

Men's Hockey Never Trails In Victory Over Bethel

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team put in three power play goals tonight on its way to a 4-1 victory over Bethel University (MN) at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire is now 3-1-0 on the season and with the win the team tops last year's mark for the entire season when the Blugolds went 2-21-4. The Royals are 1-2-0.

The team got on the board 7:51 into the game with its first power play score. **Jesse Vesel** (So.-Hibbing, MN) made the shot while **Greg Petersen** (So.-Maple Grove, MN/Totino-Grace) and **Steve Dus** (Sr.-Onalaska) assisted. **Evan Byers** (So.-Eagan, MN) doubled the total at 11:03 on a power play with **Mike Schneider** (So.-Owatonna, MN) assisting. The Blugolds outshot the Royals 12-to-5 in the period.

Bethel came out firing in the second with 14 shots and a goal at the 1:52 mark. The power play score came directly after **Dan Krenn** (Jr.-Madison/Culver Academy, IL) got a game disqualification for checking from behind. The Blugolds restored the two-goal advantage 7:36 into the middle period off a **Sam Bauler** (So.-Apple Valley, MN/Eastview) even-sided goal. **Jeremiah Weber** (Jr.-Hayward) was credited with the assist.

The final score came at the 7:08 mark in the third when Petersen found net off passes from **Ben Hendrick** (So.-Andover, MN/Anoka) and **Sean Garrity** (Jr.-North St. Paul, MN). The power play goal came about a minute after Bethel's Jeff Balvin's game misconduct for checking from behind.

Eau Claire was actually outshot 26-to-24 with **Ryan Mensing** (So.-Langley, BC/Walnut Grove SS) making 25 saves.

On power plays Eau Claire went 3-for-9 while the visitors cashed in on 1-of-8. The penalties went 11 for Eau Claire with a game disqualification. The Royals were whistled for 12 penalties with a game misconduct. A total of eight Bethel penalties occurred in the third period.

The Blugolds lead the lifetime series 9-5 with the last win coming in 2004 on an 8-2 victory.

The Blugolds will hit the ice tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. when they face Hamline University (MN) at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Bethel Box Score

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