

Women's Hockey Gets Back on Track With Win over Pointers

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team edged Northern Collegiate Hockey Association rival UW-Stevens Point 4-2 tonight at Hobbs Ice Center.

The Blugolds' **Taylor Jenkins** (So.-Austin, Minn.) was the first to notch a goal on the scoreboard late in the first period on a power-play at 18:56 with assists from **Jackie McKay** (So.-Franklin Park, Ill./East Leyden) and **Kristin Faber** (Jr.-Austin, Minn.) to end the first period with the 1-0 lead.

In the second, the Blugolds continued to dominate as they scored two power-play goals at 7:52 and 11:17. Jenkins, who has scored in three out of the Blugolds' last four games, recorded her second goal of the night with **Beth Dittrich** (Sr.-Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) and Faber assisting. Later, McKay scored one of her own with assists from Faber and Dittrich, respectively.

Stevens Point began a slow comeback, scoring two unanswered goals towards the end of the second period, but Faber's third period goal at 14:28 with assist from **Kate Loberg-Sonderup** (Fr.-Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata) left the Blugolds with the 4-2 win. Faber recently set the school record for most points in a career and adds four more tonight to make her career total 80 points.

Eau Claire edged the Pointers on offense with 33 shots while Stevens Point totaled 29. The key to the Blugolds' victory tonight was their ability to take advantage of power-play attempts, converting on three-of-eight attempts while the Pointers couldn't convert any of their seven chances. It was the 11th time this season the Blugolds allowed no power-play goals.

Danika Porter (Jr.-Rosemount, Minn./South St. Paul) defended for the Blugolds for the full 60 minutes, saving nine shots every period and totaling 27 on the night. The Pointers d'Andra Phillips recorded the loss tonight, picking up 29 saves.

The Blugolds now move to 10-7-3 overall and 5-4-2 in NCHA play while Stevens Point drops to 10-7-2 and ties Eau Claire in NCHA play with a record of 5-4-2. The Blugolds have beat the Pointers just four times in history, holding a 4-27-2 record, but have done well lately against the Pointers with a 2-1-1 record over the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons.

Eau Claire will look to repeat tonight's victory over the Pointers as they face off again tomorrow at Hobbs Ice Center. The puck is set to hit center ice at 7 p.m.