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FOUR PROGRAMS PICK UP WEEKLY AWARDS

Big Numbers Draw Honorees from Wisconsin, Ohio State, Bemidji State, and St. Thomas

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Nov. 1, 2021 – In the final weekend of October action, four student-athletes stood out as Player of the Week honorees by the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, presented by Sterling Trophy.

WCHA Forward of the Week
Makenna Webster, So., Wisconsin (St. Louis, Mo.)
In a sweep of Minnesota State, Makenna Webster registered four goals and one assist for a total of five points through two games played. She tallied nine shots on goal and a plus-3 rating on the ice as she scored the Badgers’ first goal in their 2-1 win on Friday. She went on to record her first career hat trick before adding an assist in the 6-2 victory on Saturday.

In addition to leading Wisconsin on the weekend in points (5), goals (4), and plus-minus (4), Webster tops the NCAA in points (27), assists (14), and plus-minus (+23) on the season. The award marks Webster’s second WCHA Forward of the Week honor this season, after earning it on Oct. 4.

Others Receiving Votes: Paige Beebe (Bemidji State), Taylor Heise (Minnesota), Brooke Bryant (Minnesota State), Jenn Gardiner (Ohio State), Alli Monrean (St. Thomas).

WCHA Defender of the Week
Sophie Jaques, Sr., Ohio State (Toronto, Ontario)
When hosting Ohio State, Sophie Jaques posted three goals and two assists for a five-point weekend. Her two power play goals came off of 12 shots on goal, a season-high for the Ohio State squad. On her way to a team-best plus-6 rating on the ice, Jaques tied her career-high of three points in a game and two goals in a game, while she recorded a team-high of three blocked shots in the series.

It is Jaques second WCHA Defender of the Week accolade after being named to the honor on Oct. 4.

Others Receiving Votes: Grace Bowlby (Wisconsin), Charlotte Akervik (Minnesota State).
**WCHA Goaltender of the Week**  
**Hannah Hogenson, So., Bemidji State (Anchorage, Alaska)**  
Recording an astounding 85 saves on the weekend was Hannah Hogenson as Bemidji State hosted No. 3 Minnesota. The sophomore made 85 saves on 93 shots faced for a .914 save percentage through 119:09 of action. She began the series by stopping a career-high of 52 shots on Friday, followed by stopping 33-of-33 shots on Saturday.

Hogenson’s award is the first WCHA honor for Bemidji State this season.

*Others Receiving Votes:* Raygan Kirk (Ohio State), Alexa Dobchuk (St. Thomas).

**WCHA Rookie of the Week**  
**Nicole Vallario, Defense, St. Thomas (Lugano, Switzerland)**  
Logging significant minutes to help St. Thomas to their first sweep in Division I program history, Nicole Vallario scored two of the Tommies’ three goals on the weekend. As a defender, she led the team and set a new WCHA season-high of 14 shots on goal in the series at RIT, while she also scored her first collegiate goal and the eventual game-winner. Adding to her stat lines, she marked four blocked shots and a well-rounded plus-3 rating on the ice. The honor stands as the first WCHA award for Vallario in her career.

*Others Receiving Votes:* Claire Vekich (Bemidji State), Ella Huber (Minnesota).

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