

Volleyball Falls Short In Championship Match, Takes Second

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PLATTEVILLE, Wis. ?The UW-Eau Claire volleyball team took its first match of the day 3-0 over UW-Stout before losing 3-0 to UW-Platteville in the championship match, with both teams being unbeaten in the tourney.

Eau Claire is now 12-6 on the year and has finished second in all four tournaments it has participated in. Today's contests don't contribute to the conference records.

The Stout games went 30-26, 30-27, and 30-23. Eau Claire hit .171, .226, and .216 in the games and had 19 kills during game two.

Katie Fox (Jr.-Chippewa Falls/Chi-Hi) led with 10 kills and **Emily Haese** (Jr.-Mishicot) had 40 assists. On defense, **Heather Harnell** (Sr.-Minnetonka, MN) tallied 20 digs and **Abby Freiborg** (Jr.-Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West), after missing last night's final match, contributed 14.

The Blugolds then had a 3-0 record in the tourney as they headed into the final match of the UW-Platteville Tournament. Platteville also was 3-0 after wins over Cornell College (IA), Stout, and Lake Forest College (IL).

The Pioneers had a good showing, with scores of 18-30, 25-30, and 24-30. Eau Claire hit .093 and .140 in the first two games before bursting out for a .316 clip in the last game.

Freiborg's 10 kills were most for Eau Claire while Haese's 38 assists again led. **Lindsey Smith** (So.-Maple Lake, MN) totaled 11 digs while **Cassie Hunt** (So.-Chippewa Falls/McDonell) had 10.

Haese was the only Blugold elected to the all-tournament team. The others included Rachel Chapman (Platteville), Rochelle Ripp (Platteville), Hope Coffin (Cornell), Casey Huntoon (Stout), and Lisa Sturgill (Lake Forest).

Eau Claire now has four straight conference matches. The first of those is against Stout on Wednesday. The away contest starts at 7 p.m.

Tournament Standings and Scores

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