

Soccer Dominates In Round One Of WIAC Tournament

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EAU CLAIRE - The top-seeded UW-Eau Claire women's soccer team cruised past #8 seed UW-Platteville in today's opening round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tournament with a 3-0 shutout.

The defense took over the game and did not allow a single Pioneer shot the entire match. It also marked the 14th shutout of the year, tying the squad with last year's team for most shutouts in a season.

The 18th ranked Blugolds did not waste any time taking control of the game. At 2:40, **Liz Kooistra** (So.-Lakeville, MN) took a rebound off a header and found net for her first goal of the game. **Emily Meisinger** (Sr.-Green Bay/Notre Dame Academy) and **Amy Smith** (So.-Bloomington, MN/Jefferson) were credited with the assists.

Kooistra struck again at 14:24, this one also off a rebound. Her second score was unassisted. The teams went into halftime with Eau Claire leading in shots by a 16-0 margin.

The score remained 2-0 until 78:22 when **Jessica Millard** (So.-Madison/La Follette) took a **Sam Krueger** (Fr.-Elkhorn) pass and netted the third and final Blugold goal of the day.

In the end Eau Claire outshot Platteville 34-0. Millard had six of the team's shots with Kooistra and Smith right behind her with five each.

Pioneer goalie Laurie Trifone made eight saves on the day while **Allie Rivard** (So.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata) and **Liz Weirick** (Jr.-Kenosha/Tremper) let the defense in front of them protect the net. The Pioneers were whistled for 10 fouls while the Blugolds had six.

The 19-2-0 Eau Claire team marches on to the WIAC Semifinal, where it will face UW-River Falls. The fourth-seeded Falcons defeated #5 seed UW-La Crosse 1-0 in quarterfinal play. The Blugolds played River Falls October 21st and won 3-0.

The Semifinal match will start at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Bollinger Fields.

Eau Claire-Platteville WIAC Quarterfinal Box Score

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