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**UMD'S BRYKALIUK, BSU'S MOWAT AND OSU'S SAUVE  
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF OCT. 31-NOV. 2, 2014**

EDINA, Minn. – Oct. 28, 2014 – After helping their teams to impressive showings in league play last weekend, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014 are: Minnesota Duluth sophomore forward **Ashleigh Brykaliuk** (Offensive Player of the Week), Bemidji State sophomore goaltender **Brittni Mowat** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Ohio State freshman goaltender **Kassidy Sauve** (Rookie of the Week).

**WCHA Offensive Player of the Week**

**Ashleigh Brykaliuk, So., F, Minnesota Duluth**

Brykaliuk had five points over the weekend and finished with a plus-six rating as Minnesota Duluth swept Minnesota State in a WCHA series, running its winning streak to five games. The sophomore from Brandon, Manitoba, scored twice and had three assists while figuring in over half of UMD's nine goals – five – in the series. After dishing the game-winning assist Saturday in the Bulldogs' 3-0 win, Brykaliuk had two goals – including the power-play game-winner – and two assists in UMD's 6-3 victory on Sunday.

*Also nominated:* Ivana Bilic, Jr., D, Bemidji State; Molly Illikainen, Jr., F, St. Cloud State; Sarah Nurse, So., F, Wisconsin

**WCHA Defensive Player of the Week**

**Brittni Mowat, So., G, Bemidji State**

Mowat, a sophomore from Glenboro, Manitoba, led Bemidji State to its first-ever series win over Minnesota at Ridder Arena. She stopped an incredible 83-of-85 shots as the Beavers posted a shootout victory and regulation win to take five of six points from the top-ranked Gophers. After recording 47 saves through overtime on Friday, Mowat stopped three of four shootout attempts in BSU's 2-1 triumph. She followed that effort with a 36-save shutout in Saturday's 1-0 victory, handing Minnesota its first blanking since 2011. Mowat backstopped BSU's penalty killing unit, which held the Gophers' potent attack to one goal in six weekend power plays.

*Also nominated:* Gracen Hirschy, So., D, North Dakota; Erin Krichiver, Jr., G, Minnesota State; Sara Schmitt, Sr., D, Ohio State

**WCHA Rookie of the Week****Kassidy Sauve, G, Ohio State**

Sauve earned the third shutout of her rookie season in a 3-0 victory over St. Cloud State last Saturday. The freshman from Canton, Mich., has started all eight games for the Buckeyes this season and ranks third in the nation for shutouts. Sauve is second among the nation's rookie netminders in saves (180), third in wins (5) and third in winning percentage (.727).

*Also nominated:* Hannah Davidson, F, Minnesota State; Alexis Joyce, D, Bemidji State

**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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