Women's Golf Takes Second At WIAC Championship

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ARKDALE, Wis. - After leading the first two rounds of the 2008 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship at Northern Bay Golf Resort and Marina, the UW-Eau Claire women's golf team fell short by three strokes to finish second out of eight teams.

UW-Stevens Point captured the WIAC crown with 822 strokes, while the Blugolds finished with 825. With the win, the Pointers claimed the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship that will be held at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., May 13-16, 2009.

UW-Whitewater completed the three-day championship in third place with 855 strokes. This year's league championship was originally scheduled for 54 holes, but reduced to 45 holes due to inclement weather during the final round.

Freshman **Katie Maurer** *(Forest Lake, Minn./Convent of the Visitation)* earned medalist honors at the championship, finishing with 194 strokes total. Her title marks the sixth straight season a Blugold has finished first in the WIAC Championship (Susan Karlman - 2003, Maggie Loney - 2004 & 2005, Torie Ives - 2006, Meghan Sobotta - 2007).

Torie Ives *(Jr.-Osseo, Wis./Osseo-Fairchild)* ended the 45-hole competition tied for second place overall with Stevens Point's Nacheynah Green, shooting a total of 202.

Lauren Gault *(Fr.-Shorewood, Wis.)* and **Katie Swift** *(So.-Onalaska, Wis.)* finished in a four-way tie for 10th place with 216 strokes total. **Sara Mattes** *(Fr.-La Crosse, Wis./Central)*, who golfed as an individual this weekend, and Stout's Molly Loney were the other two who finished tied for 10th.

Jamie Hauser *(Fr.-Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead)* and **Jess Spitzer** *(Fr.-Burlington, Wis.)* golfed as individuals and both shot 218 overall, tying for 14th place. **Emily Swift** *(Onalaska, Wis.)* completed the championship tied for 22nd with 224 strokes.

Blugold head coach **John Means** was also named the WIAC Coach of the Year, while UW-Whitewater's Diana Schmidt was the recipient of the WIAC Judy Kruckman Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Blugolds will be back in action next spring.

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