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## **WCHA LANDS FIVE PLAYERS ON SWEDEN'S 2018 WOMEN'S OLYMPIC TEAM** *Group represents four WCHA member institutions and features two first-time Olympians*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Jan. 12, 2018 – Five players from the Women's League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) are among the 23 chosen to represent Team Sweden at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

The five WCHA alumnae that will skate for Damkronorna in Pyeongchang, South Korea represent four League member institutions and include two that will make their Olympic debut. The five are: University of Minnesota Duluth alumnae **Maria Lindh** (forward) and **Pernilla Winberg** (forward); former University of North Dakota blueliner **Johanna Fällman** (defense); Ohio State University alumna **Annie Svedin** (defense); and, former Minnesota State University standout **Emilia (Andersson) Ramboldt** (defense).

"Today is another thrilling day in the WCHA, as we are again able to congratulate five women who are realizing their Olympic dreams," said WCHA Vice President and Women's League Commissioner **Katie Million**. "We are tremendously proud of them all!"

**Fällman**, whose UND career wrapped up with the 2014-15 season, and **Svedin**, the first Swedish student-athlete to play women's hockey at OSU, will play in their first Winter Olympics. **Winberg**, a 2006 silver medalist in Turin, returns for her fourth Olympic Games (also 2010 and 2014), while **Ramboldt** makes her third-straight appearance. **Lindh**, who helped UMD to a 25-win season a year ago, returns for her second Olympics after wearing the Three Crowns at Sochi 2014.

Sweden will play in the first game of the 2018 Olympic women's ice hockey tournament, facing off against Japan on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Kwandong Hockey Centre.

### ***About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)***

The Women's League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 16 national championships in 18 seasons since its inception in 1999 (including 15 of a possible 17 NCAA titles), while producing seven Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 95 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and national team members. The seven-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), Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers). For more information, visit [www.wcha.com](http://www.wcha.com).

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