

Softball Takes Two From Gustavus

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ROSEMOUNT, MN - The UW-Eau Claire softball team concluded its action from the Rosemount Irish Sports Dome today by sweeping a doubleheader against Gustavus Adolphus, winning game one, 9-2, and game two, 7-4.

The two victories improve the 16th-ranked Blugolds to 4-2 overall, while Gustavus falls to 0-4.

In game one, the Blugolds used a five-run second inning and 13 hits in the game to propel them to a 9-2 victory.

Mallory McKinney (*Jr.-Brooklyn Park, MN/Champlin Park*) was the star of the game offensively and defensively. Offensively, McKinney went 4-for-5 with three RBI's and scored a run. Defensively, McKinney pitched her second complete game of the season, giving up just two runs and striking out three.

Other Blugolds contributing to the game one win were **Rachel Paulus** (*Jr.-Wisconsin Rapids, WI/Lincoln*) who went 3-for-4 and scored a run. **Tessa Pecha** (*So.-Eau Claire, WI/North*) and **Steph Salter** (*Jr.-Schofield, WI/D.C. Everest*) each drove in two runs apiece and **Casey Leisgang** (*So.-Seymour, WI*) went 1-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored.

In game two, the Blugolds broke a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the second inning scoring three runs and would not relinquish the lead as they went on to win 7-4.

Mallory McKinney and **Andrea Neuville** (*Sr.-Green Bay, WI/West*) each had solo homers with Neuville also picking up the win on the mound, going four and a third innings and striking out two. **Bri Sturm** (*Fr.-Zumbrota, MN/Zumbrota-Mazeppa*) would then come in and finish out the game allowing just two hits and striking out two. Sturm also drove in a run at the plate.

Steph Salter went 1-for-3 with two RBI's and Rachel Paulus went 1-for-2 with an RBI for the Blugolds in game two.

Starting next Sunday the Blugolds will spend a week down in Florida at the Rebel Spring Games as they will play a total of 10 games in five days. Last year, the Blugolds went 8-1 during the spring break trip.

Game One Box Score Game Two Box Score

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