

Men's Track & Field Takes First At Blugold Open

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team took first place out of five teams at the Blugold Open in the Ade Olson Addition at UW-Eau Claire tonight.

The Blugolds, who have also won the open the previous four seasons, took first with a score of 251. St. Thomas finished in second place with a score of 179 and Bethel took third, scoring 64 points.

Eau Claire had first place finishers in six events tonight and also had a good number of other second and third place finishes as well.

In the 55-meter dash, **Zach Lee** (*Fr.-Ladysmith, Wis.*) was the top finisher with a time of 6.52. Teammate **Frankie Adams** (*Jr.-Burnsville, Minn.*) finished right on Lee's heels with a time of 6.55 while **Justin Janke** (*Jr.-Black River Falls, Wis.*) finished in third with a time of 6.71.

The 400-meter run also featured three Blugolds finishing at the top. **Tim Braunschweig** (*So.-Mukwonago, Wis.*), **Chris Kupfer** (*Jr.-Germantown, Wis.*) and **Justin White** (*So.-Arcadia, Wis.*) all finished neck-in-neck with times of 52.03, 52.04 and 52.07, respectively.

Kevin Weber (*Fr.-Mounds View, Minn./Irondale*) also grabbed a first place finish in the 5000-meter run with a time of 16:35.72.

In the pole vault, **Nick Desotelle** (*Jr.-Weston, WI/Schofield D. C. Everest*) took top honors with a vault of 4.57 meters while Jae Erickson vaulted 4.50 meters for a second place finish.

The triple jump also had two top Blugold finishers in **Dan Pederson** (*Sr.-Boyceville, Wis.*) and **Kirk Schmidt** (*So.-Athens, Wis.*). Pederson jumped 13.56 meters while Schmidt jumped for 13.07 meters.

Sam Johnson (*Jr.-Deer Park, Wis./Amery*) also took first place for the Blugolds today in the weight throw. He threw for 16.92 meters, almost one meter more than the next closest finisher.

The Blugolds will be back in action next Saturday when the travel to Whitewater for the UW-Whitewater Invitational. The event is set to start at 10 a.m.

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