Men's Cross Country Prepared For WIAC Championships

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SUPERIOR - This Saturday the UW-Eau Claire men's cross country team's season will peak at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, held on the Nemadji Golf Course in Superior.

The men run at noon, one hour after the women's meet. The Blugolds had their best meet at home this season, where they took sixth overall with 142 points. There were 15 teams competing.

The top runners this season for Eau Claire have been the Hall brothers, Kevin and Nate. **Kevin Hall** *(Fr.-Green Bay/Preble)* has placed first once, second twice and third once for the team. His highest place was 24th at the home Blugold Open. He ran the fastest 8-K race of his season in 27:04 at the Jim Drews Invite in La Crosse. **Nate Hall** *(Sr.-Green Bay/Preble)* has placed first once, second twice and fourth once for the Blugolds. His top spot was 23rd at the Blugold Open. 27:05 was his time in the Jim Drews Invite, the top 8-K race for Nate Hall.

Adam Wolfe *(So.-Marshfield)* also came through big in the home meet, capturing the only top-20 finish of the large meets with a 19th place finish overall and first for the team. Wolfe took the third spot on the team at the Jim Drews Invite, running 27:04. **Brent Kann** *(Fr.-Rice Lake)* was first in the Jim Drews Invite for the team and 106th overall. That was a 26:59 race. He has marked his season with a third place and two fifth place finishes for the team as well. **Jules Miller** *(So.-Green Bay/East)* finished third for the team and 48th out of all runners at the Midwest Collegiate Championships in Kenosha, while also garnering a pair of fourth place finishes this season. His top 8-K time is 27:26.

The Blugolds face stiff competition from their WIAC opponents. UW-La Crosse is ranked second nationally by the NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association and won the title last year with 36 points. Nate Hoffman, who finished in fifth place last year, returns. Mark Creger, who finished eighth last year, returns as well to defend La Crosse. UW-Oshkosh is ranked seventh and UW-Platteville is ranked 25th. Platteville's Tyler Sigl captured the third place spot last year.

The action begins at noon this Saturday in Superior.