

Brigl Posts Shutout As Men's Hockey Gets Big Win

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - Behind UW-Eau Claire goalie **Tyler Brigl's** (So. -Eagan, Minn.) fourth shutout of the season, the men's hockey team got a big 2-0 victory over UW-Stevens Point tonight at Hobbs Ice Center.

The Blugolds complete the regular season with a 6-7-1 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) record. They finish in fifth place in the NCHA, their best finish since the 2001-02 season. Eau Claire also posted 10 wins this season (10-14-1) which is the most wins since the 2003-04 season.

Brigl's four shutouts this season is the most in a single season in program history. His four shutouts also ties him for third in the conference for most shutouts this season. He now has five career shutouts, which ranks first all-time among all Blugold goalies.

The Blugolds got on the board early tonight with an even-strength goal at 5:39 in the first period from **Sam Bauler** (Jr.-Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview), his fourth goal of the season and second game-winning goal of the season. The goal was scored on a rebounded shot from **Nicholas Kuquali** (So.-Pittsburgh, Pa./Mt. Lebanon), who picked up his third assist of the season with the goal.

Sean Garrity (Sr.-North St. Paul, Minn./North), who leads the team with 24 points and is tied for most goals with 11 this season, scored the games' final goal at 17:08 in the second. **Greg Petersen** (Jr.-Maple Grove, Minn./Totino-Grace) was credited with the assist, his 12th this year.

The Blugolds controlled the entire way tonight and outshot the Pointers more than 2-to-1. Eau Claire finished the night with 42 shots, including 20 in the first period, while Stevens Point only had 19 shots on target.

Brigl's 19 saves tonight brings his season total to 532 this season on 590 shots faced. He has saved 90.2% of shots faced this year and has a goals against average of 2.45.

The Blugolds will now move on to the NCHA playoffs. They will face No. 4 seed UW-Superior in Superior next Friday and Saturday.

Eau Claire-Stevens Point Box Score

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