

Women's Track And Field Takes Third At WIAC Championship

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OSHKOSH, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire women's track and field team finished third out of nine teams at the 2009 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championship at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium today.

UW-La Crosse claimed its third straight WIAC Title and 25th overall as it finished with 211 points. UW-Oshkosh took second with 181 while the Blugolds scored 146. UW-Stevens Point scored 94 while UW-River Falls finished with 78 for fifth.

For the second year in a row, **Liz Kooistra** (*Sr.-Lakeville, Minn.*) took home the conference title in the 400-meter dash. She finished with a time of 57.76, almost a second faster than the rest of the field. Kooistra also finished off the day with a second place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.31, a new school record and an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying time. Kooistra was also named the WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete of the Year following the meet.

The Blugolds also finished with another conference title as the 4x400-meter relay team of Kooistra, **Laura Broner** (*Sr.-Madison, Wis./Memorial*), **Talisa Emberts** (*Fr.-Sussex, Wis./Sussex-Hamilton*) and **Hayley Suckow** (*Jr.-Elk Mound, Wis.*) won the event with a conference record and NCAA Division III provisional qualifying time of 3:52.18.

Eau Claire also found its way to a Division III provisional qualifying time of 48.56 in the 4x100-meter relay while **Amy Morse** (*Sr.-Kaukauna, Wis.*) reached a provisional qualifying distance in the discus throw as she finished second with a toss of 42.37 meters (139).

In the high jump, **Julia Baranek** (*Fr.-Port Washington, Wis.*) took third with a height of 1.56 meters (5-1.25).

Julie Meis (*Sr.-Platteville, Wis.*) earned recognition as well today by being named to the WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team. Her best finish of the meet came yesterday as she took sixth in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 39:43.50.

The Blugolds will be back in action next Friday when they travel to Naperville, Ill. for the North Central Last Chance. Events are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Complete Results

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