

## Big First Half Propels Soccer to 4-1 Win Over St. Benedict

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The-UW-Eau Claire soccer team recorded three goals in the first half and went on to defeat the College of St. Benedict (Minn.) 4-1 at the Bollinger Fields today.

The Blugolds (4-2) started off quickly, scoring at 1:50. **Allie Stone** (*Fr.-Madison, Wis./Verona Area*) scored the opening goal, the first one of her collegiate career, off a corner kick by **Sam Gilbert** (*So.-Maplewood, Minn./North St. Paul*).

Just seven minutes later, Eau Claire found the goal once again. This time **Paige LeGate** (*Fr.-Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port*), who scored the Blugolds only goal to defeat UW-Oshkosh yesterday, found the back of the net after an assist from **Shyla Gilbertson** (*So.-Waunakee, Wis.*).

At 21:52, LeGate gave the Blugolds an even bigger cushion after scoring her second goal of the game on an assist from **Rachel Nerison** (*Jr.-Maple Grove, Minn.*).

Less than 20 minutes into the second half, **Gina Williams** (*So.-Madison, Wis./Verona*) scored the Blugolds' fourth and final goal of the game. **Ali Mater** (*Sr.-Elm Grove, Wis./Brookfield East*) picked up the assist.

Eau Claire nearly secured the shutout, which would have been its fourth of the year, but the Blazers scored with just over a minute left to play.

In the first half the Blugolds outshot the Blazers 11-4 while they finished with 19 for the game compared to St. Benedict's seven. Fourteen Blugold shots were on-goal while three Blazers' shot were on-goal.

**Amanda Hakala** (*So.-Stillwater, Minn./Stillwater Area*) picked up one save for the Blugolds in the first half and was relieved at halftime by **Nina Behrenbrinker** (*Fr.-St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall*), who played the remainder of the game. Behrenbrinker gave up one goal and stopped one other shot.

Eau Claire is now 5-9-1 all-time against St. Benedict. The win over the Blazers today is the first since 2002.

Up next, Eau Claire will head to St. Paul, Minn. for a game against the University of St. Thomas on Wednesday. Action is set to start at 4 p.m.