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**WCHA HAS 30 CURRENT OR FORMER PLAYERS COMPETING AT 2018 FOUR NATIONS CUP**  
*Nation's premier conference to be well-represented in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Nov. 6, 2018** – Many of the world's hockey powers are in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan this week for the 2018 Four Nations Cup, and the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) will be well-represented, with 30 of its current or former players competing. The tournament, which features the United States, Finland, Sweden and host Canada, takes place from today (Nov. 6) through Nov. 10 and will be played at the SaskTel Centre.

"A large part of the WCHA's rich legacy is built upon our continued success on the international stage," said WCHA Vice President and Women's League Commissioner **Katie Million**. "We are again thrilled for our eight current student-athletes and 22 alumnae who have the opportunity to represent their countries at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Watching these outstanding women compete is a wonderful way to continue celebrating 20 years of excellence."

The seven current WCHA student-athletes at the 2018 Four Nations Cup are the University of Minnesota's **Kelly Pannek** (Sr., F – USA); the University of Minnesota Duluth's **Sydney Brodt** (Jr., F – USA), **Maddie Rooney** (Jr., G – USA) and **Emma Söderberg** (Fr., G – SWE); St. Cloud State University's **Jenniina Nylund** (Fr., F – FIN) and **Emma Polusny** (So., G – USA); and, the University of Wisconsin's **Mikaela Gardner** (Sr., D – USA) and **Annie Pankowski** (Sr., F – USA). Additionally, Wisconsin senior and 2018 Olympian **Emily Clark**, along with Minnesota junior **Sarah Potomak**, both participated in Canada's Fall Festival but are unable to compete at the Four Nations Cup due to injury.

A full breakdown of WCHA participation, including league alumnae from Minnesota, Minnesota Duluth, the University of North Dakota, Ohio State University and Wisconsin, is below:

<p><b>United States of America (15)</b> <i>Goaltenders (3)</i> *Emma Polusny, St. Cloud State Alex Rigsby, Wisconsin *Maddie Rooney, G, Minnesota Duluth</p> <p><i>Defensemen (3)</i> Megan Bozek, Minnesota *Mikaela Gardner, Wisconsin Sidney Morin, Minnesota Duluth</p> <p><i>Forwards (9)</i> Hannah Brandt, Minnesota *Sydney Brodt, Minnesota Duluth Dani Cameranesi, Minnesota Brianna Decker, Wisconsin Amanda Kessel, Minnesota Hilary Knight, Wisconsin Gigi Marvin, Minnesota *Annie Pankowski, Wisconsin *Kelly Pannek, Minnesota</p>	<p><b>Canada (5)</b> <i>Defensemen (2)</i> Jocelyne Larocque, Minnesota Duluth Halli Krzyzaniak, North Dakota</p> <p><i>Forwards (3)</i> Sarah Nurse, Wisconsin Natalie Spooner, Ohio State Blayre Turnbull, Wisconsin</p>
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<b>Finland [7]</b> <i>Goaltenders [2]</i> Noora Rätty, Minnesota Eveliina Suonpää, Minnesota Duluth  <i>Defensemen [1]</i> Minnamari Tuominen, Ohio State  <i>Forwards [4]</i> Michelle Karvinen, North Dakota Emma Nuutinen, North Dakota (Mercyhurst) *Jenniina Nylund, St. Cloud State Susanna Tapani, North Dakota	<b>Sweden [3]</b> <i>Goaltenders [1]</i> *Emma Söderberg, Minnesota Duluth  <i>Defensemen [1]</i> Johanna Fällman, North Dakota  <i>Forwards [1]</i> Pernilla Winberg, Minnesota Duluth
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\*denotes current WCHA student-athlete

Schedules, rosters, statistics, streaming links and more are available via the Hockey Canada website [here](#).

### ***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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