

YELLOWJACKET REPORT

Blugolds' power play overpowers UWS

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EAU CLAIRE — Wisconsin-Eau Claire scored three power-play goals in a 5-0 shutout win over Wisconsin-Superior in women's hockey on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The Yellowjackets were held to just eight shots on goal and only one in the third period. UWEC goaltender Stephanie Martin stopped them all.

The fifth-ranked Blugolds balanced their scoring, getting five goals from five players. Only one person, defenseman Sydney Johnson, had multiple points.

McKenzie Whalen made 40 saves for UWS (6-10-1), which hosts Wisconsin-Stevens Point for two games on Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12.

UWS falls to Hamline

Wisconsin-Superior senior Megan Dulong scored during a two-man advantage to tie the game in the third period, but Hamline responded with three goals over the final 4 minutes of play to take a 6-3 victory Monday, Feb. 7, in St. Paul.

The Yellowjackets fell behind 3-0 in the second period after the Pipers' Molly Garin scored three first period goals to put Hamline in front.

Gaby Andreacchi scored her first collegiate goal to get UWS on the board 18:50 into the second period and Kailey Swerhun scored at the 6:23 mark of the third period to set up Dulong's game-tying score.

Hamline's Nikki Olund broke the tie with a power play goal at the 16:18 mark and the Pipers added two empty net scores to secure the win.

Whalen had 37 saves for UWS and Ava Bailey had 23 for Hamline.

River Falls knocks off UWS

Hermantown native Callie Hoff added to her school-record total with a goal as Wisconsin-River Falls defeated Wisconsin-Superior 6-1 in nonconference play on Feb. 4 at Wessman Arena.

The Yellowjackets' Jenna Curtis scored first, just 24 seconds into the game, but Kora Torkelson scored two power-play goals to give the visitors the lead after one period. UWRF added two more in the second period, including Hoff's 18th of the season, and



UW-Superior's Emma Booth (5) weaves through the UW-River Falls' defense in the second period of the game on Feb. 4, at Wessman Arena in Superior. Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

two more goals in the third period.

Whalen made 34 saves for UWS.

The Yellowjackets traveled to River Falls Saturday, Feb. 5, for a rematch, but the fourth-ranked Wisconsin-River Falls kept the clamps on the Yellowjacket offense, earning a 5-1 victory.

Torkelson had a hat trick for the Falcons (20-1, 6-1 WIAC), while Emma Schmitz added two goals and Hoff had three assists.

Jenna Byfuglien scored UWS's lone goal of the night, on the power play at 6:20 of the second period.

Whalen made 44 saves for UWS. UWRF had 49 shots on goal to Superior's 12.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Yellowjackets lose in OT

Wisconsin-Superior suffered its fourth consecutive loss and third by a single goal when Conor Witherspoon scored 1:08 into overtime as Wisconsin-Stevens Point won their nonconference men's hockey game 2-1 on Wednesday.

The teams exchanged goals in the first period, with John Stampo-har putting UWS in the lead just 2:37 into the game under Justin Fader scored shorthanded for the 10th-ranked Pointers 15 minutes into the frame.

Myles Hektor made 35 saves for UWS (12-9-2).

The Yellowjackets host Wisconsin-Stout in WIAC play on Friday and Saturday.

Yellowjackets can't catch Falcons

Wisconsin-Superior turned a two-goal lead into a one-goal lead three times Saturday, but couldn't get the game tied, losing 4-3 to Wisconsin-River Falls in WIAC men's hockey at Wessman Arena.

UWS fell behind 2-0 in the first eight minutes of the game but opened its side of the scoring when Dylan Johnson bagged a goal in the last minute of the first period.

The Yellowjackets got a Reed Stark goal late in the second period to make it 3-2 and a Coltyn Bates tally with 4:17 to play to make it 4-3 but never tied the game.

Nick Althaus made eight saves before being relieved by Landon Pavlinis who made five. The Yellowjackets were outshot 28-17.

In action Feb. 4, UWS carried a lead into the last two minutes of the game but went away empty-handed in a 4-3 WIAC loss at Wisconsin-River Falls.

UWS scored on two first-period power plays to take the lead, but the Falcons came back to tie early in the third.

Bates gave UWS another lead on his second power-play goal of the game at 7:31 of the third period, but UWRF tied the game at even strength when Noah Ganske scored with 1:54 to play. After UWS took a too-many-men-on-the-ice penalty with 43 seconds to play, Ganske scored a game-winner for his hat trick with 12 seconds to play.

Vilho Saariluoma had a goal and three assists for UWRF.

Hektor made 27 saves for the Yellowjackets.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UWS comes up empty on road trip

Wisconsin-Superior women's basketball let a lead slip through its hands in the fourth quarter, leading to a 78-71 loss to Bethany Lutheran on Saturday, Feb. 5 and an 0-2 weekend on the road in Upper Midwest Athletic Conference play.

UWS led by five inside the final six minutes, but the host Vikings drove relentlessly to the free-throw line, making 14-of-20 attempts in the fourth quarter. UWS had seven free-throw attempts for the game.

Kaelyn Christian scored 20 points off the bench for UWS, including 8-of-14 shooting from the field and 4-of-6 from 3-point range. Paige Servais scored 12 points and Elise Besonen added 11.

Hannah Geistfeld scored 37 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead all players, including 13-of-17 shooting from the free-throw line. Bethany remains undefeated in the UMAC at 10-0 (15-6 overall).

In the first leg of the weekend road trip, Martin Luther overcame a 41-27 halftime hole to score its first win against Wisconsin-Superior in 14 UMAC games, taking a 69-67 decision on Feb. 4, in New Ulm, Minnesota.



UW-Superior's Ella Reynolds (16) beats UW-River Falls' Jessica Rubenalt (12) to the puck in the second period of the on Feb. 4, at Wessman Arena in Superior.

The hosts used a 22-11 edge in the third quarter to get back into the game, taking the lead 2 1/2 minutes into the fourth. It was tied 66-66 with :19 to play, and the Knights drew a foul with eight seconds left and made both their free throws. UWS made one of two in response. The Yellowjackets had the ball with a chance for a last shot inside the last two seconds, but an inbounds pass was tipped away.

Christian had a game-high 18 points off the bench for UWS, with Kaija Davies adding 10 points and 12 rebounds.

For Martin Luther, Emma Nelson scored 12 points.

UWS (5-14, 4-6 UMAC) hosts North Central on Friday, Feb. 11.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UWS offense surges in victory

Wisconsin-Superior notched a season high for scoring in a 103-77 win over Finlandia on Wednesday in Hancock, Michigan.

Four players scored in double figures, including a career-high 15 points from Enrique Sanchez. Xavier Patterson paced UWS with 21 points on 7-of-12 shooting, while J'Vaun Walker scored 20 on 9-of-15 from the field.

UWS trailed by as many as seven points in the early going before taking control, with a 51-36 lead at halftime and 52 more points in the second half. Their previous scoring high was also against the Lions, 97-52 when the teams met in Superior in November.

Danny Zuchak led the Lions with 17 points.

UWS (8-13) returns to UMAC play on Friday vs. North Central.

Hot shooting carries Vikings over Yellowjackets

Wisconsin-Superior led 13-2 at the outset but couldn't control a Bethany Lutheran squad that shot better than 52% for the game, as the Vikings came away 79-66 victors in UMAC men's basketball on Saturday in Mankato.

After the visitors' early move, Bethany pulled ahead for the first time with 2:14 left, then finished the half on a 9-0 run to take a 38-30 lead to the locker room. The Yellowjackets regained the lead around the midway point of the second half, but Bethany had a 21-4 advantage the rest of the way to close out the win.

Brian Smith scored 19 points for Bethany to lead all scorers. Hunter Nielsen posted 14 points and 10 boards.

For UWS, Patterson scored 13 points and Walker added 12 points off the bench.

In action Feb. 4, Wisconsin Superior rallied from 60-51 down with 3:54 to play and came back to take a brief lead, but Martin Luther's last shot went in and the Yellowjackets' didn't, resulting in a 62-61 decision for the host Knights in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Eli Vogel made a shot in the paint to put UWS 61-60 after they had trailed for seven-plus minutes. Martin Luther called timeout and found Ezra Blumer for a shot from the paint to go ahead with four seconds to play. UWS's Josh Reinertsen took a 3-point shot at the buzzer and missed.

Patterson (22 points) was the only Yellowjacket to score in double figures. Seth Veers led Martin Luther, which won its first UMAC game this season in nine attempts, with 16 points.



Superior's Eva Peterson (23) secures a rebound as Natalee Sigfrids (11) collides with Esko's Aila Gabel (3) in the first half of the game in Superior Monday.

PREP SPORTS

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Individuals

106 — Cole Steffen, SCF def. Logan Jones,

nor Kreuger, S, def. Kaden Clark, SCF (Dec 7-1); 132 — Tanner Gerber, Cam, def. Drake Marks, H/N (Fall 3:47); 138 — Mason Will, SCF, def. Wylee Huset C-W/PF (Fall 1:22); 145 — Griffin Marko, SCF, def. Mason Ecklor, B (Dec 3-1); 152 — Tommy Quinn, Cam, def. Brody Jepson, S/W (Dec 5-2); 160 — Kole Marko, SCF, def. Josh Simon, Cmb (Fall :44); 170 — Tanner Kaufman, NW, def. Brandon Meister, S/W (Dec 5-4); 182 — Ian Smith, NW, def. Ashtyn Waite, Cam (Fall 3:56); 195 — Grant Rydlund, L, def. Austin Bladow, B (Fall 4:41); 220 — Isaac Pearce, A, def. William Weise, B (Dec 7-0); 285 — Jack Chafer, Cmb, def. David Granados, A (Dec 5-1)

BOYS BASKETBALL

Northwestern 92, Ladysmith 61

Northwestern won its 11th consecutive game and took a stranglehold on the Heart O'North Conference with a 31-point road win Feb. 3.

Monte Mayberry and Jase Nelson scored 23 points apiece for the Tigers (14-3, 13-0 HON). Mason Dupree and Cole Lahti added 14 apiece.

Northwestern 44-48-92
Ladysmith 30-31-61
Northwestern — Monte Mayberry 23,

Mason Dupree 14, Jase Nelson 23, Cole Lahti 14, Grady Gustafson 10, C.J. Thompson 11. Totals 40 9-23 92.
3-point goals — Mayberry, Lahti, Thompson.
Ladysmith — Brady Ingersoll 16, Sam Zimmer 10, Mitchell Lehman 8, Andrew Lehman 2, Braeden Little 6, Jack West 2, Logan Albersson 9, Louis Zimmer 8. Totals 25 6-8 61.
3-point goals — Ingersoll 2, S. Zimmer, Little 2.

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