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UND'S DALEN, SCSU'S FITZGERALD AND BSU'S JOYCE NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF DEC. 12-13, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Dec. 16, 2014 – A five-point offensive weekend in New York and a pair of stout defensive efforts highlight the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Dec. 12-13, 2014. The honorees are: North Dakota senior forward **Andrea Dalen** (Offensive Player of the Week), St. Cloud State junior goaltender **Katie Fitzgerald** (Defensive Player of the Week), and Bemidji State freshman defenseman **Alexis Joyce** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Andrea Dalen, Sr., F, North Dakota (Honefoss, Norway)

Dalen, a senior from Honefoss, Norway, turned in a five-point weekend and factored in over 50 percent of North Dakota's offensive production in a road sweep at RIT. She scored the game-winning goal (on a power-play strike) and later added an assist in a 3-1 victory Friday, before adding another marker and two more helpers in a 6-0 triumph Saturday. Dalen finished the weekend with eight shots on goal and a +3 rating.

Also nominated: Hannah Moher, Jr., F, Bemidji State

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Katie Fitzgerald, Jr., G, St. Cloud State (Des Plaines, Ill.)

Fitzgerald was brilliant between the pipes last Saturday for St. Cloud State, backstopping the Huskies to a 3-0 victory over No. 9 Bemidji State. The junior from Des Plaines, Ill. stopped all 34 shots she faced, including 25 over the final two periods, for her second shutout of the season.

Also nominated: Ivana Bilic, Jr., D, Bemidji State; Gracen Hirschy, So., D, North Dakota

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Alexis Joyce, D, Bemidji State (Lakeville, Minn.)

Joyce paced Bemidji State's freshmen with an assist, five shots on goal and seven blocked shots as the No. 9 Beavers split a road series at St. Cloud State. Her helper Friday allowed BSU to tie the game 1-1 en route to a 4-1 victory. The freshman from Lakeville, Minn. leads all WCHA rookie defensemen with nine points (2g, 7a) and ranks third nationally with 48 blocked shots.

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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