Women's Hockey Concludes Season With Home Victory

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team finished its 2006-07 campaign tonight by defeating Hamline University (MN) 4-0 at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire improves to 13-10-2 overall and 8-4-1 in home contests. Hamline is now 13-8-2. The Blugolds are tied with UW-Stevens Point in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) with 14 points due to a 6-7-2 conference record, but the Pointers still have two games against cellar-dwelling Finlandia University (MI). The Pointers also hold the goal differential in games against Eau Claire, leaving the Blugolds out of the playoff picture.

Eau Claire struck less than a minute into the game as **Beth Dittrich** *(Fr.-Roseville, MN)* scored an even-handed goal just 55 seconds in. **Martina Korinek** *(Sr.-White Bear Lake, MN)* and **Lauren Havard** *(So.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe)* assisted.

The Blugold offense took hold in the second period, combining for three goals. **Michelle Stohr** *(Fr.-South St. Paul, MN)* scored the first on an advantage at 8:19 off passes from **Allie Campbell** *(Sr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata)* and **Laura Suppes** *(Sr.-Roseville, MN)*. Suppes' 22 points are most for the Blugolds this year. Allie Campbell then got in on the power-play action, scoring a goal of her own at 14:21. **Karen Hebert** *(Sr.-Lakeville, MN/Holy Angels)* and **Margaret Campbell** *(So.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata)* provided the assists. At 17:45, Korinek found net with Dittrich and **Hannah Kinney** *(Fr.-Avoca/Riverdale)* assisting on the even-sided strike.

For the game the Blugolds outshot Hamline 35-to-23 with 11 in the second period and 18 in the third. **Mikaela Jobman** *(Fr.-St. Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall)* made 23 saves en route to the team's second shutout of the year. Jobman was also between the pipes in a 2-0 win over St. Mary's (MN) on January 12th.

Eau Claire had three penalties while the Pipers had five. The Blugolds went 2-for-5 on power-plays as Hamline went 0-for-3.

This year's team recorded the most NCHA wins in Eau Claire history as well as the second most wins overall. This is only the second winning season overall in Blugold history, with 2004-05's 15-9-1 campaign being the first.

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