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MSU's McCann, OSU's Steffes, UW's Desbiens Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Tracy McCann, F Minnesota State

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University's Tracy McCann, a senior from Lakewood, Ohio, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 8, 2014.

McCann rang in 2014 with a hot start for the Mavericks last week in four games at All Seasons Arena in Mankato, scoring three goals and firing 19 shots on goal in a Dec. 31-Jan. 1 (3-0, 3-1) non-conference sweep over Lindenwood and a Jan. 4-5 (2-1, 0-1) two-game split with league rival Bemidji State.

A left winger, McCann's pair of third-period goals against Lindenwood on Jan. 1 bookended a three-goal period in a 3-1 victory and series sweep. She was named the first star of the game. She backed that up by opening the scoring with a brilliant re-direction in the first period of Minnesota State's 2-1 victory over Bemidji State on Jan. 4.

McCann's three goals and 19 shots led all Mavericks last week, while her three points tied for the team-lead and +2 rating was third-best on the squad. She has generated 12 points (7g, 5a) while playing in all 22 games this season and continues to pace the squad with a +6 plus/minus rating while tying for 15th in the conference in goal scoring.

Also nominated: Danielle Gagne, F, OSU; Brittany Ammerman, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Lisa Steffes, G Ohio State

MADISON, Wis. – Ohio State University goaltender Lisa Steffes, a senior from Amherstburg, Ontario, has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 8, 2014.

Steffes backstopped the Buckeyes to a pair of shutout victories on Jan. 3-4 against visiting Penn State. It marked the first time an Ohio State goaltender has posted consecutive shutouts since Melissa Glaser accomplished the feat back on March 1-2, 2002. It marked her second and third shutouts of the season.

Steffes had 19 stops in the Buckeyes' 8-0 victory over Penn State last Friday and then had 18 more in a 4-0 triumph last Saturday.

Steffes stopped all 37 of the shots on goal she faced in the series against the Nittany Lions and improved her goals-against average for the season to 1.63 and her save percentage to .942, both career bests. She now holds a record of 5-5-1 on the season and has played a team-leading 626:59 minutes between the pipes.

Also nominated: Erin Krichiver, G, MSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Ann-Renée Desbiens, G Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University Wisconsin goaltender Ann-Renée Desbiens, a freshman from La Malbaie, Quebec, has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Jan. 8, 2014.

Desbiens enjoyed a spectacular Jan. 3-4 weekend as she improved her record to 8-0 in her first collegiate season while backstopping the Badgers to a 3-1, 4-0 road sweep of league opponent St. Cloud State.

Desbiens allowed just one goal in the two victories, posted five shutout periods, and stopped 50 of 51 shots on goal for a .980 save percentage. She also earned her third career shutout last Saturday, saving all 28 of St. Cloud State's shots on goal, and blanked the Huskies on all three of their series power-play chances.

Desbiens now leads all NCAA Div. 1 women's goaltenders in winning percentage at 1.000 (8-0-0), save percentage at .963 and goals-against average at 0.83 and is tied for seventh in shutouts (3).

Also nominated: Claudia Kepler, F, OSU.