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UW's Knight, UM's Schleper and Ramsey, BSU's Tomcikova Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Hilary Knight • Senior, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin forward Hilary Knight, who amassed seven scoring points last weekend and had a hand all six of her team's goals in one of the two games to lead the visiting Badgers to a two-game conference sweep at St. Cloud State, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for February 15. This marks the second time this season Knight has earned the weekly award (also on Dec. 14).

A senior center from Sun Valley, Idaho, Knight scored two goals and set up five others for seven points in the Feb. 10-11 UW victories, factored in on both game-winning goals, fired 16 shots on goal and earned a +4 plus/minus rating. In Wisconsin's 5-0 victory over the Huskies last Friday, she opened the scoring at 12:12 of the first period with the eventual game-winning goal and put 10 shots on goal. Then last Saturday, Knight had a hand in every goal in the Badgers' 6-2 victory, which clinched at least a share of the 2011-12 WCHA regular season championship for her team. Named the No. 1 Star of the Game, she assisted on all four of her club's first period goals, including teammate Carolyne Prévost's game-winner, set up the Badgers' fifth goal in the second period, and then notched her 28th goal of the season in the third period.

Also nominated: Jen Schoullis, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND; Natalie Spooner, F, OSU.

WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week

Anne Schleper • Senior, Defenseman, University of Minnesota

Zuzana Tomcikova • Senior, Goaltender, Bemidji State University

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of veteran players, defenseman Anne Schleper of the University of Minnesota and goaltender Zuzana Tomcikova of Bemidji State University, have been named WCHA Women's co-Defensive Players of the Week for February 15.

Schleper, a senior from St. Cloud, Minn., contributed four scoring points in Minnesota's 5-0 and 7-4 road wins over Ohio State last weekend, fired 10 shots on goal, blocked four shots and earned a +5 plus/minus rating. She had a goal and an assist in the second period in the series opener last Friday (Feb. 10) along with two blocked shots, and then added two more assists in game two last Saturday (Feb. 11), including one on teammate Sarah Davis' second period shorthander that gave the Gophers a two-goal cushion at 4-2. In addition, she also played a key role on special teams, as UM's penalty-killers held OSU to two goals on 13 power-play chances. With her three assists, Schleper moved up to second place on Minnesota's all-time assists list for defensemen with 79.

Tomcikova, a senior from Bratislava, Slovakia, yielded just one goal in a two-game conference split with visiting Minnesota Duluth on Feb. 10-11, stopping 45 of 46 shots on goal for a .978 save percentage and posting five shutout periods. In the series opener last Friday at Sanford Center, she gave up only a second period goal and made 25 saves to earn No. 3 Star of the Game honors as the Beavers dropped a 1-0 decision. Then on 'Senior Day' last Saturday at BSU, Tomcikova came through with a 20-save, 2-0 shutout to earn No. 1 Star of the Game acclaim as the Beavers earned the split. The shutout was the fourth of the season for Tomcikova and 18th of her collegiate career, and she also moved into fourth place all-time in saves in the NCAA with 3,410.

Also nominated: Jennifer Harss, G, UMD; Monique Lamoureux-Kolls, D, UND; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Rachel Ramsey • Freshman, Defenseman, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota defenseman Rachel Ramsey, who contributed at both ends of the ice to help the Golden Gophers to a two-game conference road sweep at Ohio State last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for February 15.

A freshman from Chanhassen, Minn., Ramsey collected three points in the two wins against Ohio State in Columbus. In last Friday's 5-0 victory, had two assists, two blocked shots and a plus/minus rating of +3. She then added another assist in last Saturday's 7-4 triumph, along with two shots on goal.

Playing in all 32 of Minnesota's games as a rookie, Ramsey has 20 points (4g, 16a) this season and ranks first in scoring among first-year defenseman in the WCHA.

Also nominated: Josefine Jakobsen, F, UND; Katy Josephs, F, UW.