

Four Named To All-WIAC Men's Hockey Team

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MADISON - Four members of the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team have been named to the 2006-07 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Men's Hockey Team, it was announced today by conference sports information director Matt Stanek.

Earning first team honors was forward **Sean Garrity** (*Jr.-North St. Paul, MN*). Garrity, who was also received first team All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) honors, ranked seventh in the WIAC in power play goals (5), 11th in goals (11), 12th in scoring (24 points) and 16th in assists (13). Garrity is the first Blugold to earn first team All-WIAC honors since Rob Ouimette received such honors during the 2004-05 season.

Defenseman **Kyle Garner** (*Sr.-Sun Prairie*) received honorable mention All-WIAC honors for the third consecutive season. Garner scored nine points this season totaling eight assists and one goal which came on a power play.

Defenseman **Greg Petersen** (*So.-Maple Grove, MN/Totino-Grace*) joined Garner as an honorable mention selection. A first team All-NCHA selection, Petersen ranked 8th among WIAC leaders in assists (15), 12th in power play goals (4) and 15th in scoring (21 points) in his first season as a Blugold. Petersen also scored six goals including one game-winning goal.

Forward **Jesse Vesel** (*So.-Hibbing, MN*) was the third Blugold to earn honorable mention All-WIAC honors. Vesel ranks fifth in assists (16) and 16th in scoring (20 points) among WIAC leaders. Vesel also netted four goals, two coming off power plays and one game-winning goal.

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.

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