

Men's Basketball Bounces Back With Win

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OSHKOSH, Wis. - After losing in the opening game of the Oshkosh Classic, the UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team posted its second win of the season with a 82-75 win over Clarke College (Iowa).

With the win, the Blugolds get back to .500 with a 2-2 record, while Clarke falls to 1-7 on the season. In a balanced scoring attack that saw 10 Blugolds record at least six points, Eau Claire shot 56.6 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from three point land.

Throughout the first seven minutes of the game, there were seven lead changes and three ties. A **Josh Prince** (*Fr.-Cadott, Wis./Chippewa Falls*) three pointer gave the Blugolds a four point lead at 19-5, and Eau Claire would go on a 9-0 run to extend its lead to 10. Clarke would attempt to chip away at the lead, but the Blugolds had an answer, taking a 47-37 lead into halftime.

The Blugolds would not give up its lead for the remainder of the game, creating a 16 point margin midway through the half. Clarke cut the lead to single digits on several occasions, but Eau Claire was able to keep its lead, thanks in large part to points off of Clarke turnovers.

Prince and **Amadou Fofana** (*So.-Appleton, Wis./West*) led four Blugolds in double-digits with 11 points apiece. **Ryan Shea** (*So.-Duluth, Minn./East*) and **Colin Boone** (*Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial*) each chipped in with 10 points, while **Dan Beyer** (*Sr.-Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial*) scored eight points and pulled down a team high eight rebounds and two blocks.

Eau Claire will be back on the hardwood in its 2008-09 home opener Tuesday evening against Finlandia (Mich.). The Blugolds have dominated the all-time series, winning nine of 10 games played. Eau Claire played Finlandia twice last season, winning 78-76 in Hancock, Mich., and 85-73 at Zorn Arena. Tuesday's game, which is also Youth Night, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Zorn Arena.

Eau Claire-Clarke Box Score

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