Wrestling Drops First WIAC Dual Meet Of The Season

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team was unable to win its fourth straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) dual meet of the season, falling 17-25 to UW-Whitewater at the McPhee Physical Education Center tonight.

The Blugolds drop to 3-1 in conference dual meet play, while UW-Whitewater, ranked 10th in the latest National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III poll, improves to 4-2. Whitewater fell to No. 8 UW-Stevens Point last night in Stevens Point.

Josh Holforty *(Jr.-Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy)* again performed well for the Blugolds, winning by major decision, 15-1, over the Warhawks' Jason Johnson at 197 pounds. Holforty, who is ranked sixth in the nation in the 197-pound weight class, improves to 26-5 on the season.

Andy Johnston *(So.-St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech HS)* also picked up a major decision win with a score of 14-4 at 149 pounds over Whitewater's Matt Schuck. The win improves Johnston's record to 21-10.

Andy Miller *(Jr.-Appleton, Wis./North)*, **Jon Ames** *(So.-Viroqua, Wis.)* and **Nick Hoeft** *(Sr.-Merrill, Wis.)* were also winners tonight for Eau Claire. Miller defeated Whitewater's Josh Miller 6-2 at 133. Ames took an 11-7 victory over James Gordon at 157 pounds. Hoeft picked up a big 2-1 win over Sean Evans, who is ranked 10th in the nation in the heavyweight class. Hoeft improves to 18-10 on the season.

The Blugolds will be back at home this Tuesday when they face UW-La Crosse. The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m.

Whitewater 25, Eau Claire 17

125 - Jeremy Johnson (WW) won by forfeit133 - Andy Miller (EC) dec. over Josh Miller (WW), 6-2141 - Austin Bautista (WW) pinned Greg Sonnentag (EC) in 2:01149 - Andy Johnston (EC) major dec. over Matt Schuck (WW), 14-4157 - Jon Ames (EC) dec. over James Gordon (WW), 11-7165 - Pat Nagel (WW) tech. fall over Seth Hendricks (EC), 18-2174 - Rob Schoner (WW) won by forfeit184 - David Casper (WW) dec. over Ted Sikowski (EC), 9-7197 - Josh Holforty (EC) major dec. over Jason Johnson (WW), 15-1HWT - Nick Hoeft (EC) dec. over Sean Evans (WW), 2-1

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