Suckow Takes Third at NCAA Championship

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GREENCASTLE, Ind. (UWECBlugolds.com) - **Hayley Suckow** *(Sr.-Elk Mound, Wis.)* earned All-American status by taking third place in the pole vault on the final day of the 2010 NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championship at DePauw University's Indoor Tennis and Track Center today.

Suckow's height of 12-8 (3.86 meters) was just one inch shy of a school record, which is 12-9 (3.89 meters) set four years ago by Steph Barnes, a Blugold national champion in the pole vault. Barnes won her national title at the indoor championship in 2006 with a height of 12-7.5 (3.85 meters) while each of the last two seasons the national champion finished with height of 12-8 (3.86 meters). This year's winner, Anna Heim from Moravian College finished with a height of 13-7.75 (4.16 meters), a national meet record.

Also competing today for the Blugolds was **Brittany Frederick** *(So.-Green Bay, Wis./Preble)* in the shot put. Her toss of 42-7.5 (12.99 meters) in the first round was not good enough to allow her to advance to the finals. The top nine finishers after the first round out of the 15 competing make it to the final round. Alyssa Pirinelli of St. Lawrence won the national title with a throw of 48-0 (14.63 meters), almost two feet better than the rest of the field.

As a team, the Blugolds finished in 15th place while Wartburg College (Iowa) won the national title. UW-Oshkosh took second and St. Lawrence finished third.

The Blugolds will be off for the next two weekends and will open the outdoor season April 2 with the Oshkosh Invite.