Women's Hockey Can?T Hold Lead, Ties Lake Forest

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LAKE FOREST, IL - Less than a day after the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team lost to Lake Forest College (IL), the Blugolds had to settle for a 2-2 tie today against the Foresters.

The Blugolds record now stands at 3-4-1 overall and 1-2-1 in Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) games. The Foresters remain unbeaten at 5-0-3 and a NCHA record of 2-0-2.

For the second straight day, the Blugold offense was on the attack with 35 shots on goal. The Blugolds struck first late in the first period when **Amanda Alioto** *(Fr.-Hartland, WI/Arrowhead)* scored her first collegiate goal with one minute remaining in the period to give the Blugolds a 1-0 lead. **Lauren Havard** *(So.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe)* and **Amber Stevenson** *(Sr.-Eagan, MN)* had the assists. The Blugolds out-shot the Foresters 12-3 in the period.

Lake Forest tied the game up four minutes into the second period when Jen Clouthier scored to make the score 1-1. The Blugolds regained the lead a minute and a half later on a **Krista Milliken** *(Fr.-Madison, WI/Memorial)* powerplay goal to make the score 2-1. It was also her first collegiate goal. **Beth Dittrich** *(Fr.-Roseville, MN)* and Lauren Havard had the assists.

The Blugolds went into the second intermission with the lead 2-1. Both teams had 11 shots on goal in the second period. According to Blugolds head coach Mike Collins the second period was filled with a lot of exciting hockey as it was very wide open.

The Blugolds could not hang on to the lead in the third period. After two penalties, the Blugolds were down 5 on 3 and Lake Forest capitalized as the Foresters' Laura Wilson tied the game 2-2 with a powerplay goal with 8:31 remaining in regulation. The score stayed that way and the game went into overtime, the first time this season the Blugolds have gone into overtime.

There was tough defense being played in the overtime as both teams only got one shot on goal apiece and the game ended up in a 2-2 tie. Six of the last eight meetings between the two schools have gone into overtime and three of the last four have ended in a tie.

Bri Lutz *(Fr.-Burnsville, MN)* had 19 saves for the Blugolds, while Ryann McCarthy had 33 saves for Lake Forest. Coach Collins said that Lutz's performance in goal was outstanding as she had a couple of miraculous saves. Both teams were 1-for-8 on the powerplay and both teams had eight penalties apiece.

The Blugolds return back home next weekend when they face UW-Superior on Friday and Saturday night. The action begins at 7 p.m. both nights at the Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Lake Forest Box Score

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