

Women's Basketball Ready For Clash With Titans

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - Following its first loss of the season on Saturday, the sixth-ranked UW-Eau Claire women's basketball team looks to get back on track at home against Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent UW-Oshkosh on Wednesday evening.

The Blugolds started the season on a torrid pace, going 12-0 including a 4-0 mark in conference play. Saturday's contest was a match up with conference foe, UW-Whitewater, where the third-ranked Warhawks handed Eau Claire its first loss, 73-61.

On the year, Eau Claire averages 66.8 points per game while holding its opponents to just 52.4 points. The Blugolds out rebound their opponents by nearly eight boards per game, and shoot at a 45.6 percent clip compared to their opponent's 35.7 percent.

Senior **Heidi Arciszewski** (*Sr.-Thorp, Wis.*) leads a trio of Blugolds in double-digit scoring. Starting in all 13 contests, Arciszewski leads the team with 16.3 points per game, good for fourth in the WIAC, to go along with a team-leading 6.5 boards. Fellow senior **Heather Witt** (*Sr.-Kendall, Wis./Royall*) averages 13.8 points per game, accompanied by a conference-leading 3.54 assists and 3.85 steals per game. Close behind Witt in scoring is **Hannah Mesick** (*So.-Chatfield, Minn.*). Mesick enters Wednesday's game averaging 13.2 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Oshkosh comes into Zorn Arena with an overall record of 6-8, including a 1-5 record in WIAC competition. The Titans snapped a two game losing streak on Saturday with a 75-67 win over UW-Superior. Erin Baganz leads Oshkosh with 8.8 points per game, while Shelby Churchill is posting 8.5 points per contest to go along with a team-leading 7.9 rebounds per game, good for fifth in the WIAC.

In their last game against the Titans, the Blugolds cruised to a 74-42 victory last season at Zorn Arena. Eau Claire has won its last three meetings with Oshkosh, two of which came by way of double-digit point margins. Wednesday's contest at Zorn Arena will also be Team Night for Blugold fans. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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