

Day One of WIAC Track & Field Championships In The Books

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - Despite a wet and rainy day, competition in day one of the 2008 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championship has been completed at Simpson Field.

UW-Oshkosh leads the nine-team field with 67.50 while UW-La Crosse, which won last year's crown, is currently in second with 67. Eau Claire has 50.50 for a third place spot, and River Falls holds fourth with 35 points. The rest of the institutions did not break 20 points.

Oshkosh's **Terri Schwamb** took home the top spot in the hammer throw with a distance of 191-05, an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying throw. The throw also marked a facility record, but came up just short of her own conference record that she set last season. **Rebecca Masephol**, also of Oshkosh, threw to a second place finish in the event with a 173-08, also an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying mark. Superior's **Sheri Niemeyer** took the third spot with a distance of 162-10.

In the pole vault, Stout's **Pam Sellberg** and La Crosse's **Alicia Ellingstad** took first and second, respectively, with heights of 12-0 1/2. Eau Claire's **Hayley Suckow** finished third with a height of 11-6 1/2.

In the long jump, La Crosse dominated, taking home the top three spots. **Caitlin Schetter** won with a leap of 19-2 1/2, an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying score and a facility record. **Katie Fondow** finished second with a distance of 17-10 3/4 while **Krista Kopesky** finished in third with a jump of 17-09.

Taking first in the javelin throw was River Falls' **Becky Ponick**, throwing 113-01. La Crosse's **Amanda Bly** came in second with a distance of 109-04, while Oshkosh's **Katie Kohn** threw 107-09 for a third place finish.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Eau Claire's **Hannah Humbach** brought home the championship with an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying time of 11:03.16. **Claudi Borlee**, also a member of the Blugolds, finished in second with a time of 11:26.71. Superiors' **Katie Rosburg** took third with a time of 11:31.78.

River Falls' **Becca Jordahl** won the 10,000-meter run with a time of 36:53.43, an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying time and facility record. **Elly Prunty** of Eau Claire took second with a 38:17.44 finish, while La Crosse's **Jenna Gerten** finished third with a time of 38:21.37.

In the 4x800-meter relay, Platteville took the top spot with a time of 9:06.06, a facility record. Oshkosh finished in second with a time of 9:22.13, and Eau Claire took third with a time of 9:25.94.

The WIAC Championships will conclude Saturday at Simpson Field. Events are set to begin at 8:30 a.m.

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