Volleyball Finds More Treats than Tricks At Tourney

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RIVER FALLS - The UW-Eau Claire volleyball team won both games on the first day of the UW-River Falls Trick or Treat Tournament as it narrowly defeated St. Thomas in the first match and then beat UW-Stout in the second one.

It took five games for the Blugolds to beat St. Thomas, with the scores being 30-14, 24-30, 30-16, 29-31, and 15-13. They then went on to sweep Stout 30-24, 30-25, and 30-21.

Eau Claire came out strong with a .467 first game but the numbers fell off in the last four in match one. St. Thomas hit -.056 in game one but improved in the final four. Against Stout the Blugolds hit .235, .200, and .139. The defense was superb and held the Blue Devils to -.028, .073, and -.227.

With 21 kills, **Molly Menard** *(Sr.-Eau Claire/Memorial)* led Eau Claire in kills for the first harrowing match. **Carly Freiborg** *(Jr.-Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West)* had 53 assists while sister **Abby Freiborg** *(Fr.-Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West)* led the team with 24 digs. There were 14.0 total team blocks. **Ashley Danielson** *(Jr.-Cadott)* and **Jessica Groh** *(Jr.-Eau Claire/North)* contributed six blocking assists per person.

Menard led in kills during the second match as well, this time collecting 12. **Jenny Wolter** *(Sr.-Osceola)* had 11. Carly Freiborg put together 33 assists. With 10 digs, **Shanna Berger** *(Jr.-Baldwin/Baldwin-Woodville)* was the team leader. Danielson managed 7 blocking assists against Stout.

The Blugolds take the floor again tomorrow to finish up the event. Matches are at noon and 2:00 p.m. This will mark the last regular season event for volleyball. The first postseason matchup is against Stout on Tuesday.

Day One Results

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