

2010 Softball Award Winners Announced

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - UW-Eau Claire softball head coach Leslie Huntington has announced the team award winners for the 2010 season.

Katie Stalker (Sr.-Madison, Wis./La Follette) won the Most Valuable Player award. Stalker led Eau Claire this season with a .434 batting average (63-for-145), 39 runs and 113 assists. Her batting average ranked sixth best in the conference while her hit total is currently tied for second. She finished her career on top of the Blugolds' all-time stolen bases list with 75 (previous record was 67) after recording 33 stolen bases this year, one short of a school record, and was in the top five in a number of other career categories. Stalker also earned recognition this season on the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District 5 Second Team College Division, was named to the All-WIAC first team and was selected to the 2010 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III All-Region Great Lakes Team.

The Rookie of the Year was pitcher **Kassie Krummel** (Fr.-Walcott, Iowa/Durant). She had the Blugolds' second best ERA (3.14), pitching 109.1 innings. Krummel struck out 70 batters and recorded seven saves, a school record for most in a season, which also ties a school record for most in a career.

The Golden Glove award went to Stalker and **Emily Haluska** (Fr.-Stevens Point, Wis./SPASH), who finished with a .224 batting average and a .951 fielding percentage. Haluska recorded 46 putouts and 90 assists with just seven errors on the season.

Kaitly Acker (Jr.-Cross Plains, Wis./Middleton) won the Most Improved award and was a co-recipient of the Big Stick award with **Emily Muller** (So.-Lancaster, Wis.). Acker batted .280 and tied teammate **Jess Freagon** (So.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonell) for a team-best four home runs while also leading the Blugolds with 24 RBIs. Muller recorded a .276 batting average and had 21 RBIs, the second most on the team.

The Skeet Award was presented to **Samantha Weix** (Fr.-Elk Mound, Wis.), who played in 20 games, starting one. The Skeet Award is named after Mandy Freidel, who competed for the Blugolds from 2003 to 2006. Affectionately called "Skeet" by everyone in the program, Mandy truly embodied all that is Blugold Softball. Freidel started just 37 games in her career, including only five starts her senior year, but she played with a lot of heart and encouraged everyone around her.