Volleyball Sweeps through Labor Day Tournament

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire volleyball team lost only one game in going 4-0 at the Labor Day Tournament completing the tournament with a 3-1 win over Augsburg and a 3-0 win over Lawrence here today at the McPhee Phy. Ed. Center.

The Blugolds opened up against Augsburg and jumped out to an early lead with a convincing 30-8 win in the first game. Eau Claire had 13 kills with only one error for a .571 hitting percentage.

After winning the second game 30-22, the Blugolds fell off with only a .210 hitting percentage in losing the third game 30-26. Eau Claire righted the wrongs and finished off Augsburg 30-18 in the fourth and final game.

The Blugolds had a balance attack against the Auggies with six players contributing at least seven kills. **Lindsay Anderson** (Sr.-Deephaven, MN/Hopkins) led the way with 11 kills with **Becca Carstensen** (Sr.-Eau Claire/Memorial) and **Molly Menard** (Jr.-Eau Claire/Memorial) each adding nine kills.

Carstensen led a strong defensive effort setting a school record with 14 block assists and tying the school record in total blocks with 14. **Carly Freiborg** (So.-Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West) set well in leading the team with 40 assists while **Shanna Berger** (So.-Baldwin/Baldwin-Woodville) led the team in digs with 27.

Eau Claire controlled Lawrence from the opening serve winning 30-20, 30-14, 30-15. The Blugolds struggled in the opening game with only a .189 hitting percentage but improved in each match finishing with a .438 hitting percentage in the third game.

Carstensen had another strong match leading Eau Claire in kills with 13, blocks with five, and serving aces with seven. **Courtney Leiteritz** (So.-Little Chute) led in assists with 22 while Berger led in digs with 17.

Augsburg took second going 3-1 while UM-Morris and Hamline each went 2-2 and Lawrence and St. Kate's went 1-3.

Three Blugolds highlighted the All-Tournament Team. Carstensen, Freiborg, and **Jenny Wolter** (Jr.-Osceola) were named for Eau Claire with St. Kate's Emily Van Hon, Augsburg's' Kristy Larson, and UM-Morris's Jenna Maki rounding out the team.

The Blugolds will be in action next when they compete in the Augsburg Tournament Friday and Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn. Eau Claire will play their first match against St. Benedict at 4 p.m.

Labor Day Tournament Web Site