

Men's Basketball Looks To Rebound Against Oshkosh

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team will look for its first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) win in 2008 when it hosts UW-Oshkosh on Wednesday.

After starting the season 2-0 in conference play, the Blugolds have lost their last three to send their WIAC record to 2-3 and overall record to 8-6. Oshkosh split its last two WIAC games but is still 5-1 and tied for first in the conference with Whitewater. All-time, the Blugolds are 69-40 against the Titans but are 1-12 in the last six seasons, with their last win on December 7, 2004 in Zorn Arena.

The Blugolds are led by senior **Dan Beyer** (*Sr.-Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial*), who is averaging 18.4 points per game and 7.0 rebounds per game. He is second in the WIAC in average points per game and third in average rebounds per game. Freshman **Ryan Shea** (*Duluth, Minn./East*) is second on the team, averaging 16.5 points per game and leads the team in steals and free throw shooting percentage. He has 30 steals, second most in the WIAC, and is 69-for-87 (79.3 percent) from the free throw line.

As a team, Eau Claire is going 403-for-798 (50.5 percent) from the field compared to opponents' 43.5 percent. Opponents are outshooting the Blugolds from the free throw line, however, hitting 76.3 percent of shots to the Blugolds' 65.5 percent. Eau Claire is averaging more points per game than opponents (76.1-to-73.6) and outrebounding them 33.4-to-31.6 per game.

Oshkosh is also outshooting opponents this season, though by a close margin. The Titans are 351-for-721 (48.7 percent) from the field while opponents are 351-for-733 (47.9 percent). Oshkosh is pulling down an average of 29.8 rebounds per game and have gone 231-for-289 (79.9 percent) from the charity stripe.

Three Titans currently have double digit point averages this season. D.J. Marsh is leading Oshkosh with 17.6 points per game while Matt Miller has 17.4. Dane Seckar-Anderson is third on the team with 13.9. Miller is also leading the team in free throw percentage, going 41-for-43 (95.3 percent). He is second in the WIAC as Superior's Ray Burns has hit 41-of-42 so far this season. Jordan Johnson is leading the Titans in rebounding with 7.4 boards per game.

Tip-off against the Titans is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday in W.L. Zorn Arena.

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