

# Women's Tennis Prepares For WIAC Championships

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MADISON - The UW-Eau Claire women's tennis team will try to regain the dominance it once had at the WIAC Tennis Championships this Saturday and Sunday in Madison.

The Blugolds had won 10 consecutive tournament titles up to the 2002 season. The Blugolds then had that streak snapped by UW-La Crosse in 2003 when the Blugolds finished a close second to the Eagles. The Blugolds finished tied for third in last year's tournament.

The Blugolds come into the tournament with a 4-2 conference dual meet record and finished third in the conference during the regular season. The Blugolds are either seeded third or fourth in every flight.

**Katie Kuzma** (*Sr.-Buffalo, MN*), the fourth seed at one singles, will look to improve from last year when she finished third overall in the No.1 singles bracket.

**Kristie Carlson** (*So.-Arden Hills, MN/Mounds View*), who is seeded third at two singles, had the best result last year of all the Blugolds when she took second in the No.2 singles and No.3 doubles brackets.

No.3 singles player **Liz Deprey** (*So.-Green Bay/Notre Dame*) and No.4 singles player **Molly Hunt** (*Jr.-Owatonna, MN*) are each seeded third in their respective brackets. **Alli Taplin** (*Jr.-Dayton, MN/Champlin Park*) at five singles and **Laura Geissler** (*Jr.-Coon Rapids, MN*) at six singles are each seeded fourth.

The Blugolds' doubles teams are all seeded third. The No.1 doubles team of Kuzma and Geissler will look to improve from a fourth-place finish last year. Kuzma and Geissler just missed the consolation title earlier this year at the ITA Midwest Championships. Carlson and Hunt will compete at two doubles and Deprey and **Kristin Neuman** (*So.-Green Bay/Ashwaubenon*) will compete at three doubles.

UW-Whitewater is the defending champs of the tournament and holds the top three seeds in singles competition this year. The Warhawks went 6-1 this season in conference dual meets with their only loss coming to La Crosse. The Eagles, who went 7-0 in dual meets, will look for their second tournament crown in three years.

The championships get underway Saturday starting approximately at 12:40 p.m. and then continuing Sunday at 9 a.m. All of the matches will take place at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

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