

Probst Leads Men's Basketball Over Saints

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team won its fourth straight game, defeating the College of St. Scholastica 76-66 tonight at Zorn Arena.

The Blugolds are now 8-3 on the season while the Saints drop to 4-7. Eau Claire improves to 11-0 all-time against the Saints.

Geoff Probst (*Jr.-Moose Lake, Minn.*) had a big night for Eau Claire, recording a career-high, game-leading 32 points. He also scored his second straight double-double, leading the game with a career-high 12 rebounds.

Eau Claire led almost the entire evening, with St. Scholastica scoring the opening basket. After that, the Blugolds went on a 7-0 run and never looked back. In the first half, Probst used two runs to pick up his 17 first half points. One spanned five minutes where he accumulated 10 points and the other he scored seven points in just over a one minute stretch. In the second half the Blugolds got up by as much as 16 points and the Saints were only able to close within seven one time mid way through the second.

Josh Prince (*Fr.-Cadott, Wis./Chippewa Falls*) was the only other Blugold to reach double-figures, scoring 10 points. Two others added nine points. **Colin Boone** (*Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial*) played well tonight for Eau Claire, coming away with six assists, seven rebounds and four points, playing all but three minutes.

Bryan Johnson led the way for the Saints with 12 points, while three others recorded double-figures. Troy Miller scored 11 while Jesse Taylor and Danny Schmitz each contributed 10. Max Dibrell led the team with seven rebounds.

Eau Claire had a good night on the boards, out-rebounding the Saints 37-30. The Blugolds came up with 15 offensive boards to the Saints' eight. For the game, Eau Claire shot 45 percent from the floor but the Saints came away shooting 46.4 percent. Each team also shot well from the free throw line with the Saints hitting 81.8 percent (9-for-11) of their shots and the Blugolds going 21-for-28 (75 percent).

The Blugolds will be back in conference action next week when UW-Superior comes to Zorn Arena on Wednesday. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-St. Scholastica Box Score

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