

# Women's Cross Country Wins Fourth Straight WIAC Championship

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COLFAX, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The 13th-ranked UW-Eau Claire women's cross country team won its fourth straight conference title at the nine-team Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship at Whitetail Golf Course today.

The Blugolds, who recorded their sixth overall conference title, finished with 43 points with three runners finishing in the top eight. Eau Claire also won conference crowns in 1984, 1985, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

UW-Stevens Point came in a close second, with 45 points, while UW-Oshkosh was third with 61. UW-La Crosse finished fourth with 103 points and UW-Platteville was fifth with 130. Coming in sixth was UW-Whitewater, followed by UW-Stout, UW-River Falls and UW-Superior.

UW-Oshkosh's Christina Cazzola won individual honors with a time of 22:15.96 in the 102-runner field. This is the second year in a row a runner from Oshkosh won the conference meet.

Leading the Blugolds was **Alyssa Sybilrud** (*Jr.-Savage, Minn./Burnsville*) with a time of 22:40.19 to take fourth. She also led the Blugolds a year ago, taking second place overall.

**Elly Prunty** (*Sr.-Antigo, Wis.*), who took ninth at last year's WIAC Championship, improved to take fifth this year with a time of 22:46.19.

**Margaret Ho** (*Sr.-Wisconsin Rapids, Wis./Lincoln*) was the next finisher for Eau Claire, taking eighth with a time of 22:49.33. She was also named the conference's Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete at the conclusion of the meet. Ho is the seventh Blugold to have won the honor in cross country in the award's 30-year history.

Rounding out the top five finishers for Eau Claire were **Madi Sawyer** (*Fr.-Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park*) and **Ashlyn Mauer** (*So.-Sheboygan Falls, Wis.*), finishing 12th and 14th, respectively.

**Teresa Coughlin** (*Jr.-Coon Rapids, Minn.*), who finished 28th at the meet, was named to the WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team

Next weekend the Blugolds will compete in the Luther College JV Cup in Decorah, Iowa. Friday's race will get underway at 3:40 p.m.