Men's Tennis Sweeps St. Mary's in Spring Break Opener

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ORLANDO, Fla. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's tennis team won its 12th consecutive dual competition as it defeated St. Mary's University (Minn.) 9-0 on the first day of its spring break trip today.

The Blugolds, who have not dropped a meet since February 20, improve to 15-2 on the season while St. Mary's drops to 6-7.

Eau Claire dominated all of the singles matches, except in the No. 1 spot. **Lars Olson** *(Jr.-De Pere, Wis.)* played a close No. 1 singles match, falling in the first set, but finished strong to win 6-7, 6-3, 10-8.

In the other five singles matches, Eau Claire lost just nine games. **Phil Loprinzi** *(Sr.-Rochester, Minn./Mayo)* recorded a 6-0, 6-0 win in the No. 2 spot while **Kevin Fawcett** *(Sr.-Madison, Wis./Verona)* won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3.

Chris Kuna *(So.-Edina, Minn.)* lost just two games as he went on to win 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 and **David Stingley** *(Fr.-St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park)* finished with a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 6. In the No. 5 match, **Eric Wollum** *(Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* won 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles play, Olson and Fawcett won 8-0 in the No. 2 spot while Loprinzi and Kuna, along with **Dirk Van Rybroek** *(So.-Madison, Wis./Edgewood)* and Wollum picked up 8-2 victories at No. 1 and No. 3, respectively. Loprinzi and Kuna, ranked 10th regionally, have now won 10 straight matches.

The Blugolds will be back in action tomorrow with two more meets.