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## SCSU'S ILLIKAINEN AND OSU'S DANCZAK NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF NOV. 7-11, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 12, 2014 – After helping their teams to a pair of road sweeps, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Nov. 7-11, 2014 are: St. Cloud State junior forward **Molly Illikainen** (Offensive Player of the Week) and Ohio State junior goaltender **Stacy Danczak** (Defensive Player of the Week). There were no nominees for Rookie of the Week.

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

#### **Molly Illikainen, Jr., F, St. Cloud State**

Illikainen, a junior from Grand Rapids, Minn., had a goal and assist in each game as St. Cloud State swept a non-conference road series at RPI – the Huskies' first sweep since Nov 30 - Dec. 1, 2012. The junior transfer from Providence scored the first goal of Friday's contest, before feeding Abby Ness for the shorthanded game-winner in a 3-2 triumph. She also assisted on the game-winning goal on Saturday, while adding a strike of her own to put the finishing touches on a 3-0 victory. Illikainen leads St. Cloud State with seven goals, four assists and 11 total points.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

#### **Stacy Danczak, Jr., G, Ohio State**

Danczak, a redshirt junior, earned first career start, victory and shutout in a 3-0 decision at Minnesota State last Saturday. The native of Macedonia, Ohio led the Buckeyes' defensive effort with 17 saves overall, including five stops in the first and second periods, as well as seven in the third. Danczak has played in two games this year, turning back 22 of 23 shots with a 0.79 goals against average.

### ***About Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)***

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 14 national championships in 15 years since its inception in 1999, while producing six Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 70 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and international team members. The eight-team Division 1 conference consists of: Bemidji State University (Beavers), the University of Minnesota (Golden Gophers), the University of Minnesota Duluth (Bulldogs), Minnesota State University (Mavericks), the University of North Dakota, Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers).

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