Track & Field Season Starts Friday

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's and women's track and field teams will open the 2009 indoor season tomorrow with their annual Blugold Open. Field events will get underway at 3:30 p.m. and track events will start at 4 p.m.

A season ago the Blugold men took first place out of five teams at the open while the women finished fourth out of eight teams.

The Blugold men return one individual indoor All-American, **Sam Johnson** *(Sr.-Deer Park, Wis./Amery)*, from a season ago as well as three out of four All-American 4x400-meter relay team members. The members of the relay team that took eighth place at nationals a year ago are **Tim Braunschweig** *(Jr.-Mukwonago, Wis.)*, **Justin White** *(Jr.-Arcadia, Wis.)*, and **Chris Kupfer** *(Sr.-Germantown, Wis.)*.

On the women's side, one individual indoor All-American returns for the Blugolds while five others also return who were a part of All-American relay teams. **Liz Kooistra** *(Sr.-Lakeville, Minn.)* ran on both relay teams that took All-American honors last year and also earned All-American honors in the 400-meter dash with a second place finish. **Hannah Humbach** *(Jr.-Madison, Wis./Abundant Life)*, **Laura Broner** *(Sr.-Madison, Wis./Memorial)*, **Mary Palmer** *(Sr.-Anoka, Minn.)* and Kooistra all received honors for a sixth place finish in the distance medley relay. **Corinna Saager** *(So.-Wausau, Wis./East)*, **Maria Peloquin** *(So.-Prescott, Wis.)*, Broner and Kooistra ran on 4x400-meter relay team that took seventh at nationals.

The Blugold Open scheduled for Friday is the only home meet the track and field team will compete in this year.

Men's Roster

Women's Roster

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