

## 2008 WIAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship Preview

For the past 23 years, UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh have dominated the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship with the Eagles winning 12 titles and the Titans 11 first-place trophies.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the WIAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship will run in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual WIAC Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship Friday through Saturday (Feb. 29 - March 1). The daily schedule begins at 11:30 a.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

UW-La Crosse has claimed 17 championships in program history and won last year's meet with 205 points, while UW-Oshkosh placed second with 134.50.

UW-Eau Claire finished third with 123 points. Trailing the Blugolds were fourth-place UW-River Falls with 81.50 points, fifth-place UW-Platteville with 59, sixth-place UW-Stevens Point with 56, seventh-place UW-Superior with 18, eighth-place UW-Stout with 15 and ninth-place UW-Whitewater with 10.

Plenty of new individual champions will be crowned this season with only two first-place winners returning from last year's competition. UW-La Crosse junior **Katie Fondow** earned the long jump title, while UW-Oshkosh sophomore **Sue Trzebiatowski** won the shot put crown.

In the relay events, UW-La Crosse seniors **Whitney Franklin** and **Abby Lien** both own a pair of titles. Franklin was a member of the first-place 4x200-meter relay team in 2005 and 2007, while Lien captured first-place medals in the 4x400-meter relay in 2005 and 2006.

Junior **Caitlin Perra** and senior **Katie Steingraeber** joined Lien on the winning team in 2006. Steingraeber and sophomore **Sara Duchow** teamed with Franklin a year ago.

UW-Eau Claire juniors **Laura Broner** and **Liz Kooistra** competed on the winning 4x400-meter relay squad that established a conference meet record last season.

UW-River Falls claimed the first relay title in school history during last year's festivities, winning the distance medley relay. Sophomore **Leah Korf**, along with seniors **Shannon Zweifel** and **Amanda Kozicky** were members of the victorious team.

#####