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**UW'S WELLHAUSEN, AND UMN'S KNOWLES, PETERS AND ZUMWINKLE  
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE MONTH, POWERED BY GOODWOOD HOCKEY**  
*Quartet earns accolades for March 2018*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – April 13, 2018 – Before closing the books on the 2017-18 season, the Women's League of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) is proud to look back on the top performers from its Final Faceoff and the NCAA tournament. The WCHA Players of the Month, Powered by GoodWood Hockey, for March 2018 are: Wisconsin senior **Baylee Wellhausen** (Offensive), Minnesota freshman **Olivia Knowles** (Defensive), Minnesota redshirt-senior **Sidney Peters** (Goaltender) and Gophers' freshman forward **Grace Zumwinkle** (Rookie).

**WCHA Offensive Player of the Month, Powered by GoodWood Hockey (March 2018)**  
**Baylee Wellhausen, Sr., Wisconsin (Williams Bay, Wis.)**

Wellhausen made her final month of collegiate competition a memorable one, scoring a league-high four goals in March while leading Wisconsin to its fifth-straight NCAA Frozen Four appearance. The Badgers' co-captain tied for the NCAA lead with a plus-8 rating, while she was one of only two players to record a shorthanded goal last month. Her five March points ranked second in the WCHA, behind only linemate Abby Roque.

One of three NCAA players to record a hat trick last month, Wellhausen scored three times in UW's 4-1 win over Bemidji State in the WCHA Final Faceoff semifinals. In fact, she netted the first Final Faceoff hat trick since 2012 (Minnesota's Sarah Davis vs. North Dakota) after scoring the game's first goal just 41 seconds into the contest, the tie-breaking, game-winner – shorthanded, no less – in the second period and an empty-netter with 30 seconds remaining. The Williams Bay, Wis. native also scored the Badgers' first goal in the Frozen Four, drawing UW even 1-1 during a heartbreaking, 4-3 overtime loss to Colgate. Wellhausen's fifth point of March came in her final game at LaBahn Arena, as she assisted on the first of two Roque goals in the Badgers' 4-0, NCAA quarterfinal-round victory over Minnesota.

**WCHA Defensive Player of the Month, Powered by GoodWood Hockey (March 2018)**  
**Olivia Knowles, Fr., Minnesota (Campbell River, British Columbia)**

Knowles helped Minnesota to the WCHA Final Faceoff crown and the program's 11-straight NCAA tournament appearance (16<sup>th</sup> overall), leading league blueliners in March with two points, two assists, 0.67 points per game and 0.67 assists per contest. She also added nine blocked shots as the Gophers went 2-1-0 last month.

With the Gophers' season on the line at the WCHA Final Faceoff, Knowles delivered by assisting on both game-winning goals. The freshman from Campbell River, British Columbia set up fellow rookie Grace Zumwinkle, who scored the game's first goal early in the second period of a 2-0, semifinal win against Ohio State. Knowles then assisted on Taylor Williamson's go-ahead marker in Minnesota's 3-1 victory over Wisconsin in the championship game, breaking a 1-1 tie early in the middle stanza. She finished the Final Faceoff with a plus-3 rating.

**Honorable Mention: Jincy Dunne, RS-So., Ohio State** (ranked fourth in the WCHA with 10 blocked shots, helped the Buckeyes advance to their first-ever NCAA Frozen Four and quarterbacked an OSU defense that allowed just three goals in three March games); **Maddie Rolfes, Sr., Wisconsin** (tallied two points and recorded a plus-4 rating in helping the Badgers reach the NCAA Frozen Four, while also earning a spot on the WCHA Final Faceoff All-Tournament Team).

**WCHA Goaltender of the Month, Powered by GoodWood Hockey (March 2018)**

**Sidney Peters, RS-Sr., G, Minnesota (Geneva, Ill.)**

Peters closed out her collegiate career with a sensational performance at the WCHA Final Faceoff, backstopping Minnesota to the league playoff crown and the program's 11<sup>th</sup>-straight NCAA tournament appearance (16<sup>th</sup> overall). The redshirt-senior finished March with a league-high two wins (tied), a 1.67 goals-against average, a .952 save percentage and a WCHA-best 99 saves (third-most nationally). She also led the league with a .667 winning percentage (2-1-0) and one shutout (tied).

When the Gophers needed two wins to extend their season and keep their now-NCAA record streak of consecutive national tourney appearances alive, Peters turned into a brick wall. She earned WCHA Final Faceoff All-Tournament and Most Outstanding Player honors after combining for 64 saves on 65 shots, leading Minnesota to the league playoff title with victories over Ohio State and Wisconsin. The native of Geneva, Ill. blanked the then-No. 5 Buckeyes, 2-0, with a 33-save shutout in the semifinals, then made 31 more stops in the Gophers' 3-1 win over then-No. 1 Wisconsin in the championship game. Peters made 35 more saves against the Badgers just six days later, but Minnesota fell 4-0 in the NCAA quarterfinal round.

**Honorable Mention: Kristen Campbell, So., Wisconsin** (tied for the league lead with two wins and her first career postseason shutout, while posting a 1.53 goals-against average to help the Badgers advance to their fifth-straight NCAA Frozen Four).

**WCHA Rookie of the Month, Powered by GoodWood Hockey (March 2018)**

**Grace Zumwinkle, Fr., F, Minnesota (Excelsior, Minn.)**

Making her first WCHA Final Faceoff appearance, Zumwinkle helped Minnesota to the league playoff crown and the program's 11<sup>th</sup>-straight NCAA tournament appearance (16<sup>th</sup> overall). The freshman from Excelsior, Minn. led WCHA rookies last month with two goals, three points, 0.67 goals per game, 1.00 points per contest and one game-winning goal. She ranked second with a plus-3 rating.

Zumwinkle scored both goals in the Gophers' 2-0, WCHA Final Faceoff semifinal win over then-No. 5 Ohio State, giving Minnesota a 1-0 lead early in the second period before sealing the victory with an empty-net strike. She then picked up an assist on Nicole Schammel's empty-net goal that sealed the Gophers' 3-1 win over then-No. 1 Wisconsin in the championship game. Zumwinkle was named to the WCHA Final Faceoff All-Tournament Team, while her three March points tied for third among all league skaters.

**Honorable Mention: Delaney Drake, Fr., F, Wisconsin** (scored her first collegiate goal in the Badgers' 3-1 setback to Minnesota in the WCHA Final Faceoff championship game).

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