

Men, Women Swimmers & Divers Take Third In Whitewater

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WHITEWATER - The UW-Eau Claire men's and women's swimming and diving teams wrapped up third place finishes at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, as the three-day event concluded here today at the Williams Center Pool.

The Blugold men finished with a team score of 733 while UW-Stevens Point emerged victorious with a score of 1,328. UW-La Crosse claimed second place with a score of 1,013 while UW-Whitewater was fourth with 602 points. UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls rounded out the field with scores of 463 and 370 respectively.

Once again the Blugold men were led by the diving duo of **Scott Heatwole** (*Jr.-Port Washington*) and **Bryan Dykstra** (*Fr.-Racine/Horlick*). Heatwole won the three-meter diving event with a score of 472.95. Dykstra earned second in the event with a score of 469.80. Both scores are good for enough to qualify for national competition.

The top individual finish on the swimming side came from **Mike Carroll** (*Sr.-Green Lake*), who took fourth place in the 200-yard butterfly event. Carroll finished in a time of 1:59.91, a personal season high and the best time in the event all year by a Blugold. Carroll's time of 2:04.22 on December 11 was the fastest until his mark today.

Eau Claire also got a third place finish from its 400-yard freestyle relay team. The team finished the event in a time of 3:17.64.

The Blugold women posted a team score of 777.50 but were far behind the top two teams. La Crosse held off Stevens Point to win with a score of 1,297.50 while the Pointers finished with a score of 1,247. Oshkosh finished in third at 466, River Falls fourth with 361 and Whitewater bringing up the rear with 355 points.

Cori Severson (*Jr.-Brainerd, MN*) led the Blugolds with a second place finish in the 100-yard freestyle event. Her time of 53.21 is good for a B-cut qualification into national competition and is the best time by a Blugold this season. Severson topped her old mark of 54.03, set on October 29.

Eau Claire also got a fourth place finish from **Emmie Lee** (*Fr.-Zimmerman, MN/Elk River*), who posted a time of 2:12.86 in the 200-yard backstroke event. The time is the best of the season for a Blugold.

The women's 400-yard freestyle relay team grabbed third place with a time of 3:41.69. The time is the best relay time of the season.

The Blugolds will now wait to see which individual will be heading to national competition, held March 10-12 in Holland, Michigan.

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