

Swimming & Diving To Host WIAC Relays Saturday

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire swimming and diving team will welcome its five conference opponents to the McPhee Physical Education Center Saturday morning for the annual Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Relays.

The event is set to kick off at 10:00 a.m. with the diving portion of the competition. This is the first year all of the diving events will be run continuously before the swimming events begin. Joining the Blugolds in competition will be Stevens Point, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Whitewater, and River Falls.

On the women's side last year, La Crosse was the winner with a team score of 160 points with Stevens Point coming in second with 116 points. The Blugolds followed the Pointers while Oshkosh, Whitewater, and River Falls rounded out the pack.

The Eagles set eight WIAC Relay records at last year's event in La Crosse. They now hold 12 of the 13 relay records for the meet. The Pointers hold the only record not owned by La Crosse, the 300-yard breaststroke relay record.

The 2004-05 Blugolds have dropped both dual meets this season but did finish second out of six teams at the Midwest Coed Relays and third of six at the St. Cloud State Invite. Eau Claire topped River Falls and Oshkosh at the Coed Relays but fell to Stevens Point in a dual meet.

At last season's WIAC Relays, the Pointers claimed the title with a team score of 144 points while host La Crosse finished second with 138 points. Oshkosh took third with a score of 76 followed by Eau Claire, Whitewater, and River Falls.

The Pointers set to meet records last season, topping record times in the 800-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay. The Blugolds still hold a trio of records, the 1500-yard freestyle set in 1981 and both diving events, set in 1981 and 1991.

The Eau Claire men have had some success this season, going 1-1 in dual meets. The Blugolds lost to Stevens Point but did top MSU-Mankato last weekend. Eau Claire took second place out of six teams at the Coed Relays and third place out of five teams in St. Cloud.

The meet is set to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the McPhee Physical Education Center.