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WCHA ANNOUNCES 2020-21 ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS, PRESENTED BY STERLING TROPHY *All-WCHA and All-Academic teams honored*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – March 3, 2021 – The Women’s League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association is proud to recognize the 25 student-athletes represented on its 2020-21 All-WCHA Teams, presented by Sterling Trophy, along with the 115 WCHA All-Academic Team honorees.

“Congratulations to all of our All-WCHA honorees for their success on the ice and in the classroom in this unusual season,” WCHA Vice-President and Women’s League Commissioner Jennifer Flowers said. “Today’s announcement highlights the all-around excellence of our student-athletes.”

Showcasing the strength the league’s players have developed during their time within the WCHA, seniors account for 10 of 19 spots overall among the All-WCHA First, Second and Third teams.

The 2020-21 WCHA Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Goaltender, Rookie, Outstanding Student-Athlete and Coach of the Year will be announced March 4. The overall WCHA Player of the Year will be recognized on March 5.

All-WCHA First Team, Presented by Sterling Trophy

The All-WCHA first team forward trio of Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award top-10 finalists features Wisconsin senior **Daryl Watts** (Toronto, Ont.) for the second consecutive season, Wisconsin junior **Sophie Shirley** (Saskatoon, Sask.) and Minnesota senior **Grace Zumwinkle** (Excelsior, Minn.). Watts finished the regular season with 31 points on 15 goals and 16 assists in just 16 games, and boasts the most points per game and goals per game of any player in the NCAA who played more than two games. Shirley posted the third-most points in the WCHA, tallying nine goals and 13 assists for 22 points. Zumwinkle finished the regular-season campaign with a league-high 16 goals and seven assists to rank second in the point standings with 23.

The All-WCHA blueliners are two-time honoree **Ashton Bell** (Deloraine, Man.) of Minnesota Duluth and first-time honoree **Grace Bowlby** (Edina, Minn.) of Wisconsin. Bowlby held the scoring lead among defensemen with 15 points from 15 assists, which ranked second among all WCHA skaters. Bell finished second in regular-season defenseman scoring with 12 points on three goals and nine assists and registered the best plus/minus rating of any blueliner at +19.

Minnesota Duluth junior **Emma Söderberg** (Järved, Sweden) earns the All-WCHA goaltender nod in 2020-21. The Bulldog netminder led the league in save percentage (.951), goals against average (1.34), percentage of time played (97.3) and tied for the league lead in shutouts with five. Söderberg played in all 16 games for Minnesota Duluth and registered 404 saves on 425 shots. Her five shutouts are tied for the second-most in the nation.

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All-WCHA Second Team, Presented by Sterling Trophy

The All-WCHA second team front line includes Minnesota Duluth junior **Gabbie Hughes** (Lino Lakes, Minn.), Ohio State senior **Emma Maltais** (Burlington, Ont.) and Minnesota Duluth senior **Anna Klein** (Edina, Minn.). Hughes posted 21 points on 10 goals and 11 assists, tying for fourth in league scoring with Klein who record 11 goals and 10 helpers. Hughes also registered the most wins at the dot, coming away with 250 faceoff wins during the regular season. Maltais led the league in shots on goal per game at 6.12 and added a stat line of 3g-8a/11pts to her career total as a Buckeye.

The All-WCHA second team defensemen are Minnesota senior **Emily Brown** (Blaine, Minn.) and Wisconsin junior **Nicole LaMantia** (Wayne, Ill.). Brown posted three goals and seven helpers for 10 points, which ranks third among league blueliners. LaMantia recorded nine points on two goals and seven assists for the Badgers in WCHA contests this season.

Ohio State junior **Andrea Braendli** garnered second-team accolades after she posted the third-best goals against average (.191) and fourth best save percentage at .923 among league netminders. She has etched herself into the WCHA record books as she stands tied for 18th all-time in career wins, tied for ninth in career save percentage at .932 and 20th in best career goals against average with 1.91.

All-WCHA Third Team, Presented by Sterling Trophy

Wisconsin senior **Brette Pettet** (Kentville, N.S.), Ohio State senior **Tatum Skaggs** (Hartland, Wis.) and Wisconsin junior **Britta Curl** (Bismarck, N.D.) comprise the forward group on the All-WCHA third team. Pettet checks in at sixth in the league in point scoring, tallying 10 goals and nine helpers for 19 points in the regular season and was one of less than 20 players in the nation to record a hat trick this season. Skaggs potted six goals and seven assists for 13 points in 2020-21 which tied with Curl for 13th in the WCHA. Curl registered six goals and seven helpers as well to reach her 13 points.

Ohio State junior **Sophie Jaques** (Toronto, Ont.), Minnesota sophomore **Madeline Wethington** (Edina, Minn.) and Ohio State junior **Madison Bizal** (Elk River, Minn.) are the All-WCHA third team defensemen. Jaques scored one goal and added two assists to total three points in the regular-season. She had the most shots on goals of any WCHA blueliner at 54. Wethington tallied nine points on two goals and seven assists, tying for fourth in point-scoring among defensemen. Bizal sits just behind her fellow All-WCHA third team honoree at ninth in the point standings with a stat line of 1g-7a/8pts during the regular season.

Wisconsin senior **Kennedy Blair** (Bismarck, N.D.) earns All-WCHA third team honors after recording the second-best save percentage in the league at .935. She tallied five shutouts, which ties for the second-highest numbers of whitewashes in the NCAA in 2020-21, and posted a 1.59 goals against average.

WCHA All-Rookie Team, Presented by Sterling Trophy

The WCHA All-Rookie Team includes Minnesota State's **Jamie Nelson** (Andover, Minn.) Minnesota's **Abbey Murphy** (Evergreen Park, Ill.) and Ohio State's **Jenna Buglioni** (Port Moody, B.C.) at forward. Murphy leads WCHA freshman in points with 17 (7g-10a) while Nelson ranks second with 15 points on a league-best eight goals and seven assists. Buglioni followed in the point standings, sitting in third after totaling 12 points on seven goals and five assists.

Defensively, the All-Rookie Team includes Minnesota's **Josey Dunne** (O'Fallon, Mo.) and Ohio State's **Riley Brengman** (China, Mich.). Brengman notched nine points for Ohio State on two goals and seven helpers and registered the most shots on goal of any newcomer defenseman at 40. Dunne checked in at second among rookies in the point standings, recording three goals and one assist for four points and tying for the most blocked shots among rookie blueliners at 18.

St. Cloud State goaltender **Sanni Ahola** (Helsinki, Finland) rounds out the All-Rookie Team. The freshman netminder posted a .918 save percentage, saved 312 of the 340 shots she faced and recorded two shutouts.

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About the 2020-21 All-WCHA Teams, Presented by Sterling Trophy

WCHA Women's League member head coaches and assistant coaches vote for the All-WCHA Teams. The All-WCHA First, Second and Third Teams are determined by tabulating votes on a sliding 5-3-1 scale for First, Second and Third Team, respectively. The WCHA All-Rookie Team is determined by tabulating the number of votes each player receives.

2020-21 All-WCHA Teams, Presented by Sterling Trophy

First Team

Name	Pos.	Class	School	Hometown
Daryl Watts	F	Sr.	Wisconsin	Toronto, Ont.
Sophie Shirley	F	Jo.	Wisconsin	Saskatoon, Sask.
Grace Zumwinkle	F	Sr.	Minnesota	Excelsior, Minn.
Ashton Bell	D	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	Deloraine, Man.
Grace Bowlby	D	Sr.	Wisconsin	Edina, Minn.
Emma Söderberg	G	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Järved, Sweden

Second Team

Name	Pos.	Class	School	Hometown
Gabbie Hughes	F	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Emma Maltais	F	Sr.	Ohio State	Burlington, Ont.
Anna Klein	F	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	Edina, Minn.
Emily Brown	D	Sr.	Minnesota	Blaine, Minn.
Nicole LaMantia	D	Jr.	Wisconsin	Wayne, Ill.
Andrea Braendli	G	Jr.	Ohio State	Zurich, Switzerland

Third Team

Name	Pos.	Class	School	Hometown
Brette Pettet	F	Sr.	Wisconsin	Kentville, N.S.
Tatum Skaggs	F	Sr.	Ohio State	Hartland, Wis.
Britta Curl	F	Jr.	Wisconsin	Bismarck, N.D.
Sophie Jaques	D	Jr.	Ohio State	Toronto, Ont.
Madeline Wethington	D	So.	Minnesota	Edina, Minn.
Madison Bizal	D	Jr.	Ohio State	Elk River, Minn.
Kennedy Blair	G	Sr.	Wisconsin	Bismarck, N.D.

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WCHA All-Rookie Team

Name	Pos.	Class	School	Hometown
Jamie Nelson	F	Fr.	Minnesota State	Andover, Minn.
Abbey Murphy	F	Fr.	Minnesota	Evergreen Park, Ill.
Jenna Buglioni	F	Fr.	Ohio State	Port Moody, B.C.
Josey Dunne	D	Fr.	Minnesota	O'Fallon, Mo.
Riley Brengman	D	Fr.	Ohio State	China, Mich.
Sanni Ahola	G	Fr.	St. Cloud State	Helsinki, Finland

2020-21 WCHA All-Academic Team

The League also released the 2020-21 WCHA All-Academic Team, comprised of 115 student-athletes representing all seven WCHA Women's League member institutions.

To qualify for the WCHA All-Academic Team, student-athletes must have completed one year of eligibility at their present institution, prior to the current academic year and have a GPA of at least 3.0 for the previous two semesters or three quarters.

Following, by team, are the 2020-21 WCHA All-Academic Team honorees.

Bemidji State [19]

Cheyenna Abear (So., F, Brainerd, Minn.); Paige Anderson (So., F, Andover, Minn.); Lexi Baker (Jr., G, Lakeville, Minn.); Paige Beebe (Sr., F, Ham Lake, Minn.); Kate Boland (So., D, Northfield, Minn.); Clair DeGeorge (Sr., F, Anchorage, Alaska); Abby DeLaRosa (So., D, Hugo, Minn.); Kerigan Dowhy (Sr., G, The Pas, Man.); Abby Ecker (Jr., D, Grey Eagle, Minn.); Lindsey Featherstone (Sr., F, Woodbury, Minn.); Reece Hunt (So., F, Nelson, B.C.); Tina Kampa (Sr., D, Maple Grove, Minn.); Mak Langei (Sr., D, East Grand Forks, Minn.); Ellie Moser (Jr., F, Farmington, Minn.); Graysen Myers (Jr., F, Fargo, N.D.); Mya Neugent (So., F, Sun Prairie, Wis.); Lydia Passolt (Sr., F, Chanhassen, Minn.); Claudia Verkerke (Jr., F, White Bear Lake, Minn.); Kara Werth (Sr., D, Moorhead, Minn.).

Minnesota [15]

Abigail Boreen (Jr., F, Somerset, Wis.); Emily Brown (Sr., D, Blaine, Minn.); Taylor Heise (Jr., F, Lake City, Minn.); Crystalyn Hengler (Jr., D, Eden Prairie, Minn.); Olivia King (So., G, Garrison, Minn.); Olivia Knowles (Sr., D, Campbell River, B.C.); Emily Oden (Jr., F, Edina, Minn.); Gracie Ostertag (Jr., D, Shakopee, Minn.); Makayla Pahl (So., G, Rochester, Minn.); Amy Potomak (RS-Jr., F, Aldergrove, B.C.); Sydney Shearen (So., F, Hugo, Minn.); Catie Skaja (Jr., F, New Prague, Minn.); Taylor Wente (Sr., F, Plymouth, Minn.); Madeline Wethington (So., D, Edina, Minn.); Grace Zumwinkle (Sr., F, Excelsior, Minn.).

Minnesota Duluth [17]

Monique Aanenson (Sr., F, Moorhead, Minn.); Taylor Anderson (Jr., F, Eagan, Minn.); Ashton Bell (Sr., F, Deloraine, Man.); Kassy Betinol (So., F, Okotoks, Alta.); Kylie Hanley (Jr., F, Minnetonka, Minn.); McKenzie Hewett (Jr., F, Edmonton, Alta.); Gabbie Hughes (So., F, Lino Lakes, Minn.); Anna Klein (Jr., F, Edina, Minn.); Anneke Linser (So., F, Lino Lakes, Minn.); Hanna Markel (Jr., G, Dillon, Colo.); Mannon McMahan (So., F, Maple Grove, Minn.); Lizi Norton (Jr., D, Orono, Minn.); McKenzie Revering (Sr., D, Alexandria, Minn.); Naomi Rogge (Sr., F, Eden Prairie, Minn.); Kailee Skinner (Jr., D, Penticton, B.C.); Emma Söderberg (Jr., G, Järved, Sweden); Taylor Stewart (So., D, Rochester, Minn.).

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Minnesota State [15]

Charlotte Akervik (So., D, Eau Claire, Wis.); Brooke Bryant (Jr., F, Linden, Calif.); Claire Butorac (Jr., F, Andover, Minn.); Danielle England (So., F, South Lyon, Mich.); Brittyn Fleming (Sr., F, Oregon, Wis.); Calla Frank (So., G, Hugo, Minn.); Mariah Gardner (Sr., F, Eagle Lake, Ont.); Taylor Gulenchyn (RS-Sr., F, Stillwater, Minn.); Lyndsey Howard (So., D, Savage, Minn.); Kelsey King (So., F, Elk River, Minn.); Jessica Kondas (Sr., D, Calgary, Alta.); Madison Oelkers (So., F, Warroad, Minn.); Tristen Truax (Sr., D, Shakopee, Minn.); Taylor Wemple (RS-Jr., D, Maplewood, Minn.); Anna Wilgren (Jr., D, Hudson, Wis.).

Ohio State [17]

Brooke Bink (So., F, Escanaba, Mich.); Madison Bizal (Jr., D, Elk River, Minn.); Andrea Braendli (Jr., G, Zurich, Switzerland); Lisa Bruno (Sr., D, Whitby, Ont.); Jennifer Gardiner (So., F, Surrey, B.C.); Teghan Inglis (So., D, Okotoks, Alta.); Sophie Jaques (Jr., D, Toronto, Ont.); Quinn Kuntz (So., G, Warroad, Minn.); Paetyn Levis (Jr., F, Rogers, Minn.); Emma Maltais (Sr., F, Burlington, Ont.); Ramsey Parent (So., F, Blaine, Minn.); Gabby Rosenthal (Jr., F, Blaine, Minn.); Sara Saekkinen (Jr., F, Pirkkala, Finland); Eve Savander (Jr., D, Joensuu, Finland); Liz Schepers (Sr., F, Mound, Minn.); Tatum Skaggs (Sr., F, Hartland, Wis.); Lynsey Wallace (Sr., G, Seven Hills, Ohio).

St. Cloud State [16]

Hannah Bates (Sr., D, Trenton, Mich.); Emma Bigham (Sr., F, Minnetonka, Minn.); Alexandra Cornelius (Jr., F, St. Cloud, Minn.); Olivia Cvar (So., F, Stonewall, Minn.); Taytum Geier (Jr., D, Verona, Wis.); Courtney Hall (So., F, South Lyon, Mich.); Olivia Hanson (Jr., D, Minot, N.D.); Claire Hickey (So., F, Dyer, Ind.); Klára Hymlárová (So., F, Opava, Czech Republic); Laura Kluge (Sr., F, Berlin, Germany); Taylor Lind (So., F, Shaunavon, Sask.); Jenniina Nylund (Jr., F, Pietarsaari, Finland); Emma Polusny (Sr., G, Mound, Minn.); Karlie Ries (Jr., G, Sleepy Eye, Minn.); McKenna Wesloh (Sr., F, Zimmerman, Minn.); Kenzie Wylie (Sr., D, Ham Lake, Minn.).

Wisconsin [16]

Breanna Blesi (RS-Jr., G, Maple Grove, Minn.); Grace Bowlby (Sr., D, Edina, Minn.); Natalie Buchbinder (Sr., D, Fairport, N.Y.); Britta Curl (Jr., F, Bismarck, N.D.); Delaney Drake (Sr., F, Traverse City, Mich.); Jesse DeVito (Jr., F, Rumson, N.J.); Chayla Edwards (So., D, Cleveland, Ohio); Katie Kotlowski (RS-Fr., D, Warroad, Minn.); Cami Kronish (Jr., G, New York, N.Y.); Nicole LaMantia (Jr., D, Wayne, Ill.); Brette Pettet (Sr., F, Kentville, N.S.); Maddie Posick (Sr., F, Stoughton, Wis.); Caitlin Schneider (Sr., F, Glenview, Ill.); Grace Shirley (So., F, Saskatoon, Sask.); Sophie Shirley (Jr., F, Saskatoon, Sask.); Daryl Watts (Sr., F, Toronto, Ont.).

About Sterling Trophy

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About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Women's League

The Women's League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association is marking its 22nd season in 2020-21. The nation's premier women's hockey conference, WCHA member institutions have won a record 17 national championships since the league's inception in 1999 (including 16 of a possible 19 NCAA titles), while producing seven Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award winners, 105 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and national team members. The seven-team, NCAA Division I conference consists of: Bemidji State University (Beavers), the University of Minnesota (Golden Gophers), the University of Minnesota Duluth (Bulldogs), Minnesota State University (Mavericks), The Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers). The WCHA will grow to eight members with the addition of the University of St. Thomas (Tommyies) beginning with the 2021-22 season. For more information, visit wcha.com.

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