Women's Swimming & Diving Wins Big Over River Falls

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire women's swimming & diving team never relinquished a single first place finish en route to a blowout 120-27 win over UW-River Falls today at the McPhee Physical Education Center.

In the 11 individual events, 10 different Blugolds earned wins. **Katrina Fitzgerald** *(So.-Farmington, Minn.)* was the only Eau Claire participant to earn multiple individual wins, as she recorded top-scoring dives in both the one and three-meter competitions.

Alaina Guns *(Jr.-Conrath, Wis./Flambeau)* picked up the victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle race, with her time of 11:30.32 just beating out second-place finisher **Amy Stewart** *(Sr.-South Milwaukee, Wis.)*.

Julia Olson *(Jr.-Faribault, Minn.)* raced to first in the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 24.54 seconds and **Megan Finley** *(Sr.-Waunakee, Wis.)* laid down a 55.55 to pick up the top spot in the 100-yard freestyle. Grace Fair with a time of 2:03.37 and Nicole Freeman with a swim of 5:35.27 picked up respective wins in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle competitions.

Emily Behrens *(Fr.-Faribault, Minn.)* added to the Eau Claire victories by swimming a 2:24.99 in the 200-yard individual medley. **Sara Eggebrecht** *(So.-Abbotsford, Wis./Colby)* also notched a win in the 200-yard backstroke and **Kirsten Lickel** *(Jr.-Madison, Wis./East)* grabbed the victory in the 200-yard breaststroke competition. **Nicole Dorvinen** *(Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port)* swam a 2:11.22 to beat the competition in the 200-yard butterfly race.

The Blugolds also dominated the relays, sweeping the top five spots in the 200-yard medley relay and the first six in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Preissel, Dorvinen, **Maggie Reilly** *(Fr.-Saint Michael, Minn./St. Michael-Albertville)* and **Kristin Peters** *(Fr.-Farmington, Minn.)* swam the medley in just 1:56.25 while the quartet of Dorvinen, Behrens, Olson and Fair recorded a time of 1:44.25 in the freestyle for first places.

Tomorrow, the Blugolds will travel to compete in the UW-La Crosse Relays. Competition is set to begin at 1 p.m.