

## Women's Swimming & Diving Third at WIAC Championship

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire women's swimming and diving team took third place out of six teams at the 2010 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship after three days of competition at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

UW-Stevens Point won the title, its first since 2007, with 878.5 points while UW-La Crosse scored 792 to take second. The Blugolds finished with 788.5, their most points since 2000 when they took second with 809, and UW-Whitewater took fourth with 367. UW-Oshkosh finished fifth with 236 points and UW-River Falls totaled 171 for sixth place.

Head Coach Art Brandt, who is in his second year, won coach of the year honors after helping the Blugolds steadily improve over the last few seasons. Last year the team scored 611 points while they finished with 529.5 the year before when he was an assistant coach.

**Nicole Dorvinen** (So.-Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port) captured her third individual conference title of this year's championship as she won the 200-yard butterfly with a conference and school record time of 2:07.30. She set the school record last season with a mark of 2:08.25 while the conference record has been held since 2005 by Elizabeth Miles of UW-La Crosse. **Hannah Ramquist** (Fr.-River Falls, Wis.) finished third in the same event.

**Kirsten Lickel** (So.-Madison, Wis./East), who won an individual conference title on day one of the championship, secured another crown today after winning the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:37.88. She finished more than 22 seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

**Casey Preissel** (Jr.-Wisconsin Dells, Wis.) also broke a school record in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:09.91. The previous record was 2:10.99, set by Alyssa Trainor last season, who finished fourth this year with a time of 2:10.17.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, **Julia Olson** (So.-Faribault, Minn.), **Megan Finley** (Jr.-Waunakee, Wis.), Preissel and Ramquist broke a school record with a time of 3:31.98, a half of a second faster than the old record.

Finley also had a third place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.63.

The Blugolds will now wait to find out who will be selected to this year's NCAA Division III Championship, which will be contested March 17-20 back at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.