

# Men's Track & Field Ready For WIAC Indoor Championship

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team will compete in the 2009 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championships this Saturday and Sunday in Menomonie.

The men's competition is scheduled to get underway at 11 a.m. in the multi-purpose room, Saturday, Feb. 28, while the women's meet will get started at approximately 3 p.m. On Sunday, March 1, the two meets will run together, with the first competition - the women's pentathlon - slated for 9 a.m. and the field events to begin at 11 a.m.

A one day pass for adults is \$5, while a student one day pass is \$4. A two day pass for adults is \$8, while a student pass is \$6. Children under 5-years-old are free.

Last season Eau Claire took sixth place out of nine teams at the championship. UW-La Crosse will look to defend its conference title. The Eagles have won the crown the last seven seasons. However, the Blugolds have had a strong showing this season and are ranked second in the nation, just behind UW-Oshkosh.

**Sam Johnson** (*Sr.-Deer Park, Wis./Amery*) will look to make a big impact in the weight throw this season at the championship. Last year he took fifth place but this year he leads the nation with a distance of 63-4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, almost three feet further than the next closest competitor. Johnson will also compete in the shot put. Last season he finished 14th in the event.

The Blugold men captured one conference title last year, taking first in the 4x200-meter relay. The team finished with a time of 1:30.85. This year the Blugolds have the fifth fastest time in the conference at 1:30.98.

This year's distance medley relay team has the second fastest time in the conference so far, finishing in 10:06.94.

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