

Women's Track & Field Takes Second at WIAC Championship

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PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - For the third year in a row, the UW-Eau Claire women's indoor track and field team took second place out of nine teams at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship.

The Blugolds finished with 119.5 points this year while they finished 144.5 last year and 158.5 the season before. UW-La Crosse won its fourth straight and 20th overall conference title, scoring 166.5. UW-Oshkosh was third with 118 while UW-River Falls scored 84 to take fourth. The WIAC Championship was contested at the Pioneer Activity Center at UW-Platteville.

Hannah Humbach (Sr.-Madison, Wis./Abundant Life) and **Hayley Suckow** (Sr.-Elk Mound, Wis.) each won conference titles in their events.

Humbach, who held the conference's top time of the season in the 3,000-meter run coming into the championship, won the crown in the event with a time of 10:23.19. **Alyssa Sybilrud** (So.-Savage, Minn./Burnsville) finished right behind her with a time of 10:23.82 while the next closest finisher came in eight seconds later.

In the pole vault, Suckow took home the title with a height of 3.73 meters (12-2.75). She has already qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship after reaching a height of 3.85 meters at the Platteville Open two weeks ago.

In another distance event, the one-mile run, Sybilrud and Humbach also did well, finishing second and third, respectively. Sybilrud finished with a time of 4:58.03 while Humbach had a time of 5:01.86. Both were NCAA Division III Championship provisional qualifying marks. **Margaret Ho** (So.-Wisconsin Rapids, Wis./Lincoln) also had a third place finish in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:09.12.

The Blugolds also did well in the relays with three teams taking third place.

In the 4x400-meter relay, **Talisa Emberts** (So.-Sussex, Wis./Sussex-Hamilton), **Corinna Saager** (Jr.-Wausau, Wis./East), **Erin Schoenfelder** (Fr.-Antioch, Ill./Antioch Community) and Suckow recorded a Division III provisional qualifying time of 3:59.30. The 4x200-meter team of Emberts, Schoenfelder, Saager and **Jordanne Greenup** (So.-Fridley, Minn.) finished with a time of 1:45.37 while **Kelly Palmer** (Jr.-Chanhassen, Minn./Chaska), **Bridget Sarafin** (So.-Stanley, Wis./Stanley-Boyd), **Taylor McMillan** (Fr.-Stoughton, Wis./Stoughton) and **Jenna Smith** (Jr.-Robbinsdale, Minn.) finished with a time of 12:44.61 in the distance medley relay.

Following the championship, Palmer was also named to the WIAC's All-Sportsmanship Team, which is chosen for individuals that displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

Next Saturday, the Blugolds will be in Stevens Point for the UW-Stevens Point Last Chance Meet. The following weekend the two-day NCAA Championship will be contested in Greencastle, Ind.