

Men's Hockey Goes Undefeated On The Weekend

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BLAINE, Minn. - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team finished its weekend undefeated after beating the Bethel University Royals 3-1 tonight at the Bethel University Arena.

After the win tonight, the Blugolds move to 9-4-0 on the year and 4-2-0 on the road. UW-Eau Claire remains in a three-way tie for fifth place in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association with UW-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls.

The Blugolds sounded the alarm first with an even-strength goal from **Nic Weight** (*Fr.-Eagle River, Wis./Northland Pines*) at 7:43 with assists from both **Dustin Trail** (*Fr.-Albert Lea, Minn.*) and **Sean Garrity** (*Sr.-North St. Paul, Minn./North*) to put Eau Claire up 1-0. The Royals fought back, however, scoring an even-strength goal four minutes later to tie the game 1-1.

In the second period, **Tyler Trudell** (*Jr.-Waukesha, Wis./South*) put the Blugolds in front once again by notching the second even-strength goal of the night with the assist from **Jesse Vesel** (*Sr.-Hibbing, Minn.*) at 7:29 to make the score 2-1.

The third period proved to be the final nail in the coffin for the Royals as Eau Claire's **Dan Fina** (*Sr.-Fontana, Wis./Glenbard South*) scored the final even-strength goal of the game at 8:53 with assists from **Skylar Christoffersen** (*Jr.-Langley, B.C./Brookwood*) and **DJ Clark** (*Sr.-Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park*) to give the Blugolds their second straight win.

The Blugolds outshot the Royals tonight 31-21. Eau Claire goalkeeper **Tyler Brigl** (*Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview*) recorded 20 saves to his account and moves to 8-3-0 on the season for the Blugolds. The Bethel goalkeeper Aaron Damjanovich recorded 28 saves on the night after playing 59:27.

Eau Claire will take a break from the ice until it returns home January 2 and 3 against St. Olaf and Crookston. Both games are set to start at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Bethel Box Score

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