Men's Track & Field Takes Second at Phil Esten Challenge

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LA CROSSE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's track & field team took second place out of seven teams at the Phil Esten Challenge at UW-La Crosse today.

The Blugolds finished with 180.50 points while the Eagles won with 259.50. In third place was UW-Stout with 138 and UW-River Falls was fourth with 51.

Eau Claire had 11 finishes of third place or better on the day.

The 4x100-meter relay team won with a time of 42.67, the Blugolds' top time in the event so far this season. The Blugolds also won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:23.56.

Individually, **Adam Flyte** *(Sr.-Fort Atkinson, Wis.)* had the top time in the 800-meter run as he finished in 1:55.48. **Corrie Floyd** *(Sr.-Whitewater, Wis.)* won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 57.51 while **Mitch Sebranek** *(So.-Hillsoboro, Wis./Hillsboro)* was second with a time of 57.96.

Also with second place finishes today were **Paul Hetke** *(Fr.-Chetek, Wis.)* in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:00.68, **Michael Borglin** *(Fr.-Whitewater, Wis.)* in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:50.00 and **Jae Erickson** *(Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Ashwaubenon)* in the pole vault with a height of 4.71 meters (15-5.5), an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark.

Taking third place spots were **Kirk Schmidt** *(Jr.-Athens, Wis.)* (long jump), **Austin Heath** *(So.-Viroqua, Wis.)* (100-meter dash) and Sebranek (110-meter hurdles).

The Blugolds will be in action again next weekend at four different meets.