



**La Crosse, WI.**-- The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Women's Rugby Club is currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation according to RugbyMag.com's bi-weekly rankings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranking is the highest in recorded history for UW-La Crosse and comes after the Eagles won both contests at the Midwest Regionals this past weekend in Iowa Falls, IA. The women defeated Illinois State 66-0 in the Sweet 16 and Mankato State 39-14 in the quarterfinals. UW-La Crosse will continue their playoff run at the Midwest Final Four on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Elkhart, IN. Joining the Eagles will be Winona State, currently ranked 4<sup>th</sup>, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, currently 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Notre Dame, currently 24<sup>th</sup>. A first or second finish at the Final Four will guarantee the Eagles a trip to the National Tournament in the spring.

Throughout the season, UW-La Crosse has experienced a great deal of success having won all 10 matches they played by a combined score of 498-46. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Eagles won the Wisconsin State Tournament 53-0 against UW-Madison. Prior to that, the women went 7-0 including games against UW-Oshkosh, UW-Madison, UW-Steven's Point, UW-Stout (2), UW-Eau Claire, and against friends from Thunder Bay, Ontario at Lakehead University. The women look to finish this historic season by winning a bid to the National Tournament next weekend.