

Men's Hockey Set For Last Two Games Before Break

Posted: Thursday, December 11, 2008

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team is looking to reverse its recent change of fortunes when it faces non-conference opponents Augsburg College Auggies this Friday at home and Bethel University Royals on the road Saturday.

The 7-4 Blugolds are looking for another winning streak, as they have now dropped four of their last five games after starting the season 6-0. In the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, the Blugolds are 2-4, putting them in a three-way-tie for fifth place with UW-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls. The Blugolds' goaltending is doing fairly well, only allowing 17 goals in conference play, putting them fourth in goals allowed in the NCHA.

The Augsburg Auggies did not get their season off on a good foot, losing their opening game against Blugold rival UW-Stout 7-4. The Auggies went on to lose two more games, putting them at 0-3 on the year. Augsburg began to turn it around after winning two straight against Bethel University, but dropped two straight games against St. Thomas, putting its record at 2-5 on the year. The Auggies hold a 13-4 advantage in the all-time series.

The Bethel Royals started their year fairly well after going 3-0-1, but came up short in two straight to Augsburg. Since then, the Royals have gone 3-3, losing their last game 4-1 last night against UW-River Falls, making their overall record 6-5-1. Bethel holds a 4-2-0 record on the road and a 2-3-1 record at home this season. In the all-time series against the Royals, Eau Claire has the upper hand with a 9-5 record.

The Blugolds are set to play Augsburg this Friday night at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center. Eau Claire will then travel to Blaine, Minn. to take on Bethel University on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bethel University Arena.

- MT -