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**OSU'S MALTAIS, UW'S STEFFEN AND CAMPBELL, AND UMN'S ODEN  
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, POWERED BY GOODWOOD HOCKEY**

*Quartet earns accolades for games of Nov. 2-3, 2018*

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Nov. 6, 2018** – A tightly-contested weekend of league play, which saw four of six games decided by one goal, led to some terrific performances in the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA). The WCHA Players of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey, for games of Nov. 2-3, 2018 (Week 6) are: Ohio State University sophomore **Emma Maltais** (Forward), University of Wisconsin juniors **Mekenzie Steffen** (Defenseman) and **Kristen Campbell** (Goaltender), and University of Minnesota freshman forward **Emily Oden** (Rookie).

**WCHA Forward of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey  
Emma Maltais, So., Ohio State (Burlington, Ontario)**

Maltais continued to be the WCHA's top scorer, pacing the league with four points (1g-3a) and posting consecutive multi-point efforts in No. 4 Ohio State's league sweep of visiting St. Cloud State. The sophomore from Burlington, Ontario sparked the Buckeyes' comeback from a 2-0 deficit Friday with a goal and an assist in a 3-2 victory, then had a pair of helpers – including on the game-winner – in Saturday's triumph (also 3-2). Maltais tied for the WCHA lead with a +3 rating, while her four points tied for the sixth-best nationally. This is Maltais' first WCHA weekly award of the 2018-19 season and her fifth career honor.

*Honorable Mention:* **Madison Oelkers, Fr., Minnesota State** (earned her first collegiate start Friday and scored her first career goal, lighting the lamp in a 2-1 loss to No. 1 Wisconsin); **Abby Roque, Jr., Wisconsin** (factored in both Badgers' goals in a 2-0 win at Minnesota State on Saturday, scoring the first and assisting on the second to help No. 1 UW finish a sweep); **Grace Zumwinkle, So., Minnesota** (led the No. 2 Gophers with three points in a sweep of visiting Bemidji State, including the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win Saturday).

**WCHA Defenseman of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey  
Mekenzie Steffen, Jr., Wisconsin (Centerville, Minn.)**

Steffen enjoyed a career weekend in her home state, assisting on three of Wisconsin's four goals as the top-ranked Badgers swept host Minnesota State. The junior's three helpers were not only the most by a WCHA defenseman, but tied for the NCAA lead among blueliners. A native of Centerville, Minn., Steffen recorded a pair of assists in UW's 2-1 win Friday, before setting up Abby Roque's game-winning goal in Saturday's 2-0 triumph. This is Steffen's first career WCHA weekly award.

*Honorable Mention:* **Jincy Dunne, RS-Jr., Ohio State** (tallied two assists in Saturday's series finale, helping the No. 4 Buckeyes to a 3-2 win and sweep of visiting St. Cloud State); **Leila Kilduff, Sr., Minnesota State** (first-line blueliner helped hold the potent Wisconsin offense to four goals in two games, while contributing four blocks); **Olivia Knowles, So., Minnesota** (tied her career high with two assists, including on the game-winning goal, as the No. 2 Gophers rallied for a 6-3 win Friday over visiting Bemidji State).

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### WCHA Goaltender of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey

#### Kristen Campbell, Jr., Wisconsin (Brandon, Manitoba)

Campbell allowed only one goal in No. 1 Wisconsin's road sweep at Minnesota State, leading the WCHA with a 0.50 goals-against average and a .969 save percentage – both tops among the 21 NCAA goaltenders that started two games last week. The junior from Brandon, Manitoba made 16 stops in a 2-1 win Friday, then posted a 15-save shutout in Saturday's 2-0 triumph (her 15<sup>th</sup> career clean sheet). This is Campbell's first WCHA weekly award of the 2018-19 season and her fourth career honor.

*Honorable Mention:* **Andrea Braendli, Fr., Ohio State** (made 35 stops over two games, including several while facing an extra attacker, to help the No. 4 Buckeyes sweep visiting St. Cloud State); **Alex Gulstene, So., Minnesota** (posted two wins, a 2.00 goals-against average and a .917 save percentage, making 44 stops to help the No. 2 Gophers sweep visiting Bemidji State); **Abigail Levy, Fr., Minnesota State** (ranked second in the WCHA with 59 saves, keeping the Mavericks in both games and limiting No. 1 Wisconsin to four goals).

### WCHA Rookie of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey

#### Emily Oden, F, Minnesota (Edina, Minn.)

Oden recorded her second career multi-point game and tied her career best with two points when she tallied a goal and an assist in No. 2 Minnesota's 6-3 win over visiting Bemidji State last Friday. The freshman from Edina, Minn. put the Gophers on the board after falling behind 2-0, then assisted on Minnesota's third goal to tie the contest at 3-3. Oden's two points tied for the WCHA rookie lead and tied for the third-most by all NCAA freshmen. This is Oden's first career WCHA weekly award.

*Honorable Mention:* **Sara Saekkinen, F, Ohio State** (notched an assist in both games, tying for the WCHA rookie scoring lead and helping the No. 4 Buckeyes to a sweep of visiting St. Cloud State); **Sophie Shirley, F, Wisconsin** (assisted on the game-winning goal Friday and scored her own Saturday, tying for the WCHA rookie scoring lead and helping the No. 1 Badgers to a road sweep at Minnesota State); **Anna Wilgren, D, Minnesota State** (led all WCHA skaters with nine blocked shots, while adding five shots on goal during the Mavericks' series with No. 1 Wisconsin).

### *About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)*

The Women's League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association is celebrating 20 Years of Excellence during 2018-19 anniversary season. The nation's premier women's hockey conference, WCHA member institutions have won a record 16 national championships since the league's inception in 1999 (including 15 of a possible 18 NCAA titles), while producing seven Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award winners, 98 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and national team members. The seven-team, NCAA Division 1 conference consists of: Bemidji State University (Beavers), the University of Minnesota (Golden Gophers), the University of Minnesota Duluth (Bulldogs), Minnesota State University (Mavericks), Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers). For more information, visit [www.wcha.com](http://www.wcha.com).

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