

Men's Golf Tied for 13th After Round One at Nationals

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's golf team is tied for 13th place out of 40 teams after day one of the 2011 NCAA Championship at Grandover Resort & Conference Center.

Eau Claire started the day strong and finished well, shooting 299 (+11). The Blugolds are just 13 strokes behind the leaders, Oglethorpe University (Ga.) and Saint John's University (Minn.), who both shot 286 (-2). Emory University (Ga.) is in third with 289 strokes.

Leading the Blugolds were **Jimmy Hutchings** (*Jr.-Hudson, Wis.*) and **Tim McCormick** (*So.-Madison, Wis./Memorial*), who both finished with 72 strokes to tie for 21st in the 205-golfer field.

Jamie Krula (*Jr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./Chi-Hi*) had the third-best score for the Blugolds with 76 strokes (tied for 77th) while **Loren Churness** (*Sr.-Durand, Wis.*) had 79 (tied for 124th) and **Ben Brooks** (*Fr.-Beaver Dam, Wis.*) finished with 80 (tied for 142nd).

Oglethorpe's Craig Stevenson led the field with 66 strokes (-6). A total of 20 individuals shot under par today.

The four-day tournament will continue tomorrow at 7 a.m. (Eastern). Blugolds will begin teeing off at 11:10 a.m. (Eastern).