Track & Field Finishes Day One At Nationals

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ADA, Ohio - The UW-Eau Claire men's and women's track and field teams completed the first day of the 2008 NCAA Division III Indoor Championships here today. The Blugolds competed in three events and took sixth in two.

Sam Johnson *(Jr.-Deer Park, Wis./Amery)* competed in the weight throw. Johnson threw the 35-pound weight 59-4 3/4 for a sixth place finish. He finished about a foot-and-a-half ahead of the seventh place finisher and only six inches outside of fourth place. Noah Gauthier of Bates College won the event, throwing 63-1 1/2.

The Blugold women's distance medley relay team also took sixth place today. The team of **Laura Broner** *(Jr.-Madison, Wis./Memorial)*, **Hannah Humbach** *(So.-Madison, Wis./Abundant Life)*, **Mary Palmer** *(Jr.-Anoka, Minn.)* and **Liz Kooistra** *(Jr.-Lakeville, Minn.)* finished with a time of 12:08.97 for their sixth place finish. They finished only four seconds away from fourth place. The Tufts University team won the event with a time of 11:46.79.

Amy Morse *(Jr.-Kaukauna, Wis.)* kicked off the events today, participating in the 20-pound women's weight throw. She competed in the first round of the event but did not make it to the final after finishing one place out of a qualifying place. She threw 52-4 3/4 in the first round, tying for 10th place. The University of St. Thomas' Carol Comp won the event with a 56-10 1/4 throw.

On Saturday, the Blugolds will be represented by the men's and women's 4x400 meter relay teams and Kooistra in the 400-meter dash. After the 400-meter dash prelims today, Kooistra had the third fastest time and qualified for the finals set for 3:25 p.m. Saturday. The relay teams will finish up this year's championship at 5 p.m.

Day One Results

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