

Women's Basketball Looks To Rebound At Platteville

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's basketball team looks to get back in the win column this Saturday when it travels to face Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) foe UW-Platteville.

The Blugolds are 6-4 in the conference and 12-7 overall. The Pioneers hold a 2-7 WIAC record and an 8-10 overall record. Earlier this season the Blugolds defeated Platteville 58-41 at Zorn Arena. **Michelle Burns** (*Jr.-Eau Claire/North*) had 14 points while **Heather Witt** (*So.-Kendall/Royall*) came off the bench to have a career day in rebounds (7), steals (5), and assists (5). The all-time series is 41-12 in Eau Claire's favor.

Eau Claire is fourth in the WIAC after dropping a 62-52 game to conference-leading UW-Stout. The Pioneers are eighth of nine in the WIAC. The Blugolds are 3-7 away from Zorn Arena and Platteville is 2-2 at Williams Fieldhouse.

The Eau Claire squad is tops in the conference in free throw percentage (76.3%) and tied for the top spot in turnover margin with UW-River Falls at +2.84. The Blugolds are also second in assist-to-turnover ratio with a 0.75. They are averaging 60.3 points per game while shooting 39.6% from the floor and 28.1% from long range. The defense is holding opponents to 57.5 points per game and a 37.8% shooting mark. The rebounding margin is just about even.

Both Burns and **Heidi Arciszewski** (*So.-Thorp*) are averaging 12.9 points each game. Burns' 8.1 rebounds per game also lead for the Blugolds. For the conference ranking, Burns is third in rebounding and defensive rebounds (5.68) and sixth in scoring. Arciszewski is seventh in scoring while ranking third in free throw percentage (83.9%).

Amanda Zenner (*Jr.-Medford*) has a Blugold best 49 assists and Witt leads the team with 38 steals. Zenner is fifth in the WIAC in assists and in assist-to-turnover ratio (0.91). Witt is sixth in steals.

The Pioneers are second in the WIAC in three-pointers made (4.89) and third in three-point shooting percentage (34.4%). They average 62.6 points per game while shooting 40.8% from the floor and 66.6% from the line. The rebounding margin is nearly even while they are -1.9 in turnover margin. Opponents are shooting 42.1% and scoring 64.9 points per game.

Liz Tesch leads Platteville with 12.8 points per game, with Lisa Wubben second on the team with 10.8. That puts Tesch eighth in the conference for scoring. Liz Wisdom's 6.8 boards per game along with Lisa Grantman's 6.1 mark also lead for the Pioneers. Grantman also is third in the WIAC with 1.63 threes per game and fourth with a 36.6% three-point field goal percentage. Wisdom's 23 blocked shots rank third in the conference while her 2.63 offensive rebounds per game are fourth and her 6.8 mark ranks sixth.

The game is set to start 5:00 p.m. Saturday at what will be Bo Ryan Court by the time the women's game gets underway, as the court is being honored in his honor during the preceding men's game.