

Women's Track And Field Takes Seventh At DIII Championship

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - The UW-Eau Claire women's track and field team took seventh place with 16 points at the 2009 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships today.

Wartburg College won the title with 51 points while UW-La Crosse took second with 41.5. UW-Oshkosh had a third place finish with 33 and the 2008 defending national champion Illinois Wesleyan University took home fourth place with 28 points. Tufts University finished fifth with 23 and North Central College was sixth with 18. Last season Eau Claire finished 11th at the meet.

Liz Kooistra (*Sr.-Lakeville, Minn.*) claimed the Blugolds' best finish of the day and earned All-American status in the process, taking third place in the 400-meter dash. She finished with a time of 56.79. Robin Yerkes of Roanoke College finished first in 56.09. A season ago Kooistra took second place in the event.

The Blugolds also won All-American honors in two other events with seventh place finishes. Kooistra, **Talisa Emberts** (*Fr.-Sussex, Wis./Sussex-Hamilton*), **Laura Broner** (*Sr.-Madison, Wis./Memorial*) and **Maria Peloquin** (*So.-Prescott, Wis.*) competed in the 4x400-meter relay and finished with a time of 3:54.69 to take seventh. **Mary Palmer** (*Sr.-Anoka, Minn.*) also had a seventh-place finish with a time of 17:17.04 in the 5,000-meter run. Elise Tropiano of Amherst College won the event with a time of 16:58.84 while Wartburg College won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:50.10.

Also competing at nationals today was **Brittany Frederick** (*Fr.-Green Bay, Wis./Preble*) in the shot put. She was one of 15 individuals to compete but with a distance of 13.22 meters (43-4 1/2) did not advance to the group of the final nine. Monique Riddick of Montclair State went on to win the shot put with a throw of 14.39 meters (47-2 1/2).

Up next for the Blugolds will be the outdoor track and field season. Competition for both the men and women begins March 28 at the Viking Olympics in Rock Island, Ill.

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