Women's Tennis Takes Two of Three in Iowa

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WAVERLY, Iowa (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire women's tennis team snagged two wins in three matches during their two-day tour of Iowa this weekend.

The team defeated Wartburg College (Iowa) on Friday night 7-2 at Hoover Fieldhouse. Wartburg came away with wins in both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, but the Blugolds took the rest. **Brenna McCormick** *(Sr.-Greendale, Wis.)* won No. 2 singles 6-4, 7-5. In the No. 3 spot, **Megan Born** *(So.-Antigo, Wis.)* bounced back from a 2-6 loss in the first set to finish 6-3, 10-6. **Erin Welch** *(Sr.-Tomah, Wis.)* won 6-3, 6-1, while **Taylor Heltne** *(Fr.-Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)* handled the No. 5 spot 6-3, 6-0. **Michelle Reinders** *(Jr.-Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead)* rounded out singles 6-4, 7-5 in No. 6 singles.

In doubles competition, McCormick and Welch defeated the Knights 8-6 in the No. 2 match, while Born and Heltne won 8-5 in the No. 3 spot.

The Blugolds then traveled to Decorah, Iowa for matchups with Luther College (Iowa) and Cornell College (Iowa) Saturday. In the first matchup of the day, the team was edged by a tough Luther College team 6-3. Born took No. 3 singles 6-1, 6-3. Heltne won No. 5 singles 6-0, 10-5 after losing the first set 1-6, while No. 6 competitor Michelle Reinders won 6-1, 6-3. Luther took all three doubles matches.

To finish off the weekend, the team defeated Cornell College 6-3. No. 1 singles competitor **Gina Dahl** *(Sr.-Fort Atkinson, Wis.)* won 6-1, 6-1, while Megan Born held down the No. 2 position 6-3, 6-3 and Taylor Heltne took No. 5 singles 6-0, 6-1. Stepping in at No. 6 was **Gretchen Bachmeier** *(Fr.-Eau Claire, Wis.)* who won 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles action, McCormick and Welch won the No. 2 match 8-1, while No. 3 team Heltne and Hiebl captured the final win of the weekend 8-0.

The Blugolds (3-1) are off until Friday, September 25th when they head to UW-Stevens Point. The event is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.