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## UMD'S LACQUETTE, UW'S RIGSBY, UM'S LEVEILLE NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### BRIGETTE LACQUETTE • SOPHOMORE, DEFENSEMAN, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth defenseman Brigette Lacquette, who played a part in every Bulldog goal last weekend to help her team secure a home playoff berth, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for February 26. She was named the league's defensive player of the week on January 23.

A sophomore from Mallard, Manitoba, Lacquette scored the Bulldogs' lone goal last Friday (February 22) in a 4-1 loss to North Dakota. Then on Saturday (February 23) night, with Minnesota Duluth needing a victory or a shootout win over UND to regain home playoff ice from Ohio State and the Bulldogs down 2-0, Lacquette assisted on Katie Wilson's goal at the 8:28 mark to draw her team to within one. Lacquette then carried the puck around the UND net and into the slot for the shot that was rebounded by Jamie Kenyon for the game-tying goal at 16:49 of the second period. After helping UMD survive being outshot 29-5 in the third period and overtime, and killing a penalty with two minutes left in regulation, Lacquette was the fourth shooter for UMD in the shootout with both teams tied at 2-2. The lone defenseman to shoot, Lacquette cleanly beat the UND netminder and kept the Bulldogs at home against Ohio State. For the series, she had one goal and two assists for three points and put four shots on goal.

Playing in all 32 of Minnesota Duluth's games this season, Lacquette is third on her team in scoring with 29 points (7g, 15) and has 42 points (12g, 30a) in her 68-game collegiate career.

Also nominated: Lauren Smith, F, MSU; Michelle Karvinen, F, UND; Ally Tarr, F, OSU; Kelly Jaminski, D, UW.

### WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### ALEX RIGSBY • JUNIOR, GOALTENDER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, who conceded just one goal in a pair of league road victories over Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for February 26. She also earned the weekly honor on October 31, November 7 and December 12.

A junior from Delafeld, Wis., Rigsby posted five shutout periods in the series while yielding just a single goal, stopped 44 of 45 shots on goal for a .978 save percentage and blanked the host Beavers on all seven of their power-play opportunities as the Badgers pushed their winning streak to six games. She recorded 15 saves in last Friday's (February 22) 2-0 Wisconsin victory, posting her sixth shutout of the season and 22nd of her collegiate career. Rigsby followed up her performance from the first night with 29 saves in a 3-1 UW triumph last Saturday (February 23), including eight on the penalty-kill.

In 32 games between the pipes this season, Rigsby sports a 21-9-2 overall record, a 1.53 goals-against average and .941 save percentage. She ranks second among league goaltenders in both GAA and SV%.

Also nominated: Noora Rätty, G, UM; Kayla Black, G, UMD; Monique Lamoureux, D, UND; Julie Friend, G, SCSU.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

#### AMANDA LEVEILLE • FRESHMAN, GOALTENDER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Amanda Leveille, who recorded a shutout victory on the road at league rival St. Cloud State last Friday as the Gophers went on to sweep and finish the 2012-13 conference season with a perfect 28-0 record, has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for February 26.

A freshman from Kingston, Ontario, Leveille turned away all 24 shots on goal against the host Huskies last Friday (February 22) and posted a 2-0 win for her third shutout in three starts between the pipes. She also blanked St. Cloud State on all four of their power-play opportunities.

Seeing action in seven games in nets for unbeaten and top-ranked Minnesota this season, Leveille owns a 3-0-0 record, a 0.00 goals-against average and a 1.000 save percentage in 279:35 of playing time.

Also nominated: Meghan Dufault, F, UND; Courtney Burke, D, UW.