

## Women's Hockey Unable to Hold Lead; Ties River Falls

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RIVER FALLS, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - For the second night in a row, the UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team tied fifth-ranked UW-River Falls at Hunt Arena.

While the Blugolds tied 2-2 last night, both teams doubled up in scoring and recorded a 4-4 tie tonight in overtime.

The Blugolds are now 9-5-3 on the season and 4-2-2 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA). River Falls is 7-3-3 and 2-2-2 in the NCHA. Eau Claire is now tied for first place in the league with Lake Forest College (Ill.), which the Blugolds will face in two weeks in Lake Forest. The games will begin at 2 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Eau Claire has next weekend off.

Tonight, the Falcons jumped out to the early lead, scoring two goals in the first period.

The Blugolds had a very productive second period, scoring all four of their goals in that time. **Kelli Johnson** (Jr.-Farmington, Minn.) kicked off scoring on a power-play at 2:39 in the period.

Less than two minutes later, **Kristin Faber** (Jr.-Austin, Minn.) added another goal while she scored once again at 11:11 to give the Blugolds a 3-2 lead. Just 15 seconds after Faber's 18th goal of the season, **Taylor Jenkins** (So.-Austin, Minn.) found the back of the Falcons' net to put Eau Claire up 4-2.

However, the Blugolds could not hold on and River Falls scored twice in the third to tie the game up and send it into overtime. The Blugolds outshot River Falls 2-1 in overtime but the game came to a close in a tie.

For the game, the Falcons outshot the Blugolds 38-25. Each team finished 1-for-5 on power-plays.

**Danika Porter** (Jr.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul) was in the goal the entire night for Eau Claire and stopped 34 shots. The Falcons had two different goalies and they combined for 21 stops.