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Nine Flames move on to tonight's event finals.

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Brown Deer, Wis.- Nine swimmers qualified for tonight's session of finals for the Horizon League Swimming & Diving Championships after placing in the top eight of various events during this morning's preliminaries.

Leading the pack are the sprint-freestylers and the individual medley artists, with five swimmers moving on to the 50-yard freestyle finals and four swimmers qualifying for the 200-yard IM finals.

The women's team was paced by [Colleen Dougherty](#) and [Kelly Hyatt](#). Dougherty, a freshman, placed second in the prelims with a career-best 24.13, while Hyatt took third in the trials with a 24.32.

In the men's 50-yard freestyle preliminaries, [LeRoy Stevens](#) bashed his career-best in less than 24 hours with a 20.79, beating his previous best of 20.82 set in last night's 200-yard freestyle relay leadoff leg. [Blake Booher](#), who led the Horizon League most of the season in the event, finished third behind Stevens with a 20.82 to qualify for the finals later today.

Only Horizon League 50-yard freestyle record holder Elvis Cirikovic of Wright State could edge out the Flames' one-two punch of Stevens and Booher in the prelims, turning in a 20.36.

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Senior Vanessa Segovia qualified for tonight's 200 IM finals.

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During the individual medley prelims, [Vanessa Segovia](#) and [Jessica Darud](#) qualified for the finals with career-best times of 2:09.80 and 2:10.01, respectively. On the men's side of the IM trials, freshman [Dan Hare](#) (1:53.75) and junior [Kris Simos](#) (1:56.33) swam in career-best times to move on to this evening's championship round of the race.

Check back here at uicflames.com for coverage of tonight's session of event finals.

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