Wrestling Competes at Lakeland Duals

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SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team opened up the 2009-10 season today by competing in the Lakeland Duals.

The Blugolds competed in five dual meets against the host school Lakeland College (Wis.), Trine University (Ind.), Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.), Milwaukee School of Engineering and Wabash College (Ind.).

In the first dual match against Lakeland, the Blugolds were defeated 37-9. In the second match, Eau Claire fell to Trine 44-6. The Blugolds were beaten by Concordia-Moorhead 42-0 in the third match, then fell to Wabash 46-3 and finished the day losing a close match, 28-18 to MSOE.

Against Lakeland, the Blugolds had two winners. At 149 pounds, **Andy Johnston** *(Sr.-St. Cloud, Minn./Tech)* pinned Nate Campbell in 1:42 and at 174, **Keith Dawson** *(So.-Neillsville, Wis.)* defeated Chris Collins by a score of 7-4.

Against Trine, Eau Claire again had two winners. At 125, **JT Bernstein** *(Jr.-Highland Park, Ill.)* defeated Brandon Harvey 8-4 and at 133, **Neil Manns** *(Fr.-Columbia Heights, Minn.)* won by forfeit.

Against MSOE, the Blugolds came away with four wins. At 141, **Joshua Baier** *(Fr.-Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Rosemount)* pinned Matt Weber at 6:04. At 157, **Jon Ames** *(Sr.-Genoa, Wis./Viroqua)* defeated Ferdinand Morales 6-4. At 174, Dawson defeated Adam Chauklin 5-1 and at 184, **Will Christ** *(So.-Shell Lake, Wis.)* pinned Caleb Staub in 0:39.

The Blugolds will be back in action on November 21 when the team travels to Minneapolis for the Augsburg Open. The event is set to begin at 9 a.m.