Wrestlers Drop A Pair In Whitewater

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WHITEWATER - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team lost two dual meets today, falling 34-13 to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and 31-13 to UW-Whitewater here at the Williams Center.

The Blugolds are now 3-9 in dual meets on the season and fall to 0-3 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference dual meets.

Eau Claire wrestlers won a total of seven matches on the day, with **Derek Sikora** *(Jr.-Neillsville)* and **Drew Bingner** *(Fr.-Fort Atkinson)* winning two apiece. Sikora topped John Ficht of SIU 4-0 and Chris Lee of Whitewater 10-1 at 165 pounds. Bingner won both is matches at the heavyweight level, pinning Jason Hartman of SIU in 2:20 and earning a 4-1 decision over Derrik Johnson of Whitewater.

Larry Moen *(Sr.-Madison/East)* earned an 11-1 victory against SIU's Mike Cibattoni at 197 pounds for the only other victory in the meet against SIU.

Lance Valiquette *(Fr.-Eau Claire/Auburn)* and **Josh Holforty** *(Fr.-Bloomington, MN/Kennedy)* each won their matches against Whitewater. Valiquette topped Eric Verbeten 4-3 at 174 pounds while Holforty won 6-0 against Kory Lochner at 197 pounds.

The Blugolds will be back in action tomorrow when they host Lawrence at 3:00 p.m.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville 34, Eau Claire 13

125: Scott Audo (SI) won by forfeit133: Steve Chico (SI) def. Shane Brady (EC), 14-4141: Bill Breheny (SI) won by technical fall over Tony D'Antuono (EC), 15-0 at 1:41149: Joe Rujawitz (SI) won by forfeit 157: Jamie Johnson (SI) def. Curt Polzin (EC), 5-0165: Derek Sikora (EC) def. John Ficht (SI), 4-0174: Eric Scholle (SI) pinned Ted Sikowski (EC), 2:47184: Pat Healy (SI) def. Mike Stremer (EC), 13-4197: Larry Moen (EC) def. Mike Ciabattoni (SI), 11-1285: Drew Bingner (EC) pinned Jason Hartman (SI), 2:20 Whitewater 31, Eau Claire 13125: Matt Redman (WW) won by forfeit133: John Rombca (WW) def. Shane Brady (EC), 8-3141: Nick Karls (WW) pinned Tony D'Antuono (EC), 1:50149: James Gordon (WW) won by forfeit157: Ross Babcock (WW) pinned Curt Polzin (EC), 1:13165: Derek Sikora (EC) def. Chris Lee (WW), 10-1174: Lance Valiquette (EC) def. Eric Verbeten (WW), 4-3184: Drew Hamel (WW) def. Mike Stremer (EC), 15-2197: Josh Holforty (EC) def. Kory Lochner (WW), 6-0285: Drew Bingner (EC) def. Derrik Johnson (WW), 4-1

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