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Wisconsin's Duggan, North Dakota's Ney, Minnesota's Davis Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Meghan Duggan • Senior, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin right winger Meghan Duggan, who led the top-ranked Badgers with four scoring points in a win and tie at defending national champion and league rival Minnesota Duluth last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 26, 2011.

The senior captain from Danvers, Mass., tallied two goals and two assists against the host Bulldogs, recorded nine shots on goal and finished with a +4 plus/minus rating in the two games. Duggan led all players with three points in last Friday's (Jan. 21) 4-1 win, netting UW's first goal of the game (and the first women's college hockey goal scored at UMD's new AMSOIL Arena) when she capitalized in the first period. She then assisted on a power-play tally to give Wisconsin a 3-0 lead in the second period and sealed the victory with an emptynet goal in the final two minutes. In last Saturday's 4-4 overtime tie (Wisconsin prevailed 2-1 in the ensuring shootout), Duggan assisted on the Badgers' second goal of the game.

With her four-point weekend, Duggan extended her current point streak to 22 games, the longest individual point streak in UW women's hockey history. Her three-point game on Jan. 21 bested the previous mark of 20 games set by Meghan Hunter from Oct. 14, 2000 to Jan. 12, 2001. Duggan has at least one point in each game since Oct. 22, including 17 multi-point games. She is tied for second in the nation with 54 points while averaging 2.08 points per game, is fourth in the country with 23 goals and ranks second with 31 assists.

Also nominated were: Erin Johnson, F, BSU; Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Stephanie Ney • Junior, Goaltender, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota goaltender Stephanie Ney, who recorded two consecutive shutouts while backstopping the Sioux to a conference road sweep at St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 26, 2011.

A junior from 100 Mile House, B.C., Ney stopped all 51 shots on goal in the series for a 1.000 save percentage in North Dakota's back-to-back 5-0 victories and also helped blank the host Huskies on all nine of their powerplay opportunities in the two games. She stopped all 28 opponent shots on goal last Friday (Jan. 21), including 13 in the second period and 12 in the third, and all 23 last Saturday (Jan. 22) to run her season record to 10-2-2 overall. Her 10 victories set a UND single season record for most victories in a season by a goaltender.

In 14 games played (849:09) this season, Ney sports a 1.70 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage for the No. 7-ranked Sioux. She ranks third among WCHA goaltenders in both categories for all games.

Also nominated were: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Megan Bozek, D, UM; Geena Prough, D, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Sarah Davis • Freshman, Forward, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Sarah Davis, who contributed a career-high four assists while helping the Golden Gophers to a two-game conference road sweep at Ohio State last weekend, is the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Jan. 26, 2011.

A freshman center from Paradise, Newfoundland, Davis Davis assisted on four of Minnesota's eight goals scored against the Buckeyes last Saturday (Jan. 22) en route to an 8-1 victory. After the Gophers scored three goals in the first period (two of which were unassisted), Davis assisted on the next four of five goals. She first helped set up Becky Kortum's goal at 6:07 of the second period, then assisted on back-to-back power-play goals with the first assists on goals from Mira Jalosuo and Anne Schleper. She then also held the first assist in Kortum's second goal of the game just :10 seconds into the third period. Minnesota also won 4-2 on Jan. 21.

As a first-year player at No. 4-ranked Minnesota, Davis has seen action in all 25 games and is tied for third in scoring among her teammates with 22 points (6g, 16a).

Also nominated were: Jamie Kenyon, F, UMD; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.