

Men's Basketball Dominates Superior

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SUPERIOR, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team made it two wins in a row with a 82-68 win over WIAC opponent UW-Superior this evening at Mertz Mortorelli Gym.

Shooting at a 52.5 percent clip from the field, the Blugolds improve their overall record to 11-7 and move to .500 in conference play with a 5-5 mark. Eau Claire hands Superior its eighth conference loss, bringing them to 2-8 in the WIAC and 9-10 overall.

A Yellowjacket layup 15 seconds into the contest gave Superior a 2-0 lead, the only lead the Blugolds would allow for the entire game. Superior managed to keep the game close through the first 10 minutes of the first half. An **Amadou Fofana** (*So.-Appleton, Wis./West*) jumper gave Eau Claire a 22-17 lead at the 9:14 mark, starting a run where the Blugolds built a 13 point lead. Superior cut into that lead before the half, and the Blugolds took a 44-39 lead into halftime.

Eau Claire dominated the second half, keeping a double-digit lead throughout and winning the contest by 14 points.

Ryan Shea (*So.-Duluth, Minn./East*) led the Blugolds tonight with a game-high 26 points. Shea also pulled down five rebounds and dished out five assists. **Dan Beyer** (*Sr.-Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial*) chipped in with 17 points and a team-high nine rebounds, while **Josh Prince** (*Fr.-Cadott, Wis./Chippewa Falls*) dropped in 10 points and grabbed eight boards.

Next up for Eau Claire is a conference show down with sixth-ranked UW-Whitewater. The Warhawks are 15-3 on the year and beat the Blugolds earlier this season by a score of 96-86. The men will be the first game of the doubleheader at 3 p.m., and the women's contest will follow at 5 p.m. in Zorn Arena.

Eau Claire-Superior Box Score

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