Gymnastics Takes Fourth at WIAC Championship

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ST. PETER, Minn. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire gymnastics team took fourth place out of eight teams with a season-best score of 180.325 at 37th annual Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship at Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.) today.

UW-Whitewater won it first conference title with a 185.475, edging UW-La Crosse, which had won 13 straight WIAC titles and 20 overall coming into the championship. The Eagles finished with 183.775 while Winona State University (Minn.) had 183.600 to take third. The top three teams automatically advance to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships, which will be held March 26-27 at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Danielle Schulzetenberg *(Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn.)* led the Blugolds as she took first place on the balance beam and claimed all-conference honors in two other events. Her score of 9.725 on the beam was a career-best. She also finished fourth in the floor exercise with a career-best 9.625 and sixth in the all-around competition with a 36.600, also a career-high.

Sarah Hulbert *(Jr.-Waukesha, Wis./North)* and **RachelAnn Anderson** *(Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn.)* also earned all-conference honors. Hulbert tied for fifth place on the vault with a 9.400 while Anderson recorded a career-high of 9.550 in the floor exercise to take sixth.

On the uneven bars, **Samantha Howard** *(Sr.-St. Paul, Minn./Henry Sibley)* had the Blugolds' best finish as she tied for 11th with a 9.000.

Following the conclusion of the championship, **Lanai Peer** *(So.-Prior Lake, Minn.)* was named to the WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team, which is chosen for individuals that displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

The Blugolds will now wait to see if any gymnasts are selected to the NCGA Championships.