

## Women's Basketball Welcomes River Falls Wednesday

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's basketball team will try to snap a two-game slide when they host Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent UW-River Falls Wednesday at Zorn Arena.

The Blugolds come into the game with a 40-23 lifetime record against the Falcons including nine consecutive wins. Eau Claire defeated River Falls 71-50 at home and 51-40 on the road.

**Katie Murphy** (*Sr.-La Crosse/Aquinas*) played strong in both games last year with her two highest scoring outputs of the season. Murphy averaged 16 points in the games connecting on 9 of 12 three-point attempts.

Eau Claire comes into the game with a 3-4 record in the WIAC and a 10-6 overall record following losses to UW-Whitewater and UW-Stout. The Blugolds shot a combined 30.5 percent from the field in the losses.

**Jessica Dickey** (*Sr.-White Bear Lake, MN/Cretin-Derham Hall*) leads the Blugolds in scoring at 12.3 points a game. **Michelle Burns** (*Fr.-Eau Claire/North*) is second on the team at 11.4 followed by **Rachel Becker** (*Jr.-Gilmanton*) at 11 points a game. Burns leads Eau Claire in rebounding at 7.1 boards a game while Becker leads the Blugolds with 4.3 assists a game.

The Falcons come into the game tied for third place in the WIAC with a 4-3 record and an 11-4 record overall. River Falls played in tight contests their last three games losing in double overtime to UW-La Crosse, winning in overtime against UW-Whitewater and losing 63-60 to UW-Superior.

River Falls is led in scoring by senior post player Erin Effle. Effle is averaging 11.7 points a game and 6.1 rebounds following last year's all-conference selection. Four other players average at least eight points a game for the Falcons.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.

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