

Men's Track & Field Competes at Warren Bowlus Open

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MENOMONIE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's track & field team often paced the field, recording several of the top efforts today at the Warren Bowlus Open in Menomonie.

Patrick Mackin (Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame Academy) found success in the track events, leading the field with a 1:23.73 in the 600-meter run. The Blugolds packed the field in the 55-meter hurdles competition, with three Blugolds accounting for the eight participants in the finals. **Patrick Keyes** (Sr.-Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine) put down the fastest time of the Blugolds and second overall with a 7.81.

The Blugolds also represented a large portion of the field in the 55-meter dash, with another three Eau Claire runners qualifying for the seven-person finals. **Jacob Dennis-Oehling** (Fr.-Whitewater, Wis.) paced the Blugolds with a fourth-best time of 6.69.

Eric Pronschinske (So.-Arcadia, Wis.) and **Kirk Schmidt** (Sr.-Athens, Wis.) were also top Blugold performers, laying down the respective third and fourth best times in the 1,000-meter run and the 200-meter dash. The Eau Claire A team also recorded the fifth best time with an effort of 3:37.89 in the 4x400-meter relay.

In the field competitions, the Eau Claire dominated the shot put. Blugolds recorded the top four throws, led by **Tony Sigrist** (Jr.-Byron, Minn.) with an effort of 15.03 meter (49-03.75). **Tyler Genovese** (Jr.-Stevens Point, Wis./SPASH), **Joe Lilek** (Jr.-Tomahawk, Wis.) and **Derek Waterstreet** (So.-Brussels, Wis./Southern Door) followed with respective throws of 14.43 (47-04.25), 13.87 (45-06.25) and 13.78 meters (45-02.50).

Also in the field events, **Mike Kosiak** (So.-Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View) picked up the fifth best attempt in the pole vaulting event with an effort of 4.3 meters (14-01.25).

Next up, the Blugolds will travel to Stevens Point for the UW-Stevens Point Multi on Friday and the Pointer Open on Saturday. Friday's event is set to begin at 1 p.m.