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## A Pair of Seniors Power Bulldogs Past Whitecaps

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The UMD Women's hockey team opened the season with a strong exhibition win on Saturday Sept. 24, 2016, defeating the Minnesota Whitecaps to a score of 4-1.

Lara Stalder and Ashleigh Brykaliuk powered the offensive attack with two goals each. Brykaliuk opened the scoring for the Bulldogs on a power play, rifling a wrist-shot past Whitecaps goalie Alli Altmann from the lower left dot at 7:14 of the first period.



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The Whitecaps answered later in the first to even the score at a lone goal apiece. A score that would hold for the remainder of the first period.

Ashleigh Brykaliuk's second tally secured the Bulldog lead for the remainder of the game on a one-time goal. Lara Stalder would get a power play goal herself as well as a breakaway tally in the second to cap the scoring for the Bulldogs.

There would be no scoring in the third period for either team. The Bulldogs had a strong defensive effort all game as sophomore goalie Maddie Rooney was on top of her game for the Bulldogs, stopping 33 of 34 shots in the winning effort.

Looking ahead:

**The Bulldogs will open their 2016-2017 regular season at home this week when they take on the No. 3 ranked Boston College Eagles. The Bulldogs fella to the Eagles 4-1 and 4-2 in their only series of the 2015-2016 season. The Bulldogs look to gain some redemption going into the opening matchup. Game times at Amsoil Arena ar 7 p.m. for Friday, Sept. 30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.**

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