Women's Tennis Cruises through Opening Matches

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's tennis team began its season today with 9-0 sweeps of St. Norbert's and Edgewood College at the Simpson Courts.

Eau Claire started out against St. Norbert's. The number one doubles pair of **Sarah Riordan** *(Jr.-Appleton/North)* and **Laura Geissler** *(Sr.-Coon Rapids, MN)* squeezed out a 9-8 win. The two pair of **Kristie Carlson** *(Jr.-Arden Hills, MN/Mounds View)* and **Brenna McCormick** *(Fr.-Greendale)* won 8-1 and **Liz Deprey** *(Jr.-Green Bay/Notre Dame)* teamed up with her fellow number three teammate **Gina Dahl** *(Fr.-Fort Atkinson)* to post an 8-3 score.

Riordan had more dramatics with a 7-6 first set in singles but then shut down her opponent with a 6-0 set for the win. Number two singles player Dahl was the only Blugold to go three sets in her match, posting tallies of 6-3, 3-6, and 10-3. Carlson won 6-1, 6-3 while Geissler took her sets 6-4, 6-3. Deprey's two sets were both 6-3 and number six player McCormick took her match 6-0, 6-1.

Eau Claire then swept through Edgewood and did not lose one set. Riordan and Deprey were the top doubles tandem against Edgewood and they won 8-1. Carlson teamed up with Geissler for an 8-0 victory. **Kristin Neuman** *(Jr.-Green Bay/Ashwaubenon)* and McCormick were the number three team and the won handedly, 8-2.

The singles matches went just as smooth. Riordan won 6-2, 6-0 while Dahl tallied two victories of 6-2. Carlson handled her matches 6-0, 6-3 while Deprey blanked her opponent 6-0 twice. McCormick breezed through on sets of 6-1 and Neuman triumphed 6-2, 6-0 for the number six singles victory.

The team looks to carry its dominance over to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) matches, which occur next Friday at UW-Whitewater. The next day the Blugolds will participate in the Whitewater Invite.

Eau Claire 9, St. Norbert's 0

Singles Results

No. 1 - Sarah Riordan (EC) def. Kayte O?Brien (SN) 7-6, 6-0No. 2 - Gina Dahl (EC) def. Lauren Post (SN) 6-3, 3-6, 10-3No. 3 - Kristie Carlson (EC) def. Emily McElhaney (SN) 6-1, 6-3No. 4 - Laura Geissler (EC) def. Jenna Prince (SN) 6-4, 6-3No. 5 - Liz Deprey (EC) def. Emily Fobian (SN) 6-3, 6-3No. 6 - Brenna McCormick (EC) def. Raine Nimmer (SN) 6-0, 6-1Exh. - Erin Welch (EC) def. Warner (SN) 6-0, 6-1Exh. - Whitney Hay (EC) def. Mischke (SN) 6-4, 6-2

Doubles Results

No. 1 - Riordan/Geissler (EC) def. O?Brien/Post (SN) 9-8No. 2 - Carlson/McCormick (EC) def. Jill Warner/Jeanna Mischke (SN) 8-1No. 3 - Deprey/Dahl (EC) def. Allyson Yankle/Erin Ruitta (SN) 8-3Exh. - McElhaney/Prince (SN) def. Courtney Lynne/Kristin Neuman (EC) 8-4Exh. - Erin Welch/Whitney Hay (EC) def. Nicole Portman/Raine Nimmer (SN) 8-3

Eau Claire 9, Edgewood College 0

Singles Results

No.1 - Sarah Riordan (EC) def. Chelsea Van Hefty (E) 6-2, 6-0No. 2 - Gina Dahl (EC) def. Hannah Pincsak (E) 6-2, 6-2No. 3 - Kristie Carlson (EC) def. Kelsey Steinhorst (E) 6-01, 6-3No. 4? Liz Deprey (EC) def. Monica Kane (E) 6-0, 6-0No. 5? Brenna McCormick (EC) def. Katie Schneider (E) 6-1, 6-1o. 6 - Kristin Neuman (EC) def. Bridget Prendergast (E) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles Results

No.1 - Riordan/Deprey (EC) def.Van Hefty/Pincsak (E) 8-1No.2 - Carlson/Geissler (EC) def. Steinhorst/Prendergast (E) 8-0No. 3 - Neuman/McCormick (EC) def. Kane/Schneider (E) 8-2