

Women's Hockey Is Handed First Conference Loss

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team was shutout 1-0 by Conference opponent UW-River Falls. It was the first time the Blugolds have been shutout this season. The loss puts the Blugolds record at 7-5 overall and 4-1 in Northern Colligate Hockey Association play.

The only goal of the game was scored early in the first period when Jenna Scanlon knocked in a puck right on the doorstep of the goal at 6:02. The goal was assisted by Stefanie Schmitz and Renae Bergh. River Falls continued to dominate play for the rest of the first period as they outshot Eau Claire 10-1 in the first period.

However, the momentum shifted in the second period as Eau Claire outshot River Falls 10-2. Fortunately for River Falls, goaltender Cassi Campbell stood on her head and stopped all 10 Blugold shots.

After each team controlled one of the first two periods, play evened out a bit in the third period. In the third the action went up and down the ice, but neither team was able to beat the opposing goaltender. With a minute and 17 seconds left, Eau Claire decided to pull their goalie. At this time they were awarded a power play as well. However, the six on four skater advantage did not prove to be enough as the buzzer sounded without the Blugolds lighting the lamp.

In net, **Lindsay Savat** (*Fr.-Apple Valley, MN/Thomas Jefferson*) turned in a great performance as she turned away 16 of 17 shots in a losing effort. The loss was Savat's first of the season. She is now 4-1.

Neither team fared too well on the power play. Both the Falcons and the Blugolds went 0-5 with the skater advantage.

The Blugolds will have a while to think about this tough loss. Their next game is not till Friday, January 11, 2008. During that weekend, the Blugolds will travel to UW-Superior for a Friday game and to Finlandia University (Mich.) for a Saturday game.

Eau Claire-River Falls Box Score

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