# Men's Hockey Ties UW-Stout 2-2

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MENOMONIE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - After defeating UW-Stout last night 3-0, the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team recorded a 2-2 tie in overtime against the Blue Devils at Dunn County Ice Arena tonight.

The Blugolds (3-5-3, 1-2-3 NCHA) got down early against the Blue Devils (4-5-3, 2-3-3 NCHA) as Stout scored twice less than seven minutes into the game. Branden Gay kicked off scoring on a power-play for Stout at 2:53 in the first and Brandon Larson put the Blue Devils up by two with one at 6:55.

Eau Claire cut Stout's lead to just one after scoring with 26 seconds left in the first period. **Nic Weight** *(So.-Eagle River, Wis./Northland Pines)* picked up his third goal of the season while **Brant Marple** *(Sr.-Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview)* and **Joe Bluhm** *(Sr.-Red Wing, Minn.)* were credited with assists.

The teams came up with 17 shots combined in the second period but none found the net. In the third, **Nicholas Kuqali** *(Sr.-Pittsburgh, Pa./Mount Lebanon)* recorded his second goal of the season at 2:08 to even out the score at 2-2. **Isaiah Bennis** *(Fr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* and **Nate Smith** *(Sr.-Clayton, Wis.)* assisted on the goal.

The Blugolds had three shots in the overtime period while Stout had just one. Eau Claire finished with 39 shots on the night to Stout's 32.

**Brandon Stephenson** *(Fr.-Saline, Mich.)* played the entire game in the net and recorded 30 saves while allowing two goals. He is now 1-1-3 on the season.

Next weekend the Blugolds will be in Stevens Point for two games against UW-Stevens Point. Action will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.