

Four Blugolds Receive WIAC Recognition

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MADISON, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - Four UW-Eau Claire Blugolds have been named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athletes of the week, conference sports information director Matt Stanek announced today.

This week's winners include: football player **Kyle Paulson** (Sr.-Amery, Wis.), men's hockey player **Brandon Stephenson** (Fr.-Saline, Mich.), women's swimmer **Kirsten Lickel** (So.-Madison, Wis./East) and women's diver **Katrina Fitzgerald** (Fr.-Farmington, Minn.).

Playing in the final game of his career on Nov. 14, Paulson was part of five touchdowns as the Blugolds defeated UW-River Falls 49-35. He recorded three touchdown passes and ran in two others, one of 21 yards and another of nine yards as he finished with 66 rushing yards, tying for the second-best total in his career. He also passed for 345 yards, a career-high, as he completed 26 passes on 35 attempts. His 411 yards of total offense in the game ranks third on the Blugold all-time list and was just 23 yards shy of first place. He finished his career second on the school's all-time list in completions, attempts and passing touchdowns, while placing third in passing yards.

Stephenson got his first collegiate starts during the weekend as the Blugolds played against UW-River Falls. On Nov. 13, the Blugolds came up just short, losing 2-1 after the Falcons scored a short-handed goal with only 30 seconds left to go in the game. In that game, he faced 31 shots, and stopped 29. On Nov. 14, the Blugolds and Falcons tied 1-1 and Stephenson recorded 34 saves while he faced 35 shots.

Lickel had the best time in two events as the Blugolds defeated UW-Oshkosh 180-55 on Nov. 14. She took the top spot in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 18:39.67, almost 40 seconds ahead of the rest of the field, while she had the best time in the 200-yard breaststroke at 2:32.74.

Fitzgerald took the top spot in the one-meter diving competition with 213 points and the three-meter diving competition with 196.55 points as the Blugolds beat UW-Oshkosh 180-55 on Nov. 14.