

# WIAC Men's Track & Field Outdoor Championship Preview

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - This weekend at UW-Eau Claire's Simpson Field, another exciting event is expected as 17-time defending champion UW-La Crosse will look to fend off league rivals UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater.

The 90th version of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship will run in harmony with the 37th annual WIAC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship Friday through Saturday (May 2-3). The daily schedule begins at noon on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

UW-La Crosse is aiming for the 44th WIAC title in program history. The Eagles won last year's meet with 232 points, while UW-Whitewater finished second with 158.

UW-Oshkosh has captured six conference crowns, including the most recent in 1990, and placed third a year ago with 103 points. Trailing the Titans were fourth-place UW-Stevens Point with 102 points, fifth-place UW-Platteville with 84, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout tied for sixth with 62, eighth-place UW-River Falls with 40 and ninth-place UW-Superior with 14.

UW-La Crosse returns eight individuals that have combined to secure 10 first-place finishes in previous individual and relay events at the WIAC championship.

Senior Jonathon Doble has been a member of the victorious 4x400-meter relay team the last three seasons, while classmate Andrew Boldt won the 800-meter run a year ago and Dylan Randolph joined Doble on the 4x400-meter relay squad in 2006.

Two additional key returnees for the Eagles are juniors Bobby Riley and Jessie Dengsavang. Riley secured the shot put crown last year, while Dengsavang placed first in the triple jump.

UW-La Crosse's sophomore trio of Paul Moran, Alex Rooker and David Kolbe helped last year's winning effort. Moran earned the 10,000-meter run championship and Rooker was a participant on the victorious 4x100-meter relay team, while Kolbe was a member of the first-place 4x400-meter relay squad.

Additional returning WIAC champions include UW-Platteville senior Tyler Sigl has won three consecutive 1,500-meter run titles and also placed first in the 5,000-meter run a year ago to claim Track Performer of the Meet honors. He was joined on the award podium by classmate, Ben Zisis, who captured the 110-meter hurdles.

Pioneer seniors Cameron Klein and Kyle Stangel were members of the first-place 4x800-meter relay quartet in 2005.

UW-Stevens Point senior Kyle Steiner earned the decathlon title in 2007 and claimed the Field Performer of the Meet award.

UW-Whitewater senior Dan Hytinen won the discus a season ago, while UW-Superior senior Matt Kramer captured the 800-meter run in 2006.

Sophomores Jared Morris and Ben Wizner, along with senior Nate Boehlke and junior Willy Kaul return from UW-Oshkosh's first-place 4x800-meter relay group in 2007.

UW-Eau Claire seniors Ben Brossard and Adam Wolfe were members of the winning 4x800-meter relay team at the 2006 championship.

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