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WISCONSIN'S PANKOWSKI AND CURL, MINNESOTA DULUTH'S FLAHERTY AND OHIO STATE'S BRAENDLI NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, POWERED BY GOODWOOD HOCKEY

Quartet earns accolades for performances in the WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinals

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – March 5, 2019 – Following the WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinals, the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) is proud to recognize four student-athletes as the WCHA Players of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey. The honorees for games of March 1-2 are Wisconsin senior **Annie Pankowski** (Forward) and freshman **Britta Curl** (Rookie), Minnesota Duluth freshman **Maggie Flaherty** (Defenseman) and Ohio State freshman **Andrea Braendli** (Goaltender).

WCHA Forward of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Annie Pankowski, Sr., Wisconsin (Laguna Hills, Calif.)

Wisconsin's **Annie Pankowski** posted a six-point weekend to lead No. 2 UW to a sweep of SCSU last weekend. The Badger co-captain recorded a goal and two assists in UW's 5-0 win before posting her sixth career hat trick in the Badgers' 8-0 win on Saturday. Her goal on Friday was the No. 6 play on ESPN's SportsCenter's Top-10 plays, her fourth SC Top-10 appearance of the year. The Laguna Hills, Calif., native's 3.00 PPG average was tied for the NCAA lead while her four goals were tied for the NCAA lead and was one of three players in the country to tally a hat trick last weekend. Her +6 plus/minus rating was also tied for the best mark in the country.

Honorable Mention: **Brooke Bryant, Fr., Minnesota State** (scored both of the Mavericks' goals in their opening WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal game at Ohio State); **Gabbie Hughes, Fr., Minnesota Duluth** (had a goal and an assist in the Bulldogs' WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal sweep of Bemidji State); **Jacyn Reeves, Sr., Ohio State** (notched a goal and an assist in the Buckeyes' WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal-clinching victory on Saturday).

WCHA Defenseman of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Maggie Flaherty, Fr., Minnesota Duluth (Lakeville, Minn.)

Minnesota Duluth's **Maggie Flaherty** tied for the points lead among WCHA defenseman last weekend with three points on three assists, including a game-winning assist Friday night. The Lakeville, Minn., native's three points also tied for third nationally among blueliners for the weekend and her eight blocks led all league defenders. With seven shots on goal, Flaherty averaged 1.50 P/GP and was on ice for every single Bulldog goal on the weekend - a WCHA-best six goals.

Honorable Mention: **Megan Hinze, Sr., Minnesota State** (assisted on both of Minnesota State's goals in their opening WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal at Ohio State); **Jincy Dunne, RS-Jr., Ohio State** (picked up two points on a goal and an assist in the Buckeyes' WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal sweep of Minnesota State); **Maddie Rolfes, Sr., Wisconsin** (finished +4 with one block as the Badgers limited St. Cloud State to just 30 shots on goal in UW's WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal sweep of the Huskies).

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WCHA Goaltender of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Andrea Braendli, Fr., Ohio State (Zurich, Switzerland)

Ohio State's **Andrea Braendli** earned WCHA Goaltender of the Week honors for the second week in a row and the fourth time this season after backstopping the Buckeyes to a sweep of Minnesota State in the WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinals. The Zurich, Switzerland, native continued her recent hot streak by holding the Mavericks to two goals on the weekend as the Buckeyes swept MSU to advance. After conceding a pair of goals in Friday's overtime 3-2 win, the rookie bounced back with a 28-save shutout on Saturday to clinch the series.

Honorable Mention: Abigail Levy, Fr., Minnesota State (stopped 74 shots in the Mavericks' WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal at Ohio State); **Kristen Campbell, Jr., Wisconsin** (pitched back-to-back shutouts against St. Cloud State to backstop the Badgers to a sweep of their WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal series).

WCHA Rookie of the Week, Powered by GoodWood Hockey Britta Curl, F, Wisconsin (Bismarck, N.D.)

Wisconsin's **Britta Curl** became the first Badger to score 20 goals this year with her four tallies this weekend to lead UW to a sweep of St. Cloud State. Curl posted two goals in UW's 5-0 win on Friday before chipping in another two-goal effort in UW's 8-0 win on Saturday. It marked the third and fourth time this year Curl has enjoyed a multi-goal effort. Her four goals not only tied for the WCHA and WCHA rookie lead, but the NCAA lead as well. She became the seventh Badger freshman to score 20 or more goals in her rookie season. In addition, Curl's +4 plus/minus rating was tied for the NCAA best mark by a freshman skater last weekend.

Honorable Mention: Abigail Levy, Fr., Minnesota State (stopped 74 shots in the Mavericks' WCHA Final Faceoff Quarterfinal at Ohio State); **Andrea Braendli, G, Ohio State** (stopped 47 shots in the Buckeyes' sweep of Minnesota State).

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.

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