

Men's Hockey Loses Second Straight

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - Struggling to find the back of the net, the 10th ranked UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team lost to 15th ranked St. Scholastica (Minn.) by a score of 5-1 tonight at Hobbs Ice Center.

After beginning the season a perfect 6-0, the Blugolds have cooled off, losing three of the last four games. With the loss, Eau Claire drops to 7-3-0 on the season and 2-3-0 in NCHA play. St. Scholastica runs its win streak to three games and avenges a season-opening loss to the Blugolds. The Saints are now 8-3-1 overall and 3-2-0 in conference.

Thanks to a quick start, St. Scholastica managed to take an early 2-0 lead on a goals by Rob Rodgers and Jordan Chong in the first period. The Blugolds were unable to stifle the Saints offense, and St. Scholastica would tack on three more goals in the second half, including a power play goal, to put the game out of reach. Eau Claire lit the lamp in the final period, on a **Sean Garrity** (*Sr.-North St. Paul, Minn./North*) goal at the 5:38 mark. The goal was Garrity's seventh of the season, and the first goal for the Blugolds in 112 minutes of hockey. Prior to tonight, Eau Claire's last goal came two weeks ago against UW-River Falls. **Greg Petersen** (*Sr.-Maple Grove, Minn./Totino-Grace*) assisted on the goal, recording his sixth of the season.

Mike Devoney (*So.-Buffalo Grove, Ill./Adlai Stevenson*) took the loss between the pipes for Eau Claire, giving up five goals while making 17 saves in the first two periods. **Aaron Johnson** (*Jr.-Hayward, Wis.*) took over in the third period, making 10 saves.

The Blugolds continue their home stand tomorrow night, taking on UW-Superior. The Yellowjackets currently sit atop the NCHA standings with an unblemished 3-0-0 record, and an 11-1-1 mark overall. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-St. Scholastica Results

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