Late Goal Gives Women's Hockey Upset Over Ranked Pointers

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EAU CLAIRE - **Karen Hebert** *(Sr. -Lakeville, MN/Holy Angels)* collected an undermanned goal with a minute left in regulation as the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team toppled sixth-ranked UW-Stevens Point 4-3 tonight at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire is now 2-4-1 in the conference and 8-7-1 overall. Stevens Point is 2-3-1 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) and 9-4-1 in all games. The game ties the two squads in NCHA standings at fourth with five points each.

The teams traded evenhanded goals in the opening period with the Pointers striking first 8:36 into the contest. **Hannah Kinney** *(Fr.-Avoca/Riverdale)* hooked up with **Lauren Havard** *(So.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe)* for Eau Claire's goal at 18:44.

In the second period Stevens Point's Michelle Sosnowski broke the tie with two goals in 18 seconds. At 6:21 she connected on her first goal with her second coming at 6:39. Both were on the power-play. The Blugolds fought back to within one as **Michelle Stohr** *(Fr.-South St. Paul, MN)* found net with three minutes left in the period. Assists came from **Laura Suppes** *(Sr.-Roseville, MN)* and **Allie Campbell** *(Sr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata)* on the power-play score.

In the final period Stohr, Suppes, and Campbell again worked together for the tying goal. This time it was Suppes scoring with Stohr and Campbell assisting. The power-play strike came 1:57 into the third. The game remained tied, though the Pointers hit the pipe on a shot late in the period, and looked to be going to overtime until Hebert's shorthanded score at 18:58. The deciding goal came on a play where the puck hit traffic in front of the net and hopped up, over, and into the net. Suppes had the assist.

For the game Eau Claire was outshot 35-to-24. **Mikaela Jobman** *(Fr.-St Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall)* made 17 saves and gave up three goals while **Bri Lutz** *(Fr.-Burnsville, MN)* picked up the win with 15 saves. Stevens Point went 2-for-4 on advantages while Eau Claire went 2-of-7. The Pointers picked up eight penalties while Eau Claire had five.

The Blugolds currently ride a four-game winning streak, the longest of the year. The last such streak for the team was in February of 2005. This is only the second time Eau Claire has beaten the Pointers, with the previous victory coming February 7th, 2004. The series record is 2-21-1.

The Blugolds take the ice again tomorrow when they face Lake Forest (IL) at 5:00 p.m. in Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Stevens Point Box Score

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