Wrestling Set For Two Home Events

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team will be in action at the McPhee Gymnasium this weekend, hosting UW-Oshkosh on Friday and the 30th Annual Blugold Invitational on Saturday.

The dual meet this Friday is the Blugolds' first home Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) dual meet of the season. They have not dropped a WIAC dual meet yet this season, holding a 2-0 record. Oshkosh comes into the meet with an 0-3 conference dual meet record.

On Saturday, Eau Claire will hold its annual Blugold Invite, featuring nine teams from around the region, including five highly ranked teams. In attendance will be No. 2 Augsburg College (Minn.), Itasca Community College (Minn.), No. 29 St. John's (Minn.), No. 12 Luther College (Iowa), UW-Eau Claire, No. 3 UW-La Crosse, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh and No. 8 UW-Stevens Point.

There will also be a number of nationally ranked individuals at the invite. For the Blugolds, **Josh Holforty** *(Jr.-Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy)*, who is 20-5 on the season, is ranked sixth in the nation at the 197 weight class.

At the invite last season, Augsburg took the spot with 197 points. Eau Claire ended with 69 for a fourth place finish. The highest finisher from last year's invite the Blugolds are returning is **Andy Johnston** *(So.-St. Cloud, MN/St. Cloud Tech HS)*. He finished fourth at 141 pounds.

The Blugolds will kick of the weekend on Friday at 7 p.m. with the WIAC dual meet against UW-Oshkosh. The Blugold Invite is set to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

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