

Petersen Leads Blugolds On All-NCHA Team

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MENOMONIE, Wis. - UW-Eau Claire men's hockey defenseman **Greg Petersen** (*Jr. -Maple Grove, Minn./Totino-Grace*) received first team All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) honors, league sports information director Layne Pitt announced today.

Petersen is in his second year with the Blugolds. It is also the second year in a row Petersen made the first team as a defenseman. He was second on the team in total points with 17 on five goals and 12 assists.

Three other Blugolds received recognition on the All-NCHA honorable mention team. Forwards **Andrew Johnson** (*Jr.-Andover, Minn./Anoka*) and **Sean Garrity** (*Sr.-North St. Paul, Minn./North*), as well as goalie **Tyler Brigl** (*So.-Eagan, Minn.*) made the team. Last season Garrity was a first team selection, while Brigl and Johnson are appearing on the All-NCHA list for the first time.

Garrity led the Blugolds with 24 points this season. He also tied for first on the team with Johnson, scoring 11 goals. Garrity also had a team-high 13 assists. Johnson was third on the team with 16 points with his 11 goals and five assists.

Brigl made a big impact in goal this season for the Blugolds, playing almost 1,420 minutes in the net out of a possible 1,506. Brigl allowed 57 goals and saved 532 shots, for a save percentage of 90.3 percent. Brigl also posted four shutouts this season, the first time a Blugold has ever had that many in a single season, and now has five career shutouts, which is also a team record.

The Blugolds wrapped up the regular season yesterday with a 2-0 win over UW-Stevens Point. The win moved Eau Claire into fifth place in the NCHA with a record of 6-7-1, its highest finish since the 2001-02 season. The Blugolds also accumulated 10 overall wins, which is the most wins since the 2003-04 season.

Only five out of the eight NCHA teams had players that received first team All-NCHA honors this season. Champion St. Norbert College and second place team UW-River Falls led the first team selections with four players being named from each school.

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