

Holforty, Miller Lead Wrestlers At UWEC Invite

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - **Josh Holforty** (Sr. -Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy) and **Andy Miller** (Sr. -Appleton, Wis./North) both picked up first place finishes in their respective weight classes as the UW-Eau Claire wrestling team took fifth place out of 11 teams at the 31st Annual UW-Eau Claire Invite today.

Augsburg, which is ranked first in NCAA Division III this season, won the invite with 131.5 points. Tenth-ranked UW-Stevens Point took second with 117.5 and No. 9 UW-La Crosse finished third with 76 points. UW-Parkside, which is ranked 12th in NCAA Division II, took fourth with 72 and the Blugolds finished fifth with 70. UW-Parkside's Luke Rynish was named the meet's outstanding wrestler after winning the 174-pound bracket.

In the 133 pound bracket, Miller took the top spot for Eau Claire. In the championship match he defeated Ridgewater's Jake Patnode with a 3-2 decision to earn the title. He used two other decisions to make it to the championship match.

Holforty was the other Blugold to win a bracket, taking first at 197 pounds. A year ago Holforty also won the weight class on his way to being named the meet's outstanding wrestler. Holforty, who is ranked fourth in the nation at 197 pounds, won a 4-1 decision over Stevens Point's Jeremy Fulk in the championship match. While he received a bye in the first round, he won his next two matches to make it to the championship round.

Andy Johnston (Jr.-St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech) and **Jon Ames** (Jr.-Genoa, Wis./Viroqua) each captured third-place finishes at 149 and 157 pounds, respectively. Johnston won with a 14-4 major decision over Whitewater's Cade Sarbacker in the third place match. Ames beat Whitewater's Corey Schmidt 10-8 in their third place match.

The Blugolds will be back on the mat next Saturday when they head to UW-Stevens Point for a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference dual meet. Action will get underway at 1 p.m.

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