

# Women's Hockey Falls In Overtime

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WINONA, Minn. - In a back-and-forth contest against St. Mary's (Minn.), the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team came up short, falling 5-4 in overtime tonight at SMU Ice Arena.

Eau Claire drops to 2-1 on the season while St. Mary's improves to 1-1. Eau Claire defeated St. Mary's at Hobbs Ice Center last Saturday 3-1.

The Blugolds took the lead early in the first period with **Kelli Johnson** (So.-Farmington, Minn.) scoring the first goal of her collegiate career at 3:41. **Kristin Faber** (So.-Austin, Minn.) and **Christine Dickinson** (So.-Layton, Utah/Shattuck-St. Mary's) assisted on the even-strength goal.

It took until the second period for St. Mary's to tie it up. Madison Sienko scored at 4:04 in the second on an assist from Caiti Knudson. Eau Claire then retook the lead with **Lauren Havard** (Sr.-San Angelo, Texas/Araphaoe) finding the net less than seven minutes later with an assist from **Maddi Hammer** (So.-Owatonna, Minn.).

The Cardinals got in two power-play goals, one at the end of the second and one at the beginning of the third to take their first lead of the contest at 3-2. The Blugolds then came back with two of their own to retake the lead. Faber scored at 5:26 for Eau Claire on a power-play and **Toni Simones** (Fr.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul) followed less than three minutes later on an assist from **Beth Dittrich** (Jr.-Roseville, Minn.) to put the Blugolds back in control.

SMU's Ashley Mileykovsky then tied it back up with just over two minutes to go. The game then went into overtime with both teams tied at 4-4. Two minutes into the overtime, Cardinals' Sheree Haslemore picked up the game-winner and sent the Blugolds home with a 5-4 loss.

For the game the Blugolds outshot the Cardinals 36-28. St. Mary's finished 2-for-6 on power-plays, while Eau Claire scored one goal on three opportunities.

Eau Claire's **Danika Porter** (So.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul) dropped to 1-1 on the year with the overtime loss. She played the entire game and picked up 23 saves while allowing five goals. St. Mary's Lenz Madeline recorded 32 saves and allowed four goals as she played the entire game.

Saturday Eau Claire heads to St. Paul to take on Bethel University. The game starts at 6:45 p.m.

Eau Claire-St. Mary's Box Score

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