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MINNESOTA'S CAMERANESI AND PANNEK, AND WISCONSIN'S DESBIENS NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF NOV. 21-24, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 25, 2014 – Underclassmen highlight the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Nov. 21-24, 2014, with a pair of sophomores joining the weekly freshman. The honorees are: Minnesota sophomore forward **Dani Cameranesi** (Offensive Player of the Week), Wisconsin sophomore goaltender **Ann-Renée Desbiens** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Minnesota freshman forward **Kelly Pannek** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Dani Cameranesi, So., F, Minnesota (Plymouth, Minn.)

Cameranesi scored five goals in three games as the Gophers swept a weekend series against Minnesota State, before defeating St. Cloud State on Monday in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Women's Face-Off Classic. Her offensive output included two power-play goals, her second hat trick of the season and game-winning strikes in both contests against the Mavericks. The sophomore from Plymouth, Minn., was on the ice for eight of the Gophers' 14 goals and finished the weekend with a +4 rating. Cameranesi, who has 21 points this season (14g, 7a) ranks second in the WCHA and is tied for eighth nationally with a 1.50 points per game. She is also tied for the NCAA lead with five power-play goals and four game-winning scores.

Also nominated: Brittany Ammerman, Sr., F, Wisconsin; Claudia Kepler, So., F, Ohio State; Amy Menke, So., F, North Dakota

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Ann-Renée Desbiens, So., G, Wisconsin (La Malbaie, Québec)

Desbiens, a sophomore from La Malbaie, Quebec, posted back-to-back shutouts as Wisconsin swept a road series at St. Cloud State. In Friday's 4-0 victory, Desbiens turned away all 12 shots she faced, while she recorded 15 saves in Saturday's 3-0 blanking. She is now tied for fourth nationally with four shutouts overall, while ranking sixth with an .808 winning percentage and eighth with a 1.52 goals against average.

Also nominated: Tanja Eisenschmid; Jr., D, North Dakota Sidney Morin, So., D, Minnesota Duluth; Rachel Ramsey, Sr., D, Minnesota

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Kelly Pannek, F, Minnesota (Plymouth, Minn.)

Pannek, a freshman from Plymouth, Minn., scored her first career hat trick to lead Minnesota to a 5-0 victory over St. Cloud State on Monday night in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Women's Face-Off Classic. Her three goals came on just five shots and included both the game-winning goal and a power-play strike. Pannek, who has tallied 11 points this season (4g, 7a), ranks third in scoring among WCHA rookies with an average of 0.73 points per game.

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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