

Three Pins Lead Wrestling Over St. Olaf

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NORTHFIELD, Minn. - With the UW-Eau Claire wrestling team coming up with three pins, the Blugolds defeated St. Olaf College (Minn.) 31-15 tonight.

The Blugolds won their second dual meet in the last three days and improve to 5-8 on the year. St. Olaf falls to 0-5 in dual meets this year. Eau Claire has won each of its dual meets against St. Olaf in the last three years.

With the Blugolds down 12-0 after three matches, they turned it up a notch and only allowed one more victory for the Oles.

Andy Johnston (*Jr.-St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech*) kicked off the winning for Eau Claire with a 16-5 major decision victory over Ian Gacheru at 149 pounds. In the 157 pound category, it took **Jon Ames** (*Jr.-Genoa, Wis./Viroqua*) only 56 seconds to pin Derek Montgomery and earn six points for Eau Claire.

Jordan Davis (*So.-Blaine, Minn./Centennial*) also came up with a pin at 184 pounds in 1:29, while **Joe Pitsch** (*Fr.-Oshkosh, Wis./North*) also came away with a pin in the heavyweight category, defeating Nicholas Vernal in 3:36.

Seth Hendricks (*Jr.-Beloit, Wis./Turner*) also recorded a win for the Blugolds with a 4-3 decision over Josef Waples at 165 pounds and **Josh Holforty** (*Sr.-Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy*) won by forfeit to earn six points for the Blugolds.

Eau Claire will now have almost two weeks off and will be on the mat on January 24 for a dual meet against St. Cloud State (Minn.). The meet is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Eau Claire 31, St. Olaf 15

125 - Ian Peppel (StO) won by forfeit
133 - Ryan Timmerman (StO) def. Andy Miller (EC), 11-7
141 - Michael Pitts (StO) def. Zach Weisenberger (EC), 12-6
149 - Andy Johnston (EC) major dec. over Ian Gacheru (StO), 16-5
157 - Jon Ames (EC) pinned Derek Montgomery (StO) in 0:56
165 - Seth Hendricks (EC) def. Josef Waples (StO), 4-3
174 - Bryce Mikel (StO) def. Keith Dawson (EC), 5-4
184 - Jordan Davis (EC) pinned William Reilly (StO) in 1:29
197 - Josh Holforty (EC) won by forfeit
HWT - Joe Pitsch (EC) pinned Nicholas Vernal (StO) in 3:36

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