Volleyball Wins Two On Final Day Of Emlhurst Invite

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ELMHURST, Ill. - After splitting day one at the Elmhurst College Invitational II on Friday, the UW-Eau Claire volleyball team wrapped up the regular season with two wins today.

In the first match of the day, the Blugolds defeated Concordia University-Chicago 3-1, with scores of 30-26, 30-21, 27-30, and 30-12. The Blugolds remain undefeated against Concordia-Chicago, holding a 3-0 all-time record. Eau Claire also won soundly in the final match against North Park University (Ill.), an opponent the Blugolds have never faced before, with scores of 30-18, 30-6, and 30-24.

The Blugolds, currently ranked 25th in the latest NCAA Division III CSTV/AVCA Coaches Poll, completed the regular season with a 21-8 overall record.

The victory over Concordia came with three players in double-digit kill totals. **Danielle Lucia** *(Fr.-St. Cloud, Minn./Apollo)* and **Katie Fox** *(Jr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./Chi-Hi)* led the Blugolds with 13 kills, while **Lissa Martinez** *(Sr.-Vadnais Heights, Minn./White Bear Lake)* had 12. For the match, the Blugolds hit .275 in game one, .333 in game two, .243 in game three and .322 in the final game. Fox also led the team in attack percentage, hitting .500. **Emily Haese** *(Jr.-Mishicot, Wis.)* led the team with 52 assists. Three players also had double-digit dig totals. **Heather Harnell** *(Sr.-Minnetonka, Minn.)* led the Blugolds with 14, while **Abby Freiborg** *(Jr.-Sacred Heart, Minn./Renville County West)* and **Lindsey Smith** *(So.-Maple Lake, Minn.)* dug 12 and 11, respectively. **Cary Rasmussen** *(So.-Sparta, Wis.)* came up big for the Blugolds on the servicing end, with five aces for the match.

In the final match of the regular season over North Park, the Blugolds hit very well. In game one, Eau Claire hit .387, followed by an impressive .810 in game two, and a .282 in game three. Freiborg led the team with 16 kills, with Fox also killing 11. For the entire invite, Fox had a team-leading 47 kills in four matches and was named to the All-Tournament Team. Freiborg also led the Blugolds with 15 digs, while Harnell came in a close second with 13. Haese again led the team with 26 assists in two games, with freshman **Amy Lessner** *(Watertown, Wis.)* setting 19 in two games.

The Blugolds will be back in action this Tuesday when they host UW-Superior in the first round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament. Eau Claire beat Superior 3-0 earlier this year. The game is set for 7 p.m. in the McPhee Physical Education Center.

Eau Claire-Concordia Chicago Box Score

Eau Claire-North Park Box Score

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