

Wrestling Names Team Award Winners

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - UW-Eau Claire wrestling head coach Russ Peloquin has announced the team award winners for the 2010-11 season.

Joe Pitsch (*Jr.-Oshkosh, Wis./North*), who wrestled at heavyweight, was named MVP. He finished the season with an overall record of 14-16, winning six times by pinning his opponent. At the WIAC Championship, he took fourth place.

Matthew Rieckhoff (*Fr.-Wausau, Wis./D.C. Everest*) earned rookie of the year honors. He took fifth place at the WIAC Championship, wrestling at 184 pounds, and finished the season with a mark of 6-18. Three of his victories came by fall.

The hardest worker award went to **Craig Eckelberg** (*Jr.-Tomah, Wis.*). He wrestling 16 times this season and had a major decision victory of 15-4 early in the season. Eckelberg primarily wrestled at 165 pounds this season but also competed at 174 a couple times.