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North Dakota's Kohler, Wisconsin's Desbiens and UMD's Löwenhielm Named WCHA Players of the Week

Trio honored for games of Oct. 10-12, 2014

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Becca Kohler, Jr., F North Dakota

Kohler, a junior from St. Thomas, Ontario, turned in a five-point weekend to extend her season-opening and career-best scoring streak to four games. She helped on all but one of UND's five goals in a 5-0 victory at Minnesota State, including assisting on each goal of Meghan Dufault's hat trick. Her four-point effort Friday night was a career-high, while her second period goal on Saturday night tied the game 1-1 en route to a 2-1 UND victory. She finished with a +3 rating on the weekend.

Kohler leads all WCHA players and is second in the nation with 2.25 points per game, having totaled four goals and five assists in four contests.

Also nominated: Brittany Ammerman, Sr., F, Wisconsin; Hannah Brandt, Jr., F, Minnesota.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Ann-Renée Desbiens, So., G, Wisconsin

Desbiens, a sophomore from La Malbaie, Québec, had a stellar weekend in net for the No. 1 Badgers, earning back-to-back shutouts to propel Wisconsin to a sweep of visiting Ohio State. In Friday's 6-0 win, she stopped a career-high 28 shots, while she had 18 saves in Sunday's 3-0 blanking. On the season, Desbiens has a goals-against average of 0.75 and a save percentage of .965.

Also nominated: Kayla Black, Jr., G, Minnesota Duluth; Gracen Hirschy, So., D, North Dakota; Amanda Leveille, Jr., G, Minnesota

WCHA Rookie of the Week Michelle Löwenhielm, F, Minnesota Duluth

Löwenhielm, a freshman from Sollentuna, Sweden, had one goal and one assist for UMD in Saturday's 3-3 tie with top-ranked Minnesota in Duluth. The forward now leads the Bulldogs with five points (2g, 3a) in five games, good for fourth-best among all NCAA rookies and second in the WCHA.

Also nominated: Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin