Wesleyan 271, 12) Wheaton (IL) 292, 13) Augsburg 316, 14) St. Catherine 352, 15) Bethel 432, 16) UW-River Falls 448, 17) St. Mary's 455, 18) Winona State 468, 19) Loras 505, 20) UW-Superior 652, 21) McMurry 669, 22) North Central (MN) 718.

Top-10 Individuals: 1) Jenna Mitchler (Stevens Point) 22:14.0, 2) Jessica Griffin (North Central, IL) 22:20.9, 3) Megan Craig (Stevens Point) 22:21.1, 4) Leah Herlache (Stevens Point) 22:27.1, 5) Amy Lyons (Bethel) 22:30.9, 6) Kristen Painter (La Crosse) 22:50.3, 7) Ellen Waldow (Augsburg) 22:58.1, 8) Koby Hagen (Macalester) 23:00.1, 9) Angela Davie (Emory) 23:01.4, 10) Meagan Herlache (La Crosse) 23:02.8.

Blugold finishers: 13) Molly Warner 23:07.6, 20) Korah Petrasko 23:26.6, 44) Jane Ovanin 23:57.6, 69) Christina Locke 24:20.1, 83) Heather Lipinski 24:34.6, 88) Rachel Anderson 24:38.3, 95) Heidi Hancock 24:48.2.

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