

Women's Hockey Two Host A Pair this Weekend

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team will host a pair of non-conference games this weekend as it will face St. Mary's University (MN) on Friday night and the College of St. Catherine (MN) on Saturday night at the Hobbs Ice Center.

The Blugolds are 5-7-1 overall this season, but have won two of their last three contests. The Blugolds are coming off of their highest scoring output of the season in a 6-1 victory over St. Olaf College (MN) on Sunday.

This season Eau Claire is averaging 14 shots per game, while holding its opponents to a little less than eight shots per contest. However, its opponents have a .351 shooting percentage, while the Blugolds have a .169 shooting percentage.

Both **Martina Korinek** (*Sr.-White Bear Lake, MN*) and **Beth Dittrich** (*Fr.-Roseville, MN*) lead the Blugolds with five goals scored this season. Dittrich is also tied for the team lead with six assists along with **Lauren Havard** (*So.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe*). Dittrich was named Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) Player of the Week for last week as she had four points in three games. Dittrich has three game-winning goals this season.

In net, goaltender **Bri Lutz** (*Fr.-Burnsville, MN*) is 4-5-1 this season and has 144 saves. She has a save percentage of .867. **Mikaela Jobman** (*Fr.-St. Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall*) went 1-1 last weekend against St. Olaf, picking up her first win of the season on Sunday as she saved 26-of-27 shots.

The Blugolds opponent on Friday night, St. Mary's, has a record of 2-8-2 this season and is 0-3-2 on the road. The Cardinals are currently on a five-game losing streak. This year the Cardinals have a shooting percentage of .079 and are averaging a little less than two goals per contest.

Melissa Mondo leads the Cardinals with eight goals scored. Four of those goals have come on the power play. Laura Mueller is second on the team with four goals and leads the team with five assists. Cardinals' goaltender Nikki Jung has started eight games this season and has a record of 2-5-1. Jung has stopped 92% of the shots fired against her. St. Mary's is 6-4 all-time against the Blugolds and have won four of the last six meetings.

On Saturday night the Blugolds will host the College of St. Catherine. St. Kate is winless this season with a record of 0-9-1. The Wildcats are coming off of a 4-2 loss to Wesleyan University on Monday night. St. Kats has allowed 51 goals this season and have scored just 18.

Aryn Ball leads the Wildcats with five goals scored this year. Angela Johnson leads the team with seven points. Wildcats' goaltender Jessi McGehee has stopped 324-of-375 shots as she has played in every game this season. The Blugolds are just 3-5-2 all-time against the Wildcats, but have won the last three meetings.

Friday night's game against St. Mary's begins at 7 p.m. Saturday night's game against St. Kate also begins at 7 p.m. and it will also be Kids Night. All of the action will take place at the Hobbs Ice Center.

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