

stafslie Shines At Falcon Invitational

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RIVER FALLS - **Jen Stafslie** (Sr. -Onalaska/West Salem) won two events and took third in another as the UW-Eau Claire women's track and field team kicked off its outdoor season at the Falcon Invitational here today in River Falls.

No team scores were kept for the event. Stafslie won the 100-meter hurdles event, posting a time of 15.66 seconds. Teammate **Liz Faller** (So.-Marinette) finished runner up in the event. Stafslie also took first place in the long jump with a distance of 5.65 meters (18-6 ?), exactly five and a half inches further than the runner up. Stafslie was the conference champion in the 100-meter hurdles last season and finished third in the event at nationals. The Blugold jumper also took third place in the triple jump today with a distance of 10.89 meters (35-8 ?). The distance was less than six inches shy of the event winner.

Stephanie Barnes (So.-Sauk City/Sauk Prairie) continued her phenomenal season with another win in the pole vault competition. Barnes finished third in the event at indoor national competition. She cleared a height of 3.71 meters (12-2) today for the victory.

Kristi Hansen (Sr.-Rosemount) earned a win in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:00.43. The time was 6/100ths of a second better than the runner up.

The lone other Blugold win came in the 4x100 meter relay, where Eau Claire took both first and second place. The winning team finished in a time of 50.45 seconds.

Ashley Nelson (Sr.-Darwin, MN/Litchfield) and **Breanna McMullen** (Sr.-Fall Creek) each brought home second place finishes on the day. Nelson finished runner up in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.59 seconds while McMullen was second in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.05.

Paula Crossfield (So.-Madison/East) grabbed the only other top-three finish for the Blugolds, picking up third place in the discus throw. She posted a distance of 39.20 meters (128-7) in the event.

The Blugolds will be back in action next Saturday when they host the UWEC Invite at Simpson Field at 10:30 a.m.

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