

Women's Hockey Plays Another Close One In Tie To Foresters

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team came into today's game a point behind Lake Forest (IL) and left it in the same position as the contest ended in a 3-3 tie at Hobbs Ice Center.

Eau Claire is now 2-4-2 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) and 8-7-2 overall. Lake Forest is 2-2-3 in conference play and 7-4-4 in all games. The Foresters have seven points in the NCHA while Eau Claire has six. Lake Forest went 1-0-2 against the Blugolds this season while the all-time series is 9-9-6. Five of the last six games between these two teams have gone to overtime. Four of those games were ties.

Lake Forest took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission after a power-play goal at 7:20 and a shorthanded strike at 17:08.

The Blugolds offense took control in the second, collecting 11 shots on goal to Lake Forest's three. The middle period also resulted in two Blugold goals. **Laura Suppes** (Sr.-Roseville, MN) scored the first unassisted at 5:22 on an advantage. **Karen Hebert** (Sr.-Lakeville, MN/Holy Angels), a night after scoring the winning goal against sixth-ranked UW-Stevens Point, notched the second Eau Claire goal with only seven seconds left in the period. **Michelle Stohr** (Fr.-South St. Paul, MN) assisted on the even-strength score.

The game remained tied until 13:59 into the final period when Eau Claire took the lead on a **Margaret Campbell** (So.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata) even-sided goal. Suppes and Hebert collected assists on the score. Lake Forest answered with an evenhanded goal of its own at 15:32 to tie the game.

In the extra period the Blugolds managed six shots on goal to Lake Forest's zero but could not come away with a game-winner.

All told Eau Claire had 32 shots while the Foresters had 14. **Bri Lutz** (Fr.-Burnsville, MN) collected 11 saves. The Blugolds went 1-for-7 in advantages and Lake Forest went 1-for-3. Lake Forest also had twice as many penalties than the Blugolds with eight.

Next Friday the Blugolds will head to UW-Superior to face the fourth-ranked and NCHA leading Yellowjackets.

Eau Claire-Lake Forest Box Score

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