WAVERLY, IOWA – Sophomore Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) is in third place out of 19 competitors after four events of the heptathlon at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Wartburg College.

Acquaviva has scored 2,900 points, only 32 behind leader Jillian Crandall of Wisconsin-River Falls, with three events remaining. The top eight finishers after Friday's competition will earn All-America honors. Acquaviva placed 11th in the heptathlon last spring as a freshman.

Acquaviva opened the competition by tying for second in the 100-meter hurdles. Her time of 14.78 seconds earned her 871 points. She then placed 10th in the high jump (5' 1.25"; 689 pts.) and 11th in the shot put (32' 0"; 513 pts.). Acquaviva finished the day on a high note with a first-place time of 25.66 seconds in the 200-meter run. That performance earned her 827 points.

Acquaviva, who prior to the meet was named the Atlantic Region Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year, will compete in the long jump, javelin and 800 meters on Friday to complete the heptathlon. She will also look to run in the trials of the open 100-meter hurdles later in the day, with the finals in that event set for Saturday.

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