

## Men's Hockey To Host St. Norbert, Lake Forest

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team will host Northern Collegiate Hockey Association opponents St. Norbert and Lake Forest this weekend at Hobbs Ice Center.

The Blugolds will open the weekend against second-ranked St. Norbert. Eau Claire owns a 3-22-1 lifetime record against the Green Knights. The Blugolds have lost the last 13 games against St. Norbert and haven't won since a 5-4 overtime win Jan. 21, 1995.

Eau Claire comes into the weekend with a 1-5-2 record in the NCHA and an 8-8-3 record overall. The Blugolds haven't won in their last five times out losing the last three games by a combined 15-4 count.

The Blugolds are led by **Rob Ouimette** (*Sr.-Iron Bridge, ONT/Leamington District*). Ouimette leads Eau Claire and is tied for fifth in the NCHA with 27 points. Ouimette is third in the NCHA in goals with 16 and is second in power play goals with nine.

**Pete Eloranta** (*Sr.-River Falls*) leads the Blugolds and is seventh in the NCHA in assists with 15. **Phil Cherneski** (*Sr.-Thompson, MAN/RDPC*) is third on the Blugolds with 16 points followed by **Dave Coleman** (*So.-Whitby, ONT/Leo J. Austin*) with 15. **Chip Dunleavy** (*Jr.-Littleton, CO/Columbine*) leads the NCHA in short-handed goals with four.

Goalie **Steffan Braunlich** (*Jr.-Playa del Rey, CA/Loyola*) has played in 16 games and leads the NCHA with 508 saves. Braunlich has a save percentage of .917.

St. Norbert comes in with a 7-0-1 record in the NCHA and a 15-2-2 record overall. The Green Knights have won their last eight games and haven't lost since the third game of the season.

The Green Knights lead the NCHA in goals per game at 5.11 and are third with an average of 2.47 goals allowed a game. Jason Deitsch leads a balance St. Norbert attack with 29 points. Five St. Norbert players have at least 20 points while 13 have at least 10.

Goalie Kyle Jones has started 11 games for the Green Knights stopping 92 percent of their opponent's shots and leads the NCHA with two shutouts.

Lake Forest enters the weekend with a 3-5-0 NCHA record and a 7-11-1 overall record. The Foresters have won their last two games, including a 4-2 win over Eau Claire, after losing seven straight. The Blugolds are 16-22-3 lifetime against Lake Forest.

The Foresters are the lowest scoring team in the NCHA averaging only 2.74 goals a game and are fourth in goals allowed at 3.42 a game. Tyler Canal and Robin Charest lead Lake Forest in scoring with 22 points each.

Lake Forest goalies have split time with Cody Brown starting 12 games and Joel Cameron seven. Both goalies have played equally well with Cameron stopping 89.6 percent of shots and Brown 89.5 percent.

The Blugolds will face off against St. Norbert Friday followed by Lake Forest Saturday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m.

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