

Men's Basketball To Face Whitewater In Doubleheader

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team will host the second game of a doubleheader against UW-Whitewater this Saturday in Zorn Arena. The women's game begins at 3 p.m. with the men's game following.

The Blugolds come off a road loss to UW-Superior, dropping their record to 8-5 overall and 2-2 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Whitewater comes into the weekend with an 11-2 overall record and leads the WIAC with a 4-1 record in conference play. The Warhawks are currently on a four game win streak and are ranked 15th in the latest D3hoops.com national poll.

Eau Claire has outscored, outshot and outrebounded its opponents so far this season. The Blugolds are averaging 3.3 points per game more than opponents (77.2-to-73.9) and are shooting 51.4 percent from the field to opponents' 43.4 percent. The Blugolds also have 437 boards, an average of 33.6 per game, while opponents have 408 or 31.4 per game.

Dan Beyer (*Sr.-Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial*) is leading the Blugolds this season in a number of categories. Beyer has a team-leading 231 points (17.8 per game), is shooting the best from the field (59.9%) and leads the team with 89 rebounds. He is also second on the team with 37 assists. Freshman **Ryan Shea** (*Duluth, Minn./East*) is also playing well this year and is second on the team with 220 points (16.9 per game) and with a 56.6 shooting percentage (69-for-122). Shea leads the team with 27 steals. In the WIAC, Beyer is third in average points per game and rebounds per game, while Shea is tied for sixth in average points per game and second in steals per game.

Whitewater has also outscored, outshot and outrebounded its opponents so far this season, though by a larger margin than the Blugolds. The Warhawks are averaging 16.8 points per game more than opponents (81.8-to-65.0). They are also shooting 52.6 percent to opponents' 42.0 percent. Whitewater is also pulling down 9.9 more rebounds per game than opponents (37.0-to-26.1).

Three players are averaging double figure point totals for the Warhawks. Matt Goodwin is averaging 16.0 points per game, while Rob Perry has 14.5 and Myles McKay has 11.9. Perry also has a team-leading 77 rebounds (5.9 per game).

All-time, the Blugolds lead the series against the Warhawks with a 58-46 record. The Warhawks, however, have won six straight games dating back to January 2005.

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