

Track & Field Complete Day One Of NCAA Championship

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OSHKOSH, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire track and field team had a number of members compete on day one of the 2008 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championship at J.J. Keller Field in Oshkosh.

Liz Faller (*Sr.-Marinette, Wis.*) advanced to the finals in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing with a time of 62.05 for third place in her heat. She had the eighth best time today to qualify for finals, which will take place Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

Bridget Wolfe (*Sr.-Arcadia, Wis.*) competed in four events today as part of the heptathlon. She began the day with the 100-meter hurdles where she took ninth place with a time of 15.43. Wolfe then took third place in the high jump with a leap of 5-3 $\frac{1}{2}$?. Later in the day she competed in the shot put where she took third with a throw of 36-7 $\frac{1}{2}$?. In the final heptathlon event of the day, the 200-meter dash, Wolfe placed 17th with a time of 27.63. She currently sits in 6th place overall with 2,811 points. Competition will wrap up Friday with the long jump, javelin and 800-meter run.

Hayley Suckow (*So.-Elk Mound, Wis.*) competed in the pole vault, which was one of only three final events today. She finished in 12th place with a height of 11-4 $\frac{1}{2}$?. Holly Rollins, a freshman from McMurry University, took home the title with a height of 12-10 $\frac{1}{2}$?.

Amy Morse (*Jr.-Kaukauna, Wis.*) participated in the discus throw. She did not advance to the finals in the event as she finished in 18th place with a throw of 132-9. Only the top nine advanced to the finals. Whitewater's Dana Thompson was the national champion in the event with a distance of 161-8, the longest throw in Division III this season.

Two relay teams, the 4x100-meter and the 4x400-meter relay teams, ran in preliminaries but neither advanced to finals. Faller, **Amy Bachinski** (*So.-Stevens Point, Wis./SPASH*), **Briana Berg** (*So.-Arcadia, Wis.*) and **Kjersten Holt** (*Sr.-Long Prairie, Minn./Grey Eagle*) ran in the 4x100-meter relay but their time of 48.05 for a third place finish in their heat came up just short of a qualification for finals. Faller, **Liz Kooistra** (*Jr.-Lakeville, Minn.*), **Laura Broner** (*Jr.-Madison, Wis./Memorial*) and **Corrina Saager** (*Fr.-Wausau, Wis./East*) competed in the 4x400-meter relay and finished fourth in their heat with a time of 3:52.46. The time was the 10th best, missing finals qualifying by one spot.

On the men's side, **Brian Christ** (*Sr.-Arcadia, Wis.*) finished sixth in his preliminary heat with a time of 54.40 in the 400-meter hurdles. His finish did not allow him to qualify for finals in the event.

The second day of the NCAA Championship will begin Friday at 1 p.m. in Oshkosh.

Day One Slideshow

Women's Results

Men's Results

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