

# Women's Basketball To Begin Conference Tournament

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EAU CLAIRE - The No. 6 seed UW-Eau Claire women's basketball team will travel to face No.3 seed UW-Stevens Point tomorrow night in the first round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament with action beginning at 7 p.m.

The Blugolds finished the regular season with a 13-12 overall record and an 8-8 WIAC record. The Pointers finished the regular season with an 18-7 overall record and an 11-5 conference record.

Both teams split the regular season match-ups with each team winning on its home court. The Blugolds won the first contest 67-63 and the Pointers won the second contest 68-54. The Pointers finished with an undefeated home record on the season.

The Blugolds have won the conference tournament three previous times and the Pointers won their only conference tournament title back in 2004.

The Blugolds ended the regular season on high note defeating UW-Whitewater on Saturday. The Blugolds saw the return of team leading scorer **Michelle Burns** (*So.-Eau Claire, WI/North*) on Saturday as she has been out most of the conference season with a thumb injury.

Freshman **Heidi Arciszewski** (*Fr.-Thorp, WI*) will also look to lead the Blugolds for an upset victory as she has led the team in scoring four of the last five games. Arciszewski is third on the team in scoring, averaging 9.5 points per game.

Another freshman **Brittanni Hakanson** (*Fr.-Wheeler, WI/Boyceville*) is second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.2 points per game. Hakanson is third in the conference in field goal percentage as she is shooting 54.7% from the field this season.

The Blugolds ended the regular season on top of the conference in assists-to-turnover ratio, averaging 0.83 assists per turnover. They finished second in turnover margin as they forced just over three turnovers than they committed per game.

Stevens Point ended the season on a two-game win streak. The Pointers will be led by Cassandra Schultz who is averaging 14.1 points per game which is sixth-best in the conference. The Pointers are the highest scoring team in the conference as it averaged 73.8 points per game.

Stevens Point is the top shooting in the conference, shooting 48% from the field and are holding its opponents to a WIAC best 36% from the field.

The last Blugold win in Stevens Point was back in the 2002-03 season when the Blugolds won 68-66.

The first round tip-off between the Pointers and the Blugolds begins at 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

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