

## Men's Basketball To Host Whitewater

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team looks to extend their winning streak to three games when they host Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent UW-Whitewater Wednesday at Zorn Arena.

The Blugolds come into the game with 58-40 lifetime record against the Warhawks. Eau Claire won the first meeting this year between the teams 77-76 behind a **Casey Drake** (Sr.-*Rhineland*) lay-up as time expired. Drake led Eau Claire with 23 points in the game followed by **Dan Archambault** (Sr.-*Oshkosh/West*) and **Will Jefferson** (Sr.-*Wausau/East*) with 16 each.

The Blugolds come into the game with a 12-8 record and a 5-6 record in the WIAC. Eau Claire is currently tied with Whitewater for fifth place in the conference.

Eau Claire is coming off two solid wins over UW-La Crosse and Wisconsin Lutheran. The Blugolds defeated the Eagles 77-69 in overtime and Wisconsin Lutheran 97-72 in a record-setting performance. Eau Claire hit a team-record 16 three-pointers in the win including eight from Archambault.

Drake leads the Blugolds in scoring at 17.4 points a game, assists at 3.4 a game and steals at 1.4 a game. Drake dished out a career-high 10 assists in the Wisconsin Lutheran win, all coming in the first half.

Archambault comes off a great long range shooting performance in which he hit a career-high 8 of 10 three-pointers for all 24 of his points. The performance upped Archambault's season average to 14.1 a game. Jefferson is third on the team at 11 points a game. **Buck Smith** (Jr.-*Superior*) leads Eau Claire in rebounding at 5.8 boards a game followed closely by **Kale Proksch** (Jr.-*Chaseburg/Westby*) at 5.7 a game.

The Warhawks enter the game with a 13-6 record but lost consecutive games to UW-Oshkosh and UW-Superior at home in their last two outings. Whitewater kept both games close losing 97-92 in overtime to Oshkosh and 91-85 to Superior.

Whitewater leads the WIAC in scoring by nearly nine points a game with four players averaging in double digits. The Warhawks also give up the most points per game at 72.1 a game.

Angelo Griffin leads Whitewater in scoring at 15.4 a game and rebounding at 7.3 boards a game. Melvin Williams is second on the Warhawks at 12.9 points a game followed by Jason Price at 10.7 and Jeremy Manchester at 10.2

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

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