Schuna Set For Nationals this Weekend

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EAU CLAIRE - **John Schuna** *(Sr. -Hudson)* will represent the UW-Eau Claire men's indoor track and field team this weekend at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, where he will compete in both the shot put and the weight throw.

The event begins Friday and concludes Saturday at Illinois Wesleyan University in Decatur, Illinois. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. each day. The weight throw is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday while the shot put event is set to take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Schuna comes into the weekend with the second best distance in the shot put this season at 17.58 meters (57-8 ?). He marked the distance on January 29 at the UW-Whitewater Invitational. The throw is just short of Cody Brotherton's nation-best distance of 17.61 meters (57-9 ?). Brotherton is out of McMurry University (TX).

Schuna grabbed five first-place finishes in the shot put even this season. He also took second at the UW-Platteville Open, the season-opener for the Blugolds on January 15. He took fifth at the indoor nationals last season in the shot put.

The senior Blugold has more work to do in the weight throw for a strong national finish, as he comes in with the nation's 13th best throw this year. The throw came on February 18 at the Blue Devil Open, where he launched a throw of 17.63 meters (57-10 ?). Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent Kevin Becker out of UW-La Crosse has the nation's best distance in the weight throw at 20.60 meters (67-7). Schuna posted five top-two finishes in the weight throw this season, including four victories.

The NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships are set to kick off this Friday at 10:30 a.m.

NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships Web site

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