

# Gymnastics Comes Up Short At Winona

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WINONA, Minn. - While the UW-Eau Claire gymnastics team once again picked up a season-high score, it was not enough to overcome Winona State University's season-best score, and the Blugolds fell tonight at McCown Gymnasium.

The Blugolds recorded a total of 174.600 points while Winona finished with 183.600. Eau Claire now drops to 0-10 on the season as the Warriors improve to 4-6.

**Kerri Ritsche** (So.-South Range, Wis./Superior) picked up the Blugolds' highest finish of the evening, taking second place on the uneven bars with a career-best 9.125. Her fifth place finish on the vault with a 9.200 was a season-best and the team's highest finish in the event. She also took ninth on the floor (8.850) and 10th on the balance beam (8.400) to finish with a season-best 35.575 and third place finish in the all-around competition. Her score in the all-around was just under her career-best of 35.600.

On the balance beam, **Becca Lukanich** (So.-Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township) led the Blugolds with an 8.550 to take seventh place. In her second season with the Blugolds, it was Lukanich's first performance on the beam. She also finished with a career-best on the vault with a score of 9.175.

**Samantha Howard** (Jr.-St. Paul, Minn./Henry Sibley) was the Blugolds' highest finisher on the floor exercise. She took seventh place with a 9.050.

The Blugolds' other all-around competitor, **Anna Sutherland** (Sr.-Arden Hills, Minn./Roseville), took fourth place with a 34.150.

Up next the Blugolds will be at home for a meet against UW-Oshkosh. This will be the second time the teams have faced each other. Earlier this season in Oshkosh, Eau Claire came up short despite first place finishes in three out of four events. The dual is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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