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WCHA LANDS 15 PLAYERS ON 2017-18 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Roster will train and compete together in the build-up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games

EDINA, Minn. – May 5, 2017 – The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) – which has seen 66 Olympians since the league's inception in 1999 – will be represented by 15 current, incoming or former student-athletes on the 2017-18 U.S. Women's National Team roster. The 23-player roster, as announced today by USA Hockey, will live and train together beginning in September and participate in various competitions in the build-up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

The 15 women with WCHA ties include representation from three of the league's 2017-18 member institutions (the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota Duluth and the University of Wisconsin), along with the University of North Dakota.

The full list of WCHA-affiliated players on the 2017-18 U.S. Women's National Team roster (in alphabetical order):

| Player, Pos. | School |
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| Megan Bozek, D | Minnesota |
| Hannah Brandt, F | Minnesota |
| *Dani Cameranesi, F | Minnesota |
| Brianna Decker, F | Wisconsin |
| Meghan Duggan, F | Wisconsin |
| Amanda Kessel, F | Minnesota |
| Hilary Knight, F | Wisconsin |
| Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, F | North Dakota |
| Monique Lamoureux-Morando, D | North Dakota |
| Gigi Marvin, D | Minnesota |
| **Annie Pankowski, F | Wisconsin |
| **Kelly Pannek, F | Minnesota |
| Alex Rigsby, G | Wisconsin |
| **Maddie Rooney, G | Minnesota Duluth |
| *Lee Stecklein, D | Minnesota |

* denotes played in the WCHA in 2016-17

denotes has collegiate eligibility remaining

Five student-athletes played in the WCHA during the 2016-17 season (Minnesota's **Dani Cameranesi**, **Kelly Pannek** and **Lee Stecklein**, along with Minnesota Duluth's **Maddie Rooney** and Wisconsin's **Annie Pankowski**), while three have collegiate eligibility remaining (Pankowski, Pannek and Rooney). Nine won silver with Team USA at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi (UMN's **Megan Bozek**, UW's **Brianna Decker** and **Meghan Duggan**, UMN's **Amanda Kessel**, UW's **Hilary Knight**, UND's **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** and **Monique Lamoureux-Morando**, and UMN's **Gigi Marvin** and **Stecklein**), while five were also 2010 silver medalists in Vancouver (Duggan, Knight, Lamoureux-Davidson, Lamoureux-Morando and Marvin).

The roster announcement was the culmination of the U.S. Women's National Team Selection Camp held this week at Florida Hospital Center Ice in the Tampa suburb of Wesley Chapel.

The 2018 Games will be the fifth Winter Olympics since the WCHA was formed in 1999, following 2002 (Salt Lake City, Utah), 2006 (Torino, Italy), 2010 (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) and 2014 (Sochi, Russia). The previous 66 WCHA-affiliated Olympians have come from eight member institutions and have represented eight countries (also Canada, Finland, Germany, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland). Twenty-two WCHA players have worn the Team USA sweater in Olympic competition.

For more information on the 2017-18 U.S. National Women's Team, visit www.usahockey.com.

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 16 national championships in 18 years since its inception in 1999, while producing seven Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 94 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 www.wcha.com.

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