

2005-06 Women's Hockey Season Preview

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EAU CLAIRE -- The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team will look to continue its success from a 2004-05 season where the Blugolds had their first winning season and their highest win total in school history going 15-9-1 overall. The Blugolds will try to prove that last season's record was just the start of great things.

The Blugolds ended the season with a lot of momentum, winning five of their last six games, including finishing third in the NCHA playoffs.

The Blugolds return 15 letter winners including all four members who were selected to the All-NCHA team last season. Those four are **Amanda Schultz** (Sr.-Stevens Point, WI/SPASH), **Laura Suppes** (Jr.-Roseville, MN), defenseman **Allie Campbell** (Jr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata), and goalie **Jill Arendt** (So.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata). Schultz had 15 goals last season to lead the Blugolds and also led the team in points with 23. Suppes was second on the team in points with 17 and in goals with nine. Campbell contributed five points for the Blugolds at defenseman and had two power play goals. Arendt had a great year between the posts last season with 91% save percentage on 505 shots.

Also returning for the Blugolds offensively are forwards **Jessie Boyles** (Sr.-Prior Lake, MN), **Laura Brackey** (Sr.-Oakdale, MN/Tartan), **Theresa Guindon** (So.-Lino Lakes, MN/Centennial), **Tara Hayner** (Jr.-Stillwater, MN), **Karen Hebert** (Jr.-Lakeville, MN/Holy Angles), **Martina Korinek** (Jr.-White Bear Lake, MN), and **Amber Stevenson** (Eagan, MN). All played in at least 25 games last season. Korinek was second on the team last season with 10 assists. Brackey and Hebert were tied for third on the team in points last season with 16. Guindon and Stevenson combined for 22 points last season for the Blugolds. Hayner scored 10 points last season and was tied for third in assists with eight.

Including Campbell, the Blugolds return four defensemen from last year, **Kelly Ivey** (So.-Apple Valley, MN), **Katie Vannelli** (So.-Eagan, MN) and **Crystal Wasem** (Sr.-Chaska, MN) from last season's team. All had significant minutes last season.

Second-year goalie **Heather Prochaska** (So.-Madison, WI/East) returns this season bringing experience and depth between the pipes.

Five freshmen will also be looked upon to add some depth for coach Mike Collins this season: **Margaret Campbell** (Fr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata), who is the younger sister of Allie Campbell, **Lauren Havard** (Fr.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe), **Rochelle Smits** (Fr.-Green Bay WI/Preble), **Becky Washleski** (Fr.-Cambridge, MN/Cambridge-Isanti) and **Sara Wehland** (Fr.-Bloomington, MN/Jefferson).

The Blugolds have improved every year since their existence and they will look to continue that trend this season.