

# Volleyball Set To Host Home Opener Against Oshkosh

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. -- Having played its entire season on the road, the UW-Eau Claire volleyball team is set to play their first match at home against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday afternoon.

The Blugolds are currently 10-9 on the season, with a perfect 2-0 record against WIAC opponents, having beat UW-La Crosse and UW-Platteville earlier this season. Both matches were decided in five sets.

**Emily Zupon** (So.-Antigo, Wis.) leads the team in kills with 2.80 per game, good for sixth-highest in the conference. **Abby Freiborg** (Sr.-Sacred Heart, Minn./Renville County West) comes in a close second with 2.54 per game. Freiborg also ranks second on the team in service aces with 28 and digs with 2.89 per game.

**Emily Haese** (Sr.-Mishicot, Wis.) leads Eau Claire with 9.19 assists per game, which ranks third in the conference. Haese also ranks third on the team in digs with 2.15 per game. Solid on both sides of the ball, **Lindsey Smith** (Jr.-Maple Lake, Minn.) is tops on the team with 32 service aces and 3.81 digs per game.

UW-Oshkosh currently carries an overall record of 19-1 and is 4-0 in conference play. Picked to win the WIAC in the preseason coaches' poll, the Titans have lived up to their billing thus far. Ranked 10th in the latest NCAA Division III poll, Oshkosh suffered its only loss of the season to Augustana College (Ill.) in five sets on September 27.

Megan Fischer leads the Titans with 2.62 kills per game, good for ninth in the conference. Christina Cahoon and Andrea Smith rank second and third among the WIAC in service aces with 39 and 32, respectively. Cahoon also leads the conference in digs per game with 5.08.

Oshkosh leads the all-time series against Eau Claire, with a 41-27 record. The last match against these two teams came on September 21 last season when the Titans swept the match 32-30, 30-27 and 30-25.

Saturday's match, which will also honor the Blugolds' five seniors, is set to begin at 12 p.m. in the newly renovated McPhee Physical Education Center.

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