Women's Hockey Drops Game Against Foresters

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team lost its second straight game tonight, dropping a 2-1 decision against NCHA opponent Lake Forest (Ill.) at Hobbs Ice Center.

With the loss, the Blugolds fall to 11-6-3 on the season and 6-5-2 in conference play and remain in fourth place. The Foresters remain in fifth place and improve to 10-9-1 overall and 6-6-1 in the NCHA.

One goal was scored in each period, with Lake Forest lighting the lamp first. At the 17:35 mark in the first period, Lynn Switaj gave the Foresters a 1-0 lead. Eau Claire evened the score at one at the 13:17 mark in the second period on a **Toni Simones** *(Fr.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul)* power play goal. It was Simones' fourth goal of the season and was assisted by **Beth Dittrich** *(Jr.-Roseville, Minn.)* and **Lauren Havard** *(Sr.-San Angelo, Texas/Araphaoe)*. It was Dittrich's ninth assist and Havard's team-leading 12th. With a tie game heading into the final period, Lake Forest recorded the game-winning goal at the 13:27 mark in the third to seal the win.

Eau Claire out-shot Lake Forest 30-14 in the tough-luck loss. **Morgan Pieper** *(Fr.-Williams, Minn./Warroad)* took the loss between the pipes for the Blugolds, making 14 saves and allowing the two Forester goals.

The Blugolds are back on the ice for game two of the doubleheader against the Foresters tomorrow night. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire-Lake Forest Box Score

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