

# Women's Track To Compete In WIAC Championships

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's indoor track and field team is set to compete in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, held this Friday and Saturday in Platteville.

The event will take place in the Williams Fieldhouse and is set to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. The final event on Friday is set for 7:00 p.m. The championships will continue on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with the presentation of team and special awards at 5:15 p.m. The top 24 conference finishers in each event throughout the year will qualify for competition in that event.

**Jen Stafslie** (*Sr.-Onalaska/West Salem*) brings in provisional qualifications for national competition in three different events. She has provisionally qualified in the long and triple jumps as well as the 55-meter hurdles. Her time of 8.45 seconds in the hurdles is the best in the conference while teammate **Liz Faller** (*So.-Marquette/Luther College*) is third with a time of 8.59 seconds. Stafslie has the second best jump in the WIAC in both the long jump and triple jump, behind UW-Stout's Laura Verdegan in each event. Stafslie has a distance of 5.40 meters (17-8?) in the long jump and 11.39 meters (37-4?) in the triple jump.

**Ashley Nelson** (*Sr.-Darwin, MN/Litchfield*) will be competing in five different events, including both the long and triple jumps. She has the 11th best distance in conference this season in both events. Nelson will also be competing in the 200-meter dash, an event that she has the ninth best time in conference at 26.91 seconds. She will compete in the 55-meter dash as well after posting the 10th best time in the WIAC at 7.54 seconds. **Kelly Sprague** (*So.-Mankato, MN/East*) will also compete in the 55-meter dash. She had the eighth best time in conference this season with a time of 7.53 seconds. Nelson will also compete in the 4x200-meter relay event.

**Christina Locke** (*So.-Racine/Horlick*) will look to represent the Blugolds in the mid-distance events. Locke has the seventh best time in the conference in the mile run at 5:17.55 and the ninth best time in the 800-meter run at 2:21.33.

While Locke works on the mid-distance events, **Molly Warner** (*Fr.-Mosinee*) will look for strong showings in the long distance events. Warner's time of 18:38.31 in the 5,000-meter run is the fourth best time in the WIAC this season while her time of 10:42.23 in the 3,000-meter run is the eighth best time this year.

**Stephanie Barnes** (*So.-Sauk City/Sauk Prairie*) and **Jessica Owens** (*Fr.-Elm Grove/Brookfield East*) bring high hopes of victories in field events to the competition this weekend. Barnes has the conference's best height in the pole vault this season at 3.66 meters (12-0) while Owens has the third best high jump this year at 1.65 meters (5-5). Both marks are good for provisional qualification to next weekend's national competition.

**Kristi Hansen** (*Sr.-Rosemount, MN*) will look for a win in the 400-meter dash. She has the eighth best mark in the WIAC this season at 1:00.67.

The action will begin Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Williams Fieldhouse in Platteville.

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