

Women's Track & Field Breaks Records with Last Chance Events

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LA CROSSE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - Participating in two last chance competitions, the UW-Eau Claire women's track & field team picked up two automatic qualifications and broke two school records this weekend while preparing for the upcoming NCAA Division III National Championships.

Blugolds competed in the North Central College (Ill.) Last Chance event Thursday and Friday. The team also sent athletes to the first of two La Crosse Last Chance competitions Friday afternoon.

Ashlyn Mauer (So.-Sheboygan Falls, Wis.) and **Brittany Frederick** (Jr.-Green Bay, Wis./Preble) both made automatic qualifying cuts. Mauer, participating in the North Central event, crossed the line second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. She finished with a time of 10:40.87, surpassing the automatic mark by over two seconds.

Frederick competed at the La Crosse event and punched her ticket to Nationals with a throw of 13.87 meters (45-06.25) in the shot put. Frederick demolished a school record, surpassing the 13.42 standard set in 1989. Frederick also earned a provisional qualification in the discus throw with an effort of 44.32 meters (145-03) and just missed the provisional mark in the hammer toss by .02 meters.

Blugolds earned provisional qualifications in five other events. One team of Blugolds set a new school record in the 4x100 relay. The Eau Claire A team, competing at La Crosse, surpassed a provisional mark with a time of 47.81. This inched ahead of the 2008 school record of 47.84.

Kim Miresse (Jr.-Waukesha, Wis./North) and **Erin Schoenfelder** (So.-Antioch, Ill./Antioch Community) both completed the 100-meter hurdle race with times quicker than the provisional mark. Miresse led the La Crosse field with a time of 14.74 and Schoenfelder followed in third with a result of 14.83.

Maria Peloquin (Sr.-Prescott, Wis.) and **Lindsey Haller** (Jr.-Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead) beat provisional marks in their respective events as well. Peloquin completed the 800-meter race at North Central in just 2:13.07. Haller produced the second-best shot put effort at La Crosse with a length of 13.21 meters (43-04.25).

Eau Claire will have additional opportunities to qualify for national competition next week. Beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Blugolds will compete in the second La Crosse Last Chance. On Friday, the team will travel to Oshkosh for the final last chance event before the NCAA Championships the following weekend.