Men's Swimming & Diving Competes in Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's swimming team competed at the UW-River Falls Falcon Invite at the University of Minnesota while the diving team was at St. Cloud State (Minn.) for a diving meet Friday and Saturday.

Brett Olsen *(Sr.-New Berlin, Wis./West Allis Hale)* had the Blugolds' best finish at the swimming invite as he took second place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.25.

Recording third, fourth and fifth place finishes was **Ben Macalalad** *(Jr.-Wausau, Wis./East)*. He took third in the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:52.94), fourth in the 400-yard individual medley (4:32.50) and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle (4:53.00).

Jonathan Poppele *(So.-Maple Grove, Minn./Wayzata)* also competed well at the event as he had a fourth place finish and two fifth place finishes. He took fourth in the 200-yard individual medley (2:02.55) and fifth in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes with times of 57.51 and 2:01.70, respectively.

Corey Groshens *(Fr.-St. Louis Park, Minn./Hopkins)* had a fourth and fifth place finish in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes while **Chris Paradeise** *(Jr.-Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview)* finished the 1,650-yard freestyle in fifth place.

The 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relay teams took fifth place at the invite.

A few Blugolds were also in action at St. Cloud State's diving meet. **Nick Badilla** *(Fr.-Appleton, Wis./North)* led the group as he took fourth in both the one and three-meter events with 397.9 and 410 points, respectively.

The Blugolds will be at home next Saturday for a dual meet against UW-La Crosse. Action will get underway at 1 p.m. at the McPhee Physical Education Center.