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40 CURRENT OR FORMER WCHA PLAYERS TO COMPETE AT 2015 WORLDS
Nation’s best collegiate hockey conference to be well-represented in Malmö, Sweden

EDINA, Minn. – March 27, 2015 – The women’s Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) – long a fixture on the international stage – will be represented by 40 current or former student-athletes at the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Championships, beginning tomorrow (March 28) and running through April 4 in Malmö, Sweden.

The 40 women with WCHA ties include representation from seven of the league’s member institutions and will compete for six different countries. Seventeen current student-athletes played during the 2014-15 collegiate season, while 23 are WCHA alumnae.

A full breakdown of WCHA participation is below. For more information on the 2015 IIHF World Championships, visit www.worldwomen2015.com/en/.

United States (Group A)	Canada (Group A)
<p><i>Goaltenders</i> Alex Rigsby, Wisconsin Jessie Vetter, Wisconsin</p> <p><i>Defense</i> Monique Lamoureux, North Dakota Anne Schleper, Minnesota Lee Stecklein*, Minnesota</p> <p><i>Forwards</i> Stephanie Anderson*, Bemidji State Hannah Brandt*, Minnesota Dani Cameranesi*, Minnesota Brianna Decker, Wisconsin Meghan Duggan, Wisconsin Zoe Hickel*, Minnesota Duluth Hilary Knight, Wisconsin Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, North Dakota Annie Pankowski*, Wisconsin</p>	<p><i>Goaltenders</i> Ann-Renée Desbiens*, Wisconsin</p> <p><i>Defense</i> Jocelyne Laroque, Minnesota Duluth Brigette Lacquette*, Minnesota Duluth Halli Krzyzaniak*, North Dakota</p> <p><i>Forwards</i> Caroline Ouellette#, Minnesota Duluth Natalie Spooner, Ohio State Sarah Davis, Minnesota Emily Clark*, Wisconsin Kelly Terry, Minnesota</p>

<p>Finland (Group A)</p> <p><i>Goaltenders</i> Evelina Suonpää*, Minnesota Duluth</p> <p><i>Defense</i> Mira Jalosuo, Minnesota Minttu Tuominen, Ohio State</p> <p><i>Forwards</i> Michelle Karvinen, North Dakota Susanna Tapani, North Dakota</p>	<p>Germany (Group B)</p> <p><i>Goaltenders</i> Jennifer Harss, Minnesota Duluth</p> <p><i>Defense</i> Tanja Eisenschmid*, North Dakota Anna-Marie Fiegert*, Minnesota State</p>
<p>Switzerland (Group B)</p> <p><i>Forwards</i> Lara Stalder*, Minnesota Duluth</p>	<p>Sweden (Group B)</p> <p><i>Goaltenders</i> Kim Martin Hasson, Minnesota Duluth</p> <p><i>Defense</i> Emilia Andersson, Minnesota State Johanna Fällman*, North Dakota Annie Svedin, Ohio State</p> <p><i>Forwards</i> Jenni Asserholt, Minnesota Duluth Maria Lindh*, Minnesota Duluth Michelle Löwenhielm*, Minnesota Duluth Pernilla Winberg, Minnesota Duluth</p>

* - Played in WCHA in 2014-15

- Replaced Haley Irwin, Minnesota Duluth

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 15 national championships in 16 years since its inception in 1999, while producing six Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 80 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). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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