

Seven Gymnasts Qualify for Nationals

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UWECBlugolds.com) - Seven UW-Eau Claire gymnasts have qualified for the 2010 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships, scheduled for March 26-27 at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

The group of seven gymnasts is the largest the Blugolds have sent to nationals since 2006 when the team last qualified. Eau Claire has been represented at the national meet each year since 1998 either by individuals or as a team.

Danielle Schulzetenberg (*Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn.*) will compete on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and the floor exercise as she qualified for the all-around competition. Schulzetenberg won a conference title this season on the balance beam while claiming all-conference honors in two other categories as she took fourth in the floor exercise and sixth in the all-around competition.

Molly Senske (*Fr.-Eden Prairie, Minn.*), **RachelAnn Anderson** (*Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn.*) and **Cece Solem** (*Fr.-Mendota Heights, Minn./Henry Sibley*) will each compete in two events at the national meet. Senske will participate on the vault and balance beam, Anderson will compete on the beam and in the floor exercise while Solem will compete on the vault and in the floor exercise. Anderson earned all-conference honors this year in the floor exercise as she took sixth.

Sarah Hulbert (*Jr.-Waukesha, Wis./North*) will make her second appearance at nationals as she competes on the vault this season. Last year she also participated on the vault at the national meet and finished in 18th place with a score of 9.425. She took fifth at the conference championships this season.

Rachel Behmer (*Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn./West Lutheran*) and **Samantha Howard** (*Sr.-St. Paul, Minn./Henry Sibley*) will both compete on the uneven bars at nationals as well. Howard had the Blugolds' best finish on the bars at the conference meet as she tied for 11th place.

Nationals will get underway March 26 as the teams and individuals compete. The top 14 finishers in each event will move on to compete in the final round Saturday.