

## Former Blugold Softball Stars To Face Team Usa

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - NCAA Division III National Champions **Casey Leisgang** (Sr. -*Seymour, Wis.*) and **Jill Janke** (Sr. -*Black River Falls, Wis.*) will compete against the nation's best when they take on Team USA on Tuesday in Stevens Point.

Team USA is currently on its 45-city nationwide pre-Olympic KFC Bound for Beijing Tour. The tour, which began in February and comes to an end in July, consists of 62 games played in 23 different states. Currently the team is in Illinois but will head to Wisconsin for a game against the Amateur Softball Association of America Regional All-Stars at Zenoff Park at 7 p.m. Tuesday, which Janke and Leisgang will be a part of.

Both are extremely honored and excited to take on Team USA before they head to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

"To have the opportunity to cap off our college careers with a National Championship and now to be sharing the field with Olympians is more than a player could ask for," Leisgang said.

"You see these amazing women growing up, wishing you could be just like them someday and it's crazy to think that I will be playing against them," Janke Said. "To play against the people you look up to and are the best of the best when it comes to your sport is awesome."

Blugold softball head coach Leslie Huntington is proud to have the two representing UW-Eau Claire.

"I am extremely proud of Casey and Jill for being selected to the All-Star team," Huntington said. "They have worked so hard during their careers and to be given an opportunity like this is such an honor."

This will be the fourth time Team USA has come to Stevens Point. The last time was in 2004, and Leisgang and Janke were both in attendance to watch. This year a sell-out crowd of almost 2,500 fans is expected.

The ASA Regional All-Stars will have their hands full, as Team USA is currently 43-1 on its tour. However, there is no doubt it will be a memorable experience for Leisgang, Janke and the rest of the All-Star team.

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