

Women's Hockey Annouces Roster For 2007-2008 Season

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - Early this week, head coach Mike Collins announced the final roster for the 2007-08 UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team.

In his eighth year as head coach, Collins will have a very young roster with no seniors after graduating six seniors last year. Five of the seniors who graduated received at least Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) honorable mention honors. The returning juniors who look to fill their skates this year are forward **Lauren Havard** (*San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe*) and forward **Margaret Campbell** (*Plymouth, MN/Wayzata*). Both Havard and Campbell have lettered in their first two seasons. Havard was the third leading scorer on the team last season with 17 points and had the most points of any of the returning players. Campbell had a very nice sophomore season herself scoring seven goals and tallying nine assists.

The two talented junior forwards will be accompanied on offense by three sophomores and seven freshmen. The sophomores who will be looking to help fill the voids left by graduation are **Amanda Alioto** (*Hartland, WI/Arrowhead*), **Beth Dittrich** (*Roseville, MN*), and **Magan Wurdelman** (*Sauk Rapids, MN/Sauk Rapids-Rice*). Alioto, Dittrich, and Wurdelman all lettered last season, and Dittrich was tied with Campbell for fourth on the team in scoring with 16 points. The freshmen joining the team on offense this year are **Shannon Nelson** (*Blaine, MN*), **Lindsay Athens** (*Eagle River, WI/Northland Pines/Gilmour Academy*), **Nicole Heininger** (*White Bear Lake, MN*), **Kristin Faber** (*Austin, MN*), **Christine Knop** (*Coon Rapids, MN*), **Meghan Lorenz** (*Minnetonka, MN/Wayzata*), and **Christine Dickinson** (*Layton, UT/Shattuck St. Mary's*).

Hannah Kinney (*Avoca, WI/Riverdale*) and **Michelle Stohr** (*South St. Paul, MN*) are the only two sophomores returning to the blue line for Coach Collins. Stohr looks to improve upon an impressive sophomore season, in which she received NCHA honorable mention honors while tallying 15 points for the Blugolds. The freshmen joining the defensive group are **Kelli Johnson** (*Farmington, MN*), **Maddi Hammer** (*Owatonna, MN*), **Rita Simones** (*Rosemount, MN/South St. Paul*), and **Katie Lawler** (*Cottage Grove, MN/Hill-Murray*).

The goalkeeping job is still up in the air with three freshmen competing for the starting spot. The three freshmen fighting for the starting spot are **Renee Brasuhn** (*Mounds View, MN/Irondale*), **Danika Porter** (*Rosemount, MN/South St. Paul*), and **Lindsay Savat** (*Apple Valley, MN/Thomas Jefferson*). Brasuhn was an All-State honorable mention selection and Ms. Goalie 2007 finalist her senior year. Porter was a multisport athlete in high school, playing soccer and hockey, and was a one-time All-State Selection. Savat was a three-time letter winner in hockey at Thomas Jefferson High School and was a three-time All-conference selection.

The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team takes the ice for the first time this season Friday, November 2 in St. Paul, Minnesota against Bethel University. At that time, they will set out to be the third team in the history of the program to finish a season with a winning record. Last year the Blugolds finished the season with a record of 13-10-2.

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