

# Women's Hockey Looks To Get Back In Playoff Chase

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EAU CLAIRE - The UW-Eau Claire women's hockey team heads into its final homestand two points out of the playoffs as it faces Finlandia University (MI) Friday and Saturday nights at Hobbs Ice Center.

With only the top four teams in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) making the postseason, the Blugolds sit in fifth place with 10 points. The only teams within reach are UW-Stevens Point at third with 13 points and Lake Forest College (IL) in fourth with 12 points. These two games against Finlandia are Eau Claire's last NCHA games. Stevens Point and Lake Forest play each other this weekend and then both have games next weekend. The Pointers then face Finlandia while Lake Forest faces UW-Superior, sixth in the nation.

Finlandia is 0-10-1 in the conference compared to Eau Claire's 4-7-2 mark. The Blugolds won the only meeting between these two schools this season by a 4-1 score. The all-time series is 4-0-2.

Eau Claire is averaging 2.5 goals per game while opponents average 2.6. The Blugolds have averaged a 15.4% power-play conversion while holding opponents to 13.5%. The team's 9.82 penalty minutes per game are least for the NCHA.

**Laura Suppes** (Sr.-Roseville, MN) has been the main offensive threat with 18 points on a team-leading nine goals and nine assists. **Martina Korinek** (Sr.-White Bear Lake, MN), **Michelle Stohr** (Fr.-South St. Paul, MN), and **Lauren Havard** (So.-San Angelo, TX/Arapahoe) all have 14 points behind Suppes. Korinek and Stohr both have seven goals and seven assists. Havard has collected six goals and eight assists. **Allie Campbell** (Sr.-Plymouth, MN/Wayzata) has been the team leader in assists with 10.

**Mikaela Jobman** (Fr.-St. Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall) is 5-5-0 in goal and **Bri Lutz** (Fr.-Burnsville, MN) is 5-5-2. Jobman holds an 86.8% save percentage and allows 2.68 goals per game. Lutz has stopped 87.0% of shots while averaging 2.41 goals allowed per game.

The Lions average 3.2 goals per game and allow 4.0 scores per game. They convert 13.8% of their advantages while opponents capitalize 27.4% of the time. Their seven short-handed goals are the most in the conference.

Sara Sleik has 18 points off of eight goals and 10 assists, which leads Finlandia in each category. Ashley Leitch also has 10 helpers.

Katie Markovich has been in the majority of the games for Finlandia. She is 1-7-1 with an 85.1% save percentage and a 4.17 goals allowed average.

Both games start at 7 p.m. in Hobbs Ice Center. Saturday is also Senior Night.