

# Men's Track & Field Places Second At The Phil Esten Challenge

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LA CROSSE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team took second place out of seven teams Friday at The Phil Esten Challenge which was hosted by UW-La Crosse.

As a matter of fact, the only team to out-perform the Blugolds was the host team. UW-La Crosse finished the competition with an impressive 257 points, almost one-hundred more points than the second place Blugolds. The Blugolds second place performance was the result of a 159.5 point effort. The closest team behind the Blugolds was UW-Stout with 106.5. Rounding out the field of seven was Wartburg College (Iowa), UW-River Falls, The Wisconsin Track Club, and Saint Mary's University (Minn.).

On the track side of the competition, **Brian Christ** (*Sr.-Arcadia, WI*) was the only individual to earn a first place finish. Christ took first in the 400-meter hurdles with a finals time of 55.13 seconds. In the same event, **Corrie Floyd** (*So.-Whitewater, WI*) and **Dan Koenig** (*Fr.-Plymouth, MN/Robbinsdale Armstrong*) finished fifth and sixth. Their teammate **Shane Dawson** (*Fr.-Neillsville, WI*) finished eighth. All of their performances earned points for the Blugolds.

In addition to their dominate performance in the 400-meter hurdles, the Blugolds took first in the 4x400-meter relay. The team of four consisted of **Tim Braunschweig** (*So.-Mukwonago, WI*), Christ, **Justin White** (*So.-Arcadia, WI*), and **Rob Wilcox** (*Jr.-Green Bay, WI/Southwest*). One other strong even for the Blugolds was 110-meter hurdles. In this the Blugolds had five runners compete in the finals. In the finals, the highest Blugold finisher was **Josh Boehm** (*Sr.-Mosinee, WI*).

On the Field side of the competition, the Blugolds had impressive showings in the hammer throw, the shot put, the javelin throw, and the long jump. In the hammer throw, **Al Oleson** (*Sr.-Wausau, WI/West*) and **Sam Johnson** (*Jr.-Deer Park, WI/Amery*) took second and third respectively. Oleson and Johnson also were in the top three in the shot put as Oleson took first and Jonson took third. In the Javelin throw **Matt Crosby** (*Sr.-Glenwood City, WI*) took second place with a throw of 41.79 meters in the finals. To round things out in the field competition, **Logan Koerten** (*Fr.-Plover, WI/SPASH*) took first place in the long jump and earned the Blugolds ten points.

The Blugolds men's track and field team will be in competition again next weekend when they split the squad in half and travel to Des Moines, Iowa for The Drake Relays and Hillsdale, Michigan for The Gina Relays. Both events take place on Friday and Saturday.

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