

Gymnastics Defeats UW-Oshkosh in Regular Season Finale

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - Competing in its final meet of the regular season, the UW-Eau Claire gymnastics team picked up its third straight dual meet win, defeating UW-Oshkosh 176.100-175.725 at the McPhee Physical Education Center tonight.

While the Blugolds trailed heading into their final event of the night, the floor exercise, a strong performance helped lift Eau Claire to the victory. The Blugolds took five of the top six spots in the event, led by **Danielle Schulzetenberg** (*Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn.*) with a career-best 9.475. Eau Claire finished with a 45.925, a season-high.

Eau Claire also performed well on the vault with the top three scores as they finished with a 44.850. **Cece Solem** (*Fr.-Mendota Heights, Minn./Henry Sibley*) won the event with a 9.200 while **Molly Senske** (*Fr.-Eden Prairie, Minn.*) and **Sarah Hulbert** (*Jr.-Waukesha, Wis./North*) tied Oshkosh's Stefanie Armstrong for second with a 9.050.

On the uneven bars, the Blugolds reached a season-high score of 42.925 but Oshkosh claimed the top three spots. **Samantha Howard** (*Sr.-St. Paul, Minn./Henry Sibley*) and **Rachel Behmer** (*Fr.-Maple Grove, Minn./West Lutheran*) had the Blugolds' best finish, tying for fourth with a 9.000. The mark for Howard was a season-high and it was just the fourth time she finished with a 9.000 or better in 28 career routines on the bars.

Schulzetenberg also won the balance beam with a 9.150, the only score above nine in the event. She also finished third in the all-around competition with a 34.875 while Solem took second with a 34.900.

The Blugolds improve to 5-7 on the year while the Titans drop to 5-8. The last time the Blugolds beat Oshkosh in a dual meet was Feb. 10, 2006, a 175.975-171.550 victory at McPhee.

Next up, the Blugolds will compete at the WIAC Championship/NCGA West Regional next Sunday (March 7). The meet will be contested at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.