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UMN'S ZUMWINKLE, MSU'S WILGREN AND LEVY, AND BSU'S BENCH NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, POWERED BY GOODWOOD HOCKEY

Quartet earns accolades for games of Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2018

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Dec. 4, 2018 – Following Week 10 of the 2018-19 season, the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) is proud to recognize four student-athletes as its WCHA Players of the Week, Powered by [GoodWood Hockey](#). The honorees for games of Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2018 are: University of Minnesota sophomore **Grace Zumwinkle** (Forward), Minnesota State University freshman **Anna Wilgren** (Defenseman), Bemidji State University redshirt-sophomore **Lauren Bench** (Goaltender) and Mavericks' freshman goaltender **Abigail Levy** (Rookie).

WCHA Forward of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Grace Zumwinkle, So., Minnesota (Excelsior, Minn.)

Zumwinkle led the WCHA with six points and paced the NCAA with 3.00 points per game, tallying four goals and two assists as second-ranked Minnesota picked up a nonconference road sweep at Yale. In the Gophers' 7-1 victory Friday, Zumwinkle recorded a career-high five points with her first career hat trick and a pair of helpers. She assisted on Minnesota's first two goals (including the eventual game-winner), then tallied a natural hat trick in the second period to extend the Gophers' lead to 6-1. Zumwinkle then secured a 3-1 win and sweep Saturday with an empty-net goal in the final minute. Her NCAA-leading four goals (tied) came on just seven shots. This is Zumwinkle's first WCHA weekly award of the 2018-19 season and her third career honor.

Honorable Mention: **Corbin Boyd, Sr., Minnesota State** (assisted on the Mavericks' first two goals Saturday in a 3-0 victory over No. 6 Ohio State, while helping the team's penalty-kill unit go five-for-six on the weekend); **Emily Clark, RS-Sr., Wisconsin** (recorded her second career hat trick to help the No. 1 Badgers to a 9-1, sweep-clinching win Sunday over Syracuse, while she led the WCHA with two power-play goals and 27 faceoff wins); **Haley Mack, Jr., Bemidji State** (tied for the WCHA and NCAA lead with four goals, including a natural hat trick Friday in the Beavers' 3-0 win and an empty-netter in Saturday's 2-0, sweep-clinching triumph over St. Cloud State); **Jacyn Reeves, Sr., Ohio State** (tallied an assist in Sunday's 2-0 win at Minnesota State, while adding 15 shots on goal over the weekend for the No. 6 Buckeyes).

WCHA Defenseman of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Anna Wilgren, Fr., Minnesota State (Hudson, Wis.)

Wilgren scored the game-winning goal for Minnesota State in its 3-0 victory Saturday over No. 6 Ohio State and was all over the ice defensively, leading the WCHA with 12 blocked shots on the weekend. The freshman from Hudson, Wis. snapped a scoreless tie 3:12 into the third period Saturday evening, converting on the power play to give the Mavericks a 1-0 lead they would not surrender. Sacrificing her body at every turn, Wilgren also helped the Mavericks' WCHA-leading penalty-kill unit stave off five-of-six OSU power-play opportunities. Her dozen blocks were the fourth-most nationally last week, just two off the leader. This is Wilgren's first WCHA weekly award of her freshman season.

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Honorable Mention: **Lauren Boyle, Sr., Ohio State** [tallied an assist for the No. 6 Buckeyes during their 2-0 road win Saturday at Minnesota State]; **Emily Brown, So., Minnesota** [recorded a career-high and WCHA defensemen-leading three points on a goal and two assists in the No. 2 Gophers' 7-1 win Friday at Yale, while finishing the weekend with a league blueliner-best plus-6 rating]; **Mikaela Gardner, Sr., Wisconsin** [helped the top-ranked Badgers hold Syracuse to just two goals during a weekend sweep, while adding a power-play assist and a plus-5 rating]; **Mak Langei, So., Bemidji State** [assisted on the game-winning goal Saturday, led the Beavers with six blocked shots and posted a plus-3 rating in the Beavers' sweep of St. Cloud State].

WCHA Goaltender of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey **Lauren Bench, RS-So., Bemidji State (Eagan, Minn.)**

Bench, the only WCHA goaltender to not allow a goal last weekend and one of two nationally with a pair of shutouts, backstopped Bemidji State to a league sweep of St. Cloud State. The redshirt-sophomore began the series with an 11-save shutout in a 3-0 win Friday, then posted a 26-stop blanking in Saturday's 2-0 victory [a game that was 1-0 from the 2:15 mark of the first period until the final minute]. Following her efforts last weekend, Bench is now tied for fourth in Bemidji State history with five career shutouts. This is Bench's first WCHA weekly award of the 2018-19 season and her second career honor.

Honorable Mention: **Andrea Braendli, Fr., Ohio State** [ranked second in the WCHA with 46 saves, including 27 stops in the No. 6 Buckeyes' 2-0 shutout victory Sunday at Minnesota State]; **Kristen Campbell, Jr., Wisconsin** [stopped 14-of-15 shots, helping the top-ranked Badgers to a nonconference sweep of visiting Syracuse]; **Alex Gulstene, So., Minnesota** [improved to 12-0-0 on the season with a 17-save performance in the No. 2 Gophers' 3-1, sweep-clinching nonconference road win Saturday at Yale].

WCHA Rookie of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey **Abigail Levy, G, Minnesota State (Congers, N.Y.)**

Levy was once again sensational in the Minnesota State net, leading the WCHA and tying for second nationally with 79 saves [on 81 shots] as the Mavericks split with No. 6 Ohio State. Levy opened the series with a 41-save shutout in Saturday's 3-0 victory, her third-straight clean sheet and fifth of her rookie campaign - already tying for the Mavericks' single-season record. The freshman from Congers, N.Y. then turned aside 38-of-40 shots Sunday in a 2-0 loss, finishing the weekend with a .975 save percentage [third among NCAA Division I goalies] and a 1.00 goals-against average [sixth]. Of further note, Minnesota State's shutout Saturday was their third-straight against a Division I opponent, the first time in program history the Mavericks achieved that feat. This is Levy's fifth WCHA weekly award of her freshman season [two Rookie of the Week honors and three Goaltender accolades].

Honorable Mention: **Andrea Braendli, G, Ohio State** [ranked second in the WCHA with 46 saves, including 27 stops in the No. 6 Buckeyes' 2-0 shutout victory Sunday at Minnesota State]; **Britta Curl, F, Wisconsin** [led WCHA rookies and tied for the NCAA freshman lead with three goals, including a pair Saturday, helping the top-ranked Badgers to a nonconference sweep of visiting Syracuse]; **Ellie Moser, F, Bemidji State** [her first collegiate goal was the game-winner Saturday in the Beavers' 2-0, sweep-clinching victory over St. Cloud State]; **Catie Skaja, F, Minnesota** [recorded two assists Saturday, including on the game-winning goal, as the No. 2 Gophers finished a nonconference road sweep at Yale with a 3-1 victory.

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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.

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