Wrestlers To Host Pioneers

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team look to duplicate their 25-23 win over Lawrence when they host Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent UW-Platteville Tuesday at the McPhee Phy. Ed. Center.

The Blugolds come into the meet with a 1-3 record in WIAC meets and an 11-14 record overall. Eau Claire's lone conference win came against Lawrence. The Blugolds earned non-conference wins over St. Olaf, MSOE and Lakeland College.

Eau Claire has six wrestlers with double-digits wins led by newcomer **Josh Holforty** *(Fr.-Bloomington, MN/Kennedy)*. Holforty is 20-4 at 197 pounds and 1-0 as a heavyweight for an overall record of 21-4.

Defending conference champion **Derek Sikora** *(Jr.-Neillsville)* is currently sixth in the nation at 165 pounds with an 18-2 record. Sikora has won his last four matches only giving up one point along the way.

Lance Valiquette *(Fr.-Eau Claire/Auburn)* is 17-9 at 174 pounds and 17-10 overall while **Drew Binger** *(Fr.-Fort Atkinson)* is 14-10 in the heavyweight class.

Platteville comes into the meet with a 1-2-1 record in the WIAC and a 7-10-1 record overall. The Pioneers defeated Lawrence, tied UW-Oshkosh and fell to UW-La Crosse and UW-Stevens Point.

The Pioneers have only two wrestlers with double digit wins. Corey Binger has been the top Platteville wrestler with a 13-3 record at 125 pounds. Ryan Rozek is 10-8 in the heavyweight division while three other wrestlers have nine wins.

The dual meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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