

Women's Hockey To Host Sixth-Ranked Stevens Point

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team will host 6th-ranked and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association leader UW-Stevens Point Friday at Hobbs Ice Arena.

The Blugolds come into the weekend with a 1-16 lifetime record against the Pointers. Eau Claire ended a 16-game losing streak to Stevens Point last year when the Blugolds scored two third period goals to earn a 2-0 victory.

Laura Suppes (*So.-Falcon Heights, MN/Roseville*) scored the game-winning goal just 12 seconds into the final period while **Allison Timberg** (*So.-Tonka Bay, MN/Minnetonka*) added an empty net insurance goal with less than a minute left.

Eau Claire enters the game with a 1-1-1 record in the NCHA and a 9-3-1 record overall. One more win would equal the team's highest season win total of 10 set last year. The Blugolds are currently riding a six-game win streak in which they have allowed only five goals. Goalie **Jill Arendt** (*Fr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata*) has stopped 107 shots during the win streak with just the five goals allowed.

Amanda Schultz (*Jr.-Stevens Point/SPASH*) leads the Blugolds and is sixth in the NCHA in scoring with 15 points. Schultz is tied for second in the NCHA in goals with 10. Suppes is second on the team in scoring and tied for tenth in the NCHA with 11 points on seven goals and four assists.

Arendt has started all 13 games in goal for the Blugolds and is third in the NCHA in saves with 266. Arendt is second in the NCHA in save percentage among goalies who have played at least three games at .930.

The Pointers come into the game 5-0 in the NCHA and 13-2 overall. The only two Stevens Point losses came back-to-back against 8th-ranked St. Thomas and 3rd-ranked Gustavus Adolphus.

Stevens Point has four players in the top five in scoring in the NCHA led by senior Ann Ninneman with 20 points and an NCHA-best 12 assists. Ninneman is followed by Liz Goergen with 19 points, Jackie Schmitt with 17 and Kim Lunneborg with 16.

Amy Statz has started 13 of 15 games in goal for the Pointers. Statz is first in the NCHA in goals allowed average among goalies with at least three games played at 1.58 a game while stopping 91 percent of shots sent her way.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m.

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