Men's Track & Field Takes Second In Stevens Point

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STEVENS POINT, Wis. - The No. 9 UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team took second place out of 15 teams at the Eastbay Invite hosted by UW-Stevens Point Saturday.

The Blugolds scored 131.50 points, finishing just behind host and first place finisher UW-Stevens Point, which scored 207.50. The University of Minnesota-Duluth took third place during the invite with a score of 102.

In the 18 events that took place, the Blugold men had seven finishers in the top three places, with four of those being first place finishes. **Chris Wirtz** *(Jr.-Weston, Wis./D.C. Everest)* took first in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:52.97. In the weight throw competition, **Sam Johnson** *(Sr.-Deer Park, Wis./Amery)* finished first with a throw of 19.31 meters, the longest throw in NCAA Division III so far this season. When it came to the pole vault competition, **Nick Desotelle** *(Sr.-Weston, Wis./Schofield D. C. Everest)* vaulted to the top spot with a height of 4.45 meters while the men's 4x200-meter relay team crossed the finish line first with a time of 1:31.86.

The men's 4x400 meter relay team finished in second with a time of 3:21.99, missing the first place Stevens Point team, which finished with a time of 3:21.91. In the mile run, **Adam Flyte** *(Jr.-Fort Atkinson, Wis.)* crossed the line in a time of 4:19.94 with the first place finisher coming in at 4:19.88. In the shot put, **Tim Lauer** *(Jr.-Whitewater, Wis.)* took third pace with a distance of 14.74 meters.

The Blugold men will lace up their shoes again next Saturday against UW-Platteville in Platteville. The meet is set to begin at 10:30 a.m.

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