Women's Swimming & Diving Tops Wildcats for First Victory

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire women's swimming & diving team picked up its first win of the season by outscoring visiting NCAA Division II University of Northern Michigan 141-101 today at the McPhee Physical Education Center.

En route to the victory, the Blugolds earned six first place finishes and a total of 27 top-three results.

Three Blugolds recorded multiple victories. **Julia Olson** *(Jr.-Faribault, Minn.)* earned the top spot in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.77 seconds and led a trio of Blugolds in the 100-yard freestyle in 54.57. Olson also teamed up with **Megan Finley** *(Sr.-Waunakee, Wis.)*, **Kirsten Lickel** *(Jr.-Madison, Wis./East)* and **Casey Preissel** *(Sr.-Wisconsin Dells, Wis.)* to claim first in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team's time of 3:44.86 was over 20 seconds faster than the Wildcats' second place effort.

Preissel added to the relay win with a victory in the 200-yard freestyle race after swimming a time of 2:01.07. She also finished second in the 200-yard backstroke.

Nicole Dorvinen *(Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port)* swam her way to first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:13.23 and the 500-yard freestyle after recording a 5:28.19. In the 500, Blugold swimmers **Angie Bakula** *(Jr.-Appleton, Wis./West)* and **Alaina Guns** *(Jr.-Conrath, Wis./Flambeau)* rounded out the top three with times of 5:39.47 and 5:43.65.

In diving, the Wildcats denied Eau Claire victories, but the Blugolds managed three solid placings. **Katrina Fitzgerald** *(So.-Farmington, Minn.)* led Eau Claire with a second place in the three-meter event and third place in the one-meter dive. **Becca Moos** *(So.-White Bear Lake, Minn./St. Agnes)* nabbed third place in the three-meter event.

The Blugolds will compete next Saturday in a triangular against UW-Stevens Point and St. Cloud State University (Minn). The events, hosted by Stevens Point, are set to begin at 1 p.m.