

# Men's Hockey Plays To Tie In Non-Conference Contest

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STEVENS POINT - In a game that saw five goals in the second period, the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team tied UW-Stevens Point 4-4 in a non-conference matchup today.

The Blugolds are now 5-6-2 overall while the Pointers are 4-5-2. This is the second straight tie between these two teams and is the third overtime game in Stevens Point's last four contests. The all-time record between these schools is 25-54-5 in favor of the Pointers.

Eau Claire got out to the early lead at 4:08 in the first on a **Nicholas Kuqali** (*Fr.-Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon*) evenhanded score. **Evan Byers** (*So.-Eagan, MN*) and **Sam Bauler** (*So.-Apple Valley, MN/Eastview*) contributed the assists.

The Blugolds went into the middle period with the powerplay but Stevens Point managed a shorthanded goal just 11 seconds into the period. Eau Claire then built a two-goal lead off of two powerplays. **Greg Petersen** (*So.-Maple Grove, MN/Totino-Grace*) scored the first one at 2:18 while **Andrew Johnson** (*So.-Andover, MN/Anoka*) scored the other 14 minutes in. **Sean Garrity** (*Jr.-North St. Paul, MN*) supplied passes in both while **Jesse Vesel** (*So.-Hibbing, MN*) also contributed in Petersen's and Petersen also had an assist in Johnson's goal. Within five minutes Eau Claire's lead vanished as the Pointers scored advantage goals at 16:20 and 18:46 to tie it up 3-3.

Stevens Point wasted no time taking the lead in the third when Sean Fish scored his second powerplay goal of the night at 1:02. Eau Claire answered back 10:44 into the third on a **Tyler Trudell** (*Fr.-Waukesha/South*) powerplay strike. Byers and **Ben Bosworth** (*So.-Hudson*) had the assists.

In the extra period the Pointers had four shots while Eau Claire had three, but neither team found net to force a tie.

Stevens Point outshot Eau Claire 44-to-34 with **Ryan Mensing** (*So.-Langley, BC/Walnut Grove SS*) collecting 40 saves. The Blugolds had 11 powerplay opportunities compared to 10 for the Pointers with each team capitalizing on three. Eau Claire had one more penalty than Stevens Point with 16. The team set season-highs in shots on goal and in penalties.

The Blugolds are off until 2007, when they host Concordia-Moorhead (MN) on January 5th.

Eau Claire-Stevens Point Box Score

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