Women's Hockey Wins In Final Seconds Of Overtime

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - With 12 seconds remaining in overtime, **Kristin Faber** *(So. -Austin, Minn.)* scored an unassisted goal to lift the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team to a 3-2 victory over Concordia University (Wis.) tonight at Hobbs Ice Center.

Tonight's contest was both teams' Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) opener this season. Eau Claire improves to 4-1 overall, while Concordia drops to 1-3. This was the third game in a row the Blugolds played in an overtime match. They now hold a 2-1 record in those three games.

Concordia gave the home crowd a scare, getting up on the Blugolds 2-0 after two periods of play. Concordia's Sarah Smith scored the contest's first goal at 6:34 in the second on an assist from Sarah Luberda and Jamie Athens pushed the Falcons' lead to two less than nine minutes later with an unassisted even-strength goal.

It took the Blugolds almost nine minutes into the third period to find their first goal of the game. Faber picked up that even-strength goal with an assist from **Kelli Johnson** *(So.-Farmington, Minn.)* and less than six minutes later **Toni Simones** *(Fr.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul)* scored another to tie the score at 2-2. Faber assisted on that goal along with **Lauren Havard** *(Sr.-San Angelo, Texas/Araphaoe)*. Faber then added the game-winner in the overtime period at 4:48.

The Blugolds outshot the Falcons 37-21 tonight. Faber recorded a game-high eight shots while Toni Simones added six.

Morgan Pieper *(Fr.-Williams, Minn./Warroad)* played the entire game between the pipes and recorded 19 saves while allowing two goals. She improved to 3-0-0 on the season with the victory. Concordia's Kari Hunter played the entire game as well, picking up 34 saves and allowing three goals. The loss dropped her season record to 1-2-0

The Blugolds will be back at home tomorrow night for another NCHA game against Concordia. The puck is set to drop at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center.

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