

Men's Hockey Set To Host Conference Rivals this Weekend

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team will host two conference rivals this weekend, as it will face sixth-ranked UW-River Falls on Friday night and 15th-ranked UW-Stout on Saturday night.

The Blugolds have won two of their last three games and now have an overall record of 2-12-3. The Blugolds have a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) record of 0-5-1.

The Blugolds have scored 10 goals in the past three games, including five goals in both of their victories.

The Blugold point-leader this season is **Chip Dunleavy** (*Sr.-Littleton, CO/Columbine*). Dunleavy has 12 points this season and is the team's goal-leader with eight, following a two-goal performance in their last game against Gustavus. **Brooks Lockwood** (*Jr.-Hudson, WI*) is second on the team with 11 points.

Blugolds goalie **Steffan Braunlich** (*Sr.-Los Angeles, CA/Loyola*) has stopped 374 shots this season. His save percentage is just under 90%.

The Blugolds opponent Friday night, UW-River Falls, has an overall record of 11-3-3 overall and a 3-2-1 NCHA record. The Falcons are on a six-game winning streak. The Falcons defeated the Blugolds twice so far this season, first in the season opener 5-1 and then 7-3 on November 19th. The Falcons are led in goals by Derek Hansberry, who has 13 this season. The Blugolds have lost seven-straight against the Falcons.

The Blugolds will host I-94 rival UW-Stout on Saturday. The Blue Devils have an overall record of 11-6-0 and a conference record of 4-2-0. The Blue Devils shut out the Blugolds in their first meeting this season 5-0. Andrew Stearns leads the Blue Devils in goals this season with nine. The last Blugold victory against the Blue Devils came back in 2003 when the Blugolds won 2-1.

The Friday night contest against UW-River Falls begins at 7 p.m. The Saturday night game against UW-Stout also begins at 7 p.m. Both contests will take place at Hobbs Ice Center.

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