

Pointers Splash To Lead At Men's Swimming and Diving Championship

BROWN DEER, Wis.--Nine-time defending league champion, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point leads the field following the first day of competition at the 2009 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Men's Swimming and Diving Championship. The meet is being held at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center.

The Pointers won four titles and accumulated 285 points to surpass UW-La Crosse's second-place total of 247.50 points. UW-Eau Claire is third with 156.50 points, while UW-Whitewater is fourth with 155, UW-Oshkosh fifth with 73 and UW-River Falls sixth with 57.

UW-Stevens Point's Chase Gross won the 50-yard freestyle for the third time in his career with a conference-meet record time of 20.16. He also won the event in 2006 and 2008.

Rob Donisch place first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:53.61.

The Pointers captured both relay titles with WIAC meet record performances. They claimed the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:22.60 and the 400-yard medley relay in 3:20.98.

UW-La Crosse's Justin Dembski was victorious in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:36.47, while UW-Oshkosh's Phil Devine secured the one-meter diving crown with 491.45.

Day One Champions:

50-Yard Freestyle: Chase Gross (UW-Stevens Point), 20.16*

500-Yard Freestyle: Justin Dembski (UW-La Crosse), 4:36.47

200-Yard Individual Medley: Rob Donisch (UW-Stevens Point), 1:53.61 One-Meter

Diving: Phil Devine (UW-Oshkosh), 491.45

200-Yard Freestyle Relay: UW-Stevens Point, 1:22.60* 400-Yard Medley Relay: UW-Stevens Point, 3:20.98*

*Conference Meet Record