

Garrity, Peterson Named To All-NCHA Team

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Forward **Sean Garrity** and defenseman **Greg Peterson** represent UW-Eau Claire on the All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association team announced today by league SID Layne Pitt.

Garrity, a 6-2, 205-pound junior left wing from North St. Paul, Minnesota, is in his first season with the Blugolds after transferring from St. Cloud State. Heading into this weekend's NCHA playoff series with league tri-champ St. Norbert College, Garrity is the team scoring leader with 27 points on a team-high 13 goals with 14 assists.

Peterson, a 6-2, 200-pound sophomore defenseman from Maple Grove, Minnesota/Totino-Grace High School, is also in his first season with the Blugolds after transferring from Robert Morris University. He is tied for second in team scoring with 22 points on seven goals and 15 assists.

The Blugolds tied for sixth in the NCHA this season with a 2-9-3 league record but have been much more competitive this year in second-year head coach Luke Strand's second season, than last year when they were mired in the league cellar and finished 2-21-4 overall. The Blugolds are 9-12-4 for the season with eight of the 12 losses coming by one or two goals. In fact, the Blugolds last six games have all been ties or one-goal games despite a 1-3-2 record.

Only five of the eight teams in the NCHA landed players on the first team. Tri-champions UW-Stout and UW-River Falls led the way with four each while Eau Claire and Superior got two slots apiece and St. Norbert one.

The Blugolds have not had two first-team NCHA selections since Mike Schwengler and Matt Loen were picked in 1993-94. The Blugolds other first team honorees since then have been Loen in 1994-95, Bill Houck in 1996-97, Jake Mersberger in 1999-00, Scott Sutton in 2001-02, Chris Hunter in 2003-04 and Rob Ouimette in 2004-05.

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