

Men's Basketball To Host Two Non-Conference Opponents

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire men's basketball team will face two non-conference opponents early next week as it will host Finlandia University on Monday night and St. Scholastica on Tuesday night.

The Blugolds have an overall record of 4-3 this year and a conference record of 1-2 following a thrilling 57-56 come from behind victory over UW-River Falls on Wednesday night.

The Blugolds are led in scoring by **Jared Bardon** (*So.-DeForest, WI*), who is averaging 16 points per game this season. Bardon also leads the team in assists with 19 and rebounds with 40. The Blugolds as a team have forced 116 turnovers this season and are holding opponents to just 31.3% shooting from beyond the arc.

The Monday game against Finlandia could be the first of three match-ups between the two schools this year, as the Blugolds will travel to face Finlandia in early February. Finlandia is also in the four-team Holiday Classic to be held in Eau Claire December 29th and 30th.

The Blugolds are 2-1 all-time against Finlandia as the Blugolds defeated Finlandia in their last meeting 86-70.

Tuesday night the Blugold men will face St. Scholastica in the first game of a men's and women's doubleheader as the Blugold women will face Carleton College in the second game. St. Scholastica is currently 1-5 this season following an 85-81 victory over the University of Minnesota-Crookston for its first win of the season.

The Saints are led in scoring by Derek Johnson, who is averaging 16.8 points per game. The Blugolds have never lost to the Saints in the six previous meetings between the two schools.

Monday night's game against Finlandia is scheduled to tip-off at 7 p.m. The Tuesday night game against St. Scholastica is set to begin at 6 p.m. Both games will take place in Zorn Arena.

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