Second Period Goals Lift Superior Over Women's Hockey

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team struck first, but fourth-ranked UW-Superior scored two goals in the second period on its way to defeating the Blugolds 2-1 tonight at the Hobbs Ice Center.

The loss drops the Blugolds record to 3-5-1 overall and 1-3-1 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA). The Yellowjackets improve to 10-2-0 overall and are at the top of the NCHA standings at 4-1-0.

Both teams got four shots on goal in the first period, but neither got the puck past the goaltender so the score remained scoreless at the first intermission. After a hooking penalty on Superior, the Blugolds got on the scoreboard just 1:55 into the second period when **Laura Suppes** *(Sr.-Roseville, MN)* scored on the power play to give Eau Claire a 1-0 lead. It was Suppes' second goal of the season. **Tara Hayner** *(Sr.-Stillwater, MN)* and **Theresa Guindon** *(Jr.-Lino Lakes, MN/Centennial)* assisted on the goal.

A tripping penalty by the Blugolds gave the Yellowjackets the power play later in the second period and they would capitalize as the conference's leading goal-scorer Erin Kegley put one in the net to tie the contest 1-1 with over 10 minutes to play in the period. Kegley was not done scoring because with just 15 seconds left in the second period, she scored an even-handed goal to make the score 2-1 Superior. It was her 12th goal of the season.

The Blugolds got off more shots than the Yellowjackets in the second period, out-shooting Superior 9-6, but could only muster one goal.

The Blugolds had two power play opportunities in the third period, but could not tie it up as the Superior hung on to win 2-1.

Eau Claire goaltender **Bri Lutz** *(Fr.-Burnsville, MN)* finished with 18 saves in the contest, including 10 in the third period. Superior's Rikki Nespor finished with 19 saves for the Yellowjackets. The Blugolds were 1-for-6 on the power play and Superior was 1-for-4.

This was the Yellowjackets 22nd win against the Blugolds in the 25 meetings between the two schools.

The Blugolds will host UW-Superior again tomorrow night at the Hobbs Ice Center. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-Superior Box Score

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