

Men's Golf Finishes 10th At Nationals

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HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, Fla. - The UW-Eau Claire men's golf team improved on last year's 11th place finish at nationals with a 10th place finish at the NCAA Division III National Championships concluded here today at Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort.

The Blugolds matched their third round score of 306 today to finish the tournament at an 80-over 1232. The 10th place finishes equals the Blugolds finish in the 2003 national championships.

Derek Pirkl (*Jr.-Stoughton*) and **Mike Greer** (*So.-White Bear Lake, MN*) placed the highest for the Blugolds tying for 26th place. Pirkl shot a 6-over 78 today to finish the tournament at 18-over. He struggled with a 5-over on the front nine but shot a 1-over on a back nine that included two birdies.

Greer shot a 4-over 76 to finish the championship at 18-over. Greer birdied the first hole but followed with a double bogey. He finishes with pars on 10 of the last 11 holes.

Grant Lissick (*Jr.-Vadnais Heights, MN/White Bear Lake*) had one of the best rounds of the day with a 1-over 73. Lissick birdied three holes with two bogeys and one double bogey in tying for 53rd.

Tyler Leis (*So.-Reedsburg*) shot an 11-over 83 today to finish the tournament at 29-over and in a tie for 71st.

Aaron Olson (*Sr.-Chetek*) shot a 7-over 79 for the second consecutive round to finish at 34-over and tied for 89th.

Guilford College took first place with a 22-over 1174. The University of Redlands came in second with an 1199 followed by Greensboro College with a 1205. Guilford featured the top golfers of the championship. Colin Clark and Dave Patterson each shot 2-over for the tournament to tie for the individual crown.

Eau Claire finishes the year with a record of 122-42-3.

Final Team Leaderboard

Final Individual Leaderboard

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