Women's Hockey Splits With River Falls In Home-&-Home

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EAU CLAIRE - A night after the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team defeated UW-River Falls, the Falcons returned the favor with a 1-0 win tonight at the Hobbs Ice Center.

The loss drops the Blugolds to an overall record of 3-3-0 overall and a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) record of 1-1. The loss also snaps the Blugolds three-game winning streak The Falcons improve to 3-1-2 on the season and 1-1 in NCHA games.

The only goal of the contest came just six minutes into the first period when the Falcons Abby Sunderman scored a powerplay goal to give River Falls a 1-0 lead. It was Sunderman's third goal of the season.

In the second period, Eau Claire got five shots on goal but could not get the puck past River Falls goaltender Amber Lindner. Blugold goaltender **Bri Lutz** *(Fr.-Burnsville, MN)* also performed well in the second period with seven saves.

The Blugolds had three shots on goal in the third period, but Lindner stopped them all as the Falcons went on to win 1-0. It was the first time this season that the Blugolds were shutout. This was the second shutout of the season for the Falcons.

River Falls out-shot the Blugolds 12-11. Both Lindner and Lutz had 11 saves each in net. River Falls was 1-for-3 on the powerplay, while the Blugolds were 0-for-4. Both teams combined for seven penalties.

The Falcons are 19-4-3 all-time against the Blugolds and have won five of the last six games.

The Blugolds now have a two-week break until they hit the road to face Lake Forest College (IL) in NCHA contest on Friday, December 1st. That game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-River Falls Box Score

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