Men's Track and Field Strong at Triangular

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PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team showed its early-season strength at the UW-Platteville Triangular today in Williams Fieldhouse.

Though no team scores were kept, individual Blugolds recorded seven leading times and 14 top-three finishes along with competitors from host UW-Platteville and UW-Stevens Point.

On the track, Eau Claire had an especially strong showing in the 200-meter dash, with five Blugolds finishing among the top 10 competitors. A pair of freshmen, **Henry Darling** *(Fr.-Austin, Minn.)* and **Seth Friedrich** *(Fr.-Pine Island, Minn.)* claimed the top two spots with respective times of 23.02 and 23.08 seconds while **Patrick Mackin** *(Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame Academy)* crossed the line just hundredths of a second back at 23.12.

The Blugolds also put down the quickest two times in the 3,000-meter run; **Tom Breitbach** *(Jr.-Muskego, Wis.)* laid down an 8:36.94 and **Aaron Easker** *(So.-Eland, Wis./Wittenberg-Birnamwood)* followed with a time of 8:39.22. Eau Claire also led the field in the 55 meter hurdles with **Patrick Keyes'** *(Sr.-Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine)* time of 7.85 seconds, the 1-mile run with **Jake Zander's** *(Sr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonell)* 4:25.32 effort, and in the 4x400 meter relay with Team A's time of 3:24.43.

In the field, Eau Claire swept the top two positions in two events. In the triple jump, **Logan Koerten** *(Sr.-Plover, Wis./SPASH)* recorded a leading attempt of 13.87 meters (45-6.25) while **Jon Gillespie** *(So.-Altoona, Wis.)* made a 13.54 meter jump (44-5.25). **Tony Sigrist** *(Jr.-Byron, Minn.)* and **Tyler Genovese** *(Jr.-Stevens Point, Wis./SPASH)* led the field with weight throw efforts of 17.01 meters (55-9.75) and 16.55 meters (54-3.75).

Next Saturday, the Blugolds will travel to Menomonie for the Warren Bowles Open. The meet is scheduled to begin at 12 p.m.