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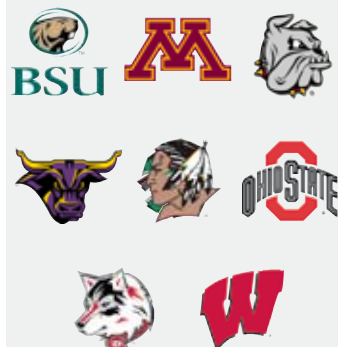
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Ohio State's McIntosh, Minnesota Duluth's Martin, Wisconsin's Rigsby Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Laura McIntosh • Junior, Forward, Ohio State University

MADISON, Wis. – Ohio State University forward Laura McIntosh, who factored into four of the Buckeye's five goals in a tie and win against league-rival Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 1, 2010. This marks the second time this season McIntosh has earned the weekly offensive honor (also on Oct. 20 vs St. Cloud State).

A junior center from Waterloo, Ontario, McIntosh had a goal and an assist in each game of the series, fired 11 shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. She assisted on Ohio State's opening goal last Friday (Nov. 26) before scoring the game-tying goal with 3:36 left in regulation to send it into overtime. The Buckeyes tied the Beavers 2-2 before eventually prevailing in the shootout for the extra WCHA point. Then last Saturday (Nov. 27), McIntosh scored in the first period for a 1-0 lead at the first intermission and later assisted on the game-winner in a 3-1 OSU victory over the visiting Beavers.

The two games marked the eighth and ninth times so far this season that McIntosh has produced multiple points. She leads the conference overall in points (30) and assists (22) and has been held without a point just twice in 16 games this season. Her two assists against Bemidji State also tied her for the Buckeye record for the most career assists in WCHA games with 67.

Also nominated this week were: Annie Bauerfeld, F, BSU; Jen Schoullis, F, UM; and Brianna Decker, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Kim Martin • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth goaltender Kim Martin, who helped the Bulldogs knock off then No. 1-ranked and host Wisconsin last Sunday and backstopped UMD into overtime the game before, has been honored as the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 1, 2010.

A senior from Stockholm, Sweden, Martin led a stingy Minnesota Duluth defense that held the nation's top scoring team to just four goals in the Thanksgiving holiday weekend series. She made 35 saves in last Friday's (Nov. 26) 3-2 overtime loss, with one of Wisconsin's tallies coming on the power-play and the second goal coming with a 6-on-5 skater advantage. Then last Sunday (Nov. 28), Martin was again stellar between the pipes, making 25 saves and holding the Badgers to a single goal in a 3-1 UMD triumph.

With the decision on Sunday, Martin – who now has 60 career wins – is just five victories from tying UMD's all-time career goaltending wins record, which stands at 65. She ranks No. 2 in the NCAA and first in the WCHA with a 1.23 goals-against average, sits No. 2 in the nation and first in the WCHA with a .950 saves percentage, and sports a 7-3-0 record overall.

Also nominated this week were: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Mira Jalosuo, D, UM; Kelly Wild, D, OSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Alex Rigsby • Freshman, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, who made a career-high 37 saves to earn her eighth win of the season as the Badgers topped defending national champion Minnesota Duluth 3-2 in overtime last Friday, is the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Dec. 1, 2010.

A freshman from Delafield, Wis., Rigsby stopped 69 of 74 shots on goal in the two-game Thanksgiving weekend set with 37 in the win last Friday (Nov. 26) and 32 more in a 3-1 setback last Sunday (Nov. 28). She recorded the two highest single game save totals of her career (37 Friday, 32 Sunday) and posted career-series highs for shots faced (74) and saves (69) as well.

At 8-1-0 on the season, Rigsby's .889 winning percentage tops the WCHA and ranks fourth in the nation. She also ranks fifth in the WCHA with a 1.93 goals-against average and sixth with a .915 save percentage.

Also nominated this week were: Danielle Williams, F, BSU; Sarah Davis, F, UM; Lisa Steffes, G, OSU.