

Men's Hockey Gets Big Conference Win On The Road

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DULUTH, Minn. - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team earned a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) conference win on the road tonight at Mars Lakeview Arena against St. Scholastica by a score of 4-2.

The Blugolds improve to 5-6-0 overall and 2-3-0 in the NCHA. The Saints drop to 3-6-2 on the season and 1-4-1 in the NCHA.

Eau Claire jumped on the board at the 18:42 mark in the first period with a goal from **Dan Decato** (*Fr. - Verona, WI*), his second goal of the season. **Sean Garrity** (*Sr. - North St. Paul, MN/North*) had the first assist, his seventh of the season, and **Greg Petersen** (*Jr. - Maple Grove, MN/Totino-Grace*) had the second assist, his fifth of the season.

In the second period the Saint's Jordan Chong evened up the score at 1-1 with a power play goal at the 6:16 mark. Chong was the NCHA Player of the Week last week.

The game would remain tied until the third period when Eau Claire's **Dan Fina** (*Jr. ?Fontana, WI/Glenbard South, IL*) scored his second goal of the season 48 seconds into the period to take the 2-1 lead. **Tyler Trudell** (*So. ?Waukesha, WI/South*) had the assist on the goal.

Jesse Vesel (*Jr. - Hibbing, MN*) scored his second goal of the season at the 6:30 mark in four on four action to make the score 3-1. Fina and **Bryan Plaszcz** (*So. ?Apple Valley, MN*) had the assist on Vesel's goal. Jordan Baird would answer at the 13:09 mark to make the score 3-2. A.J. Tucker had the assist on Baird's goal.

Andrew Johnson (*Jr. - Andover, MN/Anoka*) would put the game away for the Blugolds when he scored his third goal of the season on an empty net at the 19:47 mark in the third period to make the score 4-2.

Tyler Brigl (*So. - Eagan, MN*) got the win between the pipes for the Blugolds tonight with 15 saves and two allowed goals. Steve Bounds was in the net for the Saints; he had 15 saves and allowed three goals.

Eau Claire will take on NCHA opponent UW-Superior tomorrow night in Superior. The puck is set to drop at 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-St. Scholastica Box Score

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