

# Volleyball Set To "Dig For The Cure" Against Stout

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. -- The UW-Eau Claire volleyball team prepares to take on I-94 rival UW-Stout on Wednesday evening in the first of three home matches this week. The Blugolds will also host their "Dig for the Cure" event on Wednesday, which supports breast cancer awareness in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Blugolds' last match came October 8 on the road against WIAC opponent UW-River Falls. In nail biting fashion, the Blugolds erased a two-set deficit to win the match and maintain its perfect conference record. Eau Claire is currently 12-9 on the season and sits atop the WIAC with a 4-0 record.

**Abby Freiborg** (Sr.- Sacred Heart, Minn./Renville County West) leads the team with 215 kills in 82 games played, good for 2.62 kills per game. Freiborg also tops the Blugolds with 34 service aces, ranking fourth in the WIAC. With 9.21 assists per game, **Emily Haese** (Sr.-Mishicot, Wis.) ranks second in the conference and has paced Eau Claire's offense all season.

On the defensive end, **Lindsey Smith** (Jr.- Maple Grove, Minn.) is registering almost four digs per game and 316 on the season, which ranks fifth among conference players. **Katie Fox** (Sr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./Chi-Hi) has been a front row force, gathering six solo blocks and 64 block assists, giving her 0.89 blocks per game, good for third in the WIAC.

UW-Stout enters the match with a 4-15 overall record, and a 1-3 showing in the conference. The Blue Devils' last match was also on October 8, where they lost at home to UW-Superior in a three-set sweep.

Maggie Meixl is second in the WIAC in hitting percentage at .302 and leads Stout's offense with 2.66 kills per game. Alicia Mizer has tallied 213 digs on the season, which ranks fourth in the conference and leads the Blue Devils' defense.

The Blugolds have planned various contests during the night for fans and will also sell pink UW-Eau Claire volleyball t-shirts and other merchandise for their "Dig for the Cure" promotion. Wednesday's match will also be team and youth night for Eau Claire, which means two youths (eight grade and under) will be admitted free with each paid adult. High school teams (including coaches) that register to watch the match will be admitted free as well. Action is set to begin at 7 p.m. at McPhee Physical Education Center.

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