

# WIAC Wrestling Championship Scheduled For Sunday

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - This Sunday the UW-Eau Claire wrestling team will compete in the 2009 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, set to begin at 10 a.m. in Oshkosh.

The Blugolds, who finished the regular season with a 1-5 record in WIAC dual meet action, took fifth place out of seven teams a season ago at the championship. Whitewater, La Crosse, and Stevens Point finished as the top three teams, respectively, in the regular season standings this year and will look to be strong competitors once again. La Crosse has won the conference 11 consecutive seasons while Stevens Point has taken second the last six years, while all three are nationally ranked.

Eau Claire will be led at the championship by **Josh Holforty** (*Sr.-Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy*). A season ago Holforty, who is ranked eighth in NCAA Division III at 197 pounds, took third place in the 197 pound bracket and was selected to the NCAA Championship, where he earned All-American honors with a sixth place finish. Heading into the WIAC Championship, Holforty holds a 26-6 overall record.

**Andy Miller** (*Sr.-Appleton, Wis./North*) also finished third a season ago at the WIAC Championship at 133 pounds and finished the season with a 17-12 record. This season Miller has been very consistent for the Blugolds and currently has a 25-6 overall record. He enters the weekend on an eight-match winning streak.

Three other Blugolds who finished in sixth place or better last year at the championships return for Eau Claire. **Andy Johnston** (*Jr.-St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech*) will compete at 149 pounds, **Seth Hendricks** (*Jr.-Beloit, Wis./Turner*) at 165 pounds and **Jon Ames** (*Jr.-Genoa, Wis./Viroqua*) at 157 pounds.

Of the three, Johnston is competing the best at this point in the season. He currently holds a 24-8 overall record and has won his last five matches. Ames is 11-14 on the season while Hendricks is 5-13. Hendricks and Johnston both finished fifth a season ago at the WIAC Championship and Ames finished sixth.

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