

Men's Hockey Can't Find Its Footing As It Loses To No. 2 St. Scholastica

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DULUTH, Minn. - Following a tough loss to third-ranked UW-Superior last night, the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team was unable to get out of its rut as they lost 3-1 to second-ranked College of St. Scholastica tonight at the Mars Lakeview Arena.

The Blugolds are looking to end a four-game skid as they now drop to 3-9-1 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and 13-10-1 overall. The Blugolds remain in seventh place in the NCHA, staying ahead of the 0-12-0 Lake Forest Foresters. The Saints, who are No. 2 in the USCHO Division III Men's Rankings, move to 9-3-1 in the in the NCHA and are in third place, while improving to 18-4-2 on the season after dropping a game to UW-Stevens Point last night 4-1. In the all-time series against the Saints, the Blugolds drop to 39-19-6 after winning at home 4-1 in late October and losing at home 5-1 in early December.

Brant Marple (*Jr.-Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview*) put the Blugolds on the scoreboard first at 12:38 in the first period after receiving assists from **Joe Bluhm** (*Jr.-Red Wing, Minn.*) and **DJ Clark** (*Jr.-Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park*) on a power-play to give the Blugolds the lead. The Saints' Carter Davis responded with a goal of his own at 15:24 to end the period 1-1.

In the second period, St. Scholastica's Joey Martini put the Saints up one goal after scoring during a power-play at 8:12 to make the score 2-1 at the end of the period.

In the third period, Joey Martini scored an insurance goal and his second goal of the night for the Saints at 11:16 to give St. Scholastica the 3-1 win.

When it came to defending the net for Eau Claire, **Tyler Brigl** (*Jr.-Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview*) notched 30 saves between the pipes and played the whole game for the Blugolds. The Saints' Steve Bounds added another win to his record, ending the night with 18 saves. On the night, the Blugolds were outshot by the Saints 33-19. This was the fourth time this season the Blugolds were outshot.

The Blugolds will hit the ice one last time in the regular season when they take on UW-Stevens Point next Saturday at Stevens Point. The face-off is set to start at 7 p.m.

Eau Claire-St. Scholastica Results

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