Women's Tennis Finishes Third For Second Straight Year

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MADISON - The UW-Eau Claire women's tennis team finished third at the WIAC Tennis Championships for the second consecutive year today in Madison.

The Blugolds came into today tied for second with UW-Whitewater, following the doubles portion of the tournament yesterday.

Molly Hunt *(Jr.-Owatonna, MN)* finished second for the Blugolds at No.4 singles losing to Erin Fekete of La Crosse in championship 6-4, 6-3. Hunt started out by defeating Jenna Abbott of Oshkosh 6-1, 6-4. She then defeated second-seeded Maggie Seitz of Whitewater 6-3, 6-0 to advance to the championship.

Liz Deprey *(So.-Green Bay/Notre Dame)* at No. 3 singles came away with third place for the Blugolds. In her first match she defeated Andrea Nauer of Oshkosh in three sets 1-6, 7-5, 6-3. She then lost to the eventual champion, Erica Schmelzer of La Crosse 6-2, 6-1. Deprey then came back and defeated Jodie Czech of Stout in another three-setter 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 to take third place.

UW-La Crosse came away with the title after claiming three of the six singles titles and all of the doubles titles. It was La Crosse's second title in three years.

UW-La Crosse head coach Bill Hehli was voted the Coach of the Year by the league coaches for the second time in his career. UW-River Falls' Megan Knobloch received the Judy Kruckman Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete Award.

Final team scores: 1) La Crosse 59, 2) Whitewater 53, **3) Eau Claire 44**, 4) River Falls 36, 5) Stout 24, 6) Stevens Point 19, 7) Oshkosh 17.

Results

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