

Men's Hockey Dominant in Victory over St. Scholastica

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DULUTH, Minn. (UWECBlugolds.com) - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team controlled the game from the start, defeating the College of St. Scholastica 5-2 tonight and completing the weekend sweep of the Saints.

Unlike last night's matchup – the Blugolds played catch up after the Saints' three-goal first period – Eau Claire quickly captured control of the game. After barely a minute of play, **Chris Heineman** (*Fr.-New Boston, Mich./Traverse City Central*), assisted by **Andrew McCabe** (*So.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial*) and **Kurt Weston** (*So.-Roseau, Minn.*), notched his first goal of the year to give the Blugolds the early lead. **Travis Peckskamp** (*So.-Sauk Rapids, Minn.*) followed suit with a goal two minutes later and **Ross Janecyk** (*Sr.-Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) scored on a power play at 5:38 into the second period, putting the Blugolds solidly out front.

St. Scholastica answered back midway through the second, but **Jordan Singer** (*So.-Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial*) – who recorded a hat-trick in last night's game – converted a power play opportunity with a goal of his own. When St. Scholastica closed in again with a score 14:25 into the period, Singer retaliated with an empty net goal in the final minute of play to give the Blugolds the three-goal win.

The Saints actually outshot the Blugolds tonight, taking 38 compared to Eau Claire's 34. **Scott Pederson** (*Jr.-Lake Villa, Ill./Grayslake*), who tended the Eau Claire net for the complete 60 minutes, saved 36 of those shots.

The Blugolds are now 12-7 on the season and 6-6 in conference play. St. Scholastica drops to 8-10-1 overall and 3-9 in the NCHA.

On Friday, the Blugolds will compete against UW-Stevens Point for the third time this season. During the previous two meetings, the Blugolds claimed one 4-2 victory but lost the second game by a goal. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Stevens Point.