

# Volleyball Stays Perfect In WIAC With Comeback Win

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RIVER FALLS, Wis. - Riding the coat tails of Saturday's win over UW-Oshkosh, the UW-Eau Claire volleyball team was forced to battle back from two sets down to beat UW-River Falls at the Karges Center.

The win keeps the Blugolds undefeated in conference with a 4-0 record, and improve their overall record to 12-9. River Falls drops to 1-4 in WIAC play, and 9-12 on the season.

It was all River Falls in the first two sets. Marred by service and attack errors, the Blugolds were unable to find a rhythm early, and the Falcons capitalized on several Eau Claire miscues. Eau Claire dropped the first two sets by scores of 25-18 and 25-10.

Refusing to quit, the Blugolds battled early and often in the third set, trading point for point with River Falls. Eau Claire took its first lead of the match at 7-6 early in the third set. Late in the third, River Falls took a 15-11 lead, but the Blugolds would rally a comeback and avoid the sweep, winning 25-23 and forcing a fifth set with a 25-22 victory in the fourth set.

The Blugolds found much of the same in the fifth set as they did in the previous four, and found themselves down early. Rallying to tie the set at four, Eau Claire absorbed several Falcon rallies and stunned the home crowd, stealing the victory and the match with a 16-14.

**Abby Freiborg** (Sr.-Sacred Heart, Minn./Renville County West) led the Blugolds with 14 kills, and **Katie Fox** (Sr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./Chi-Hi) chipped in 11. **Emily Haese** (Sr.-Mishicot, Wis.) paced the offense with 45 assists, and **Lindsey Smith** (Jr.-Maple Lake, Minn.) was solid defensively, leading Eau Claire with 18 digs.

River Falls was led by Kelsey Scheele's 22 kills and 17 digs.

Eau Claire will be back at home on Wednesday, as well as next Friday and Saturday for three WIAC matches against UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater. Head Coach Kim Wudi said she expects large crowds at each match in support of the home team. Each match will take place at McPhee Physical Education Center, with Wednesday's match slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-River Falls Box Score

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