

Third Straight OT & Tie For Women's Hockey

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team has had a flair for the dramatic recently, as the past three games have gone to extra play and all three have ended in ties, including tonight's 2-2 contest against Finlandia.

The ties began last Sunday with a 2-2 Lake Forest game. Last night the Blugolds went toe-to-toe with UW-Superior for a 1-1 decision before matching Finlandia tonight. This tie brings the Blugolds to a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) record of 0-6-4. The team is now 5-10-4 overall. The Blugolds were one point ahead of Finlandia in the NCHA standings after last night's games and it will remain that way. Now the Lions are 1-8-1 in the NCHA and 7-9-2 overall.

Finlandia scored the lone first period goal on an even-strength shot but **Crystal Wasem** (Sr.-Chaska, MN) evened it up just past the 3:30 mark in the second on her first goal of the year, an even-sided strike that was unassisted. At 14:11, Finlandia took the lead again and it was on another evenhanded score.

Things were looking grim for much of the third period, but at 12:33 **Lauren Havard** (Fr.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe) found the back of the net on a power-play. Assists were provided by **Margaret Campbell** (Fr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata) and **Laura Brackey** (Sr.-Oakdale, MN/Tartan). In OT the Blugolds had four shots on goal while the opponents managed only one extra period shot on goal.

The Eau Claire defense suffocated the Lion attack as goalie **Jill Arendt** (So.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata) had to only make 12 saves. The Blugolds meanwhile had a season-high 43 shots on goal.

The team looks to notch a victory next Friday when it hosts the College of St. Catherine at 7:00 p.m. in Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Finlandia Box Score

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