

# Men's Basketball To Host Superior Wednesday

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team will look to end a three-game skid this Wednesday, when the Blugolds welcome UW-Superior to W.L. Zorn Arena for a 7:00 p.m. tip-off.

The meeting is the second of the season for the two teams, as the Blugolds emerged victorious by a score of 69-52 in Superior on November 30. **Casey Drake** (*Sr.-Rhineland*) led Eau Claire in points, rebounds and assists in the win, posting a monster game of 21 points, six rebounds and eight assists. **Dan Archambault** (*Sr.-Oshkosh/West*) contributed 15 points and three assists in the win.

Eau Claire comes into the contest losers of its last three contests, carrying an overall record of 10-7 and a conference mark of 4-5. The conference record places them sixth heading into this week. The Blugolds last win came on the road on January 11, a thrilling 77-76 win over Whitewater. Eau Claire has since lost on the road to Stout, at home against River Falls and on the road against Platteville.

Drake leads the Blugolds and is second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring on the season, averaging 16.9 points per game. The senior Blugold also leads the team with 52 assists and 23 steals. Archambault is second on the team with 13.6 points per game while **Will Jefferson** (*Sr.-Wausau/East*) is averaging 10.6 points per game.

Superior comes into Wednesday's game dead last in the WIAC with an 0-9 conference record. They are currently carrying a six-game losing streak and have not tasted victory since an 80-76 win at Southwest Minnesota State University on January 2. The Yellowjackets are 9-9 overall, posting a perfect 9-0 record against non-conference foes.

Laron Reed leads four players averaging double-digit points per game, posting a conference third-best 16.8 points per game. He is also the team's assist and steal leader. Bayiha Floyd Nyemeck is averaging 13.6 points per game while Leonard Cobb is averaging 10.7 points per contest. Cobb is also the team's leading rebounder with 6.6 boards per game. Marc Rothschadl is the final Yellowjacket in double figures scoring with 10.1 points per game.

The all-time series between Eau Claire and Superior is extremely lopsided, with the Blugolds posting a series record of 114-55, including the win earlier this season. Eau Claire has won four of the last five contests between the two teams. The Blugolds are 15-2 in the last 17 meetings against the Yellowjackets, dating back to 1997.

Eau Claire will look to end its three-game losing streak and extend Superior's six-game skid this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at W.L. Zorn Arena.

Nov. 30 Eau Claire vs. Superior Box Score

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