Women's Tennis Narrowly Defeats I-94 Rival Stout

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire women's tennis team defeated Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival UW-Stout 5-4 at the Simpson Outdoor Tennis Courts this afternoon.

Eau Claire went 2-1 on the doubles side today, winning at No. 1 and No. 3. **Sarah Riordan** *(Sr.-Appleton, Wis./North)* and **Gina Dahl** *(So.-Fort Atkinson, Wis.)* defeated Stout's duo of Allie Hinman and Kiersten Johnson 9-8 (7-5) at No. 1. **Kirsten Marciniak** *(Fr.-Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine)* and **Emma Grosse** *(Fr.-Farmington, Minn.)* also took a victory in the No. 3 spot for the Blugolds, winning 8-5 over Sarah Smith and Lindsey Luberda.

In singles play, the Blugolds split with the Blue Devils. **Kristie Carlson** *(Sr.-Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View)* gave up the least amount of points for the Blugolds, winning 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 over Hinman. **Erin Welch** *(So.-Tomah, Wis.)* also defeated Farchmin at No. 4 singles by scores of 6-4, 6-1, while Dahl took down Jodie Czech by scores of 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2. Despite a close match at No. 6 the entire day, **Michelle Reinders** *(Fr.-Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead)* came up short to Luberda who won 6-1, 5-7, 10-4. Riordan also played in a super-tiebreaker and came up short to Hinman 4-6, 6-3, 10-7 at No. 1 singles.

Next weekend the Blugolds will head to Whitewater to compete in the WIAC Team Tournament. Eau Claire will take on River Falls, while Whitewater will face La Crosse at 9 a.m. Saturday. The winners will advance to play each other at 1 p.m. to determine the WIAC's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Eau Claire 5, Stout 4

Singles

No. 1 - Allie Hinman (ST) def. Sarah Riordan (EC) 4-6, 6-3, 10-7No. 2 - Gina Dahl (EC) def. Jodie Czech (ST) 6-2, 6-4No. 3 - Kristie Carlson (EC) def. Kiersten Johnson (ST) 6-2, 6-1No. 4 - Erin Welch (EC) def. Danielle Farchmin (ST) 6-4, 6-1No. 5 - Sarah Smith (ST) def. Kirsten Marciniak (EC) 6-2, 6-2No. 6 - Lindsey Luberda (ST) def. Michelle Reinders (EC) 6-1, 5-7, 10-4

Doubles

No. 1 - Riordan/Dahl (EC) def. Hinman/Johnson (ST) 9-8 (7-5)No. 2 - Czech/Farchmin (ST) def. Carlson/Welch (EC) 8-5No. 3 - Marciniak/Emma Grosse (EC) def. Smith/Luberda (ST) 8-6

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