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Wisconsin's Knight, North Dakota's Lamoureux-Kolls, Ohio State's Steffes Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Hilary Knight • Junior, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin forward Hilary Knight, who produced eight scoring points while leading the host and No. 1-ranked Badgers to a two-game sweep of conference rival St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 19, 2011. This marks the third weekly offensive award for Knight this season, with the previous two coming on Oct. 6 (vs Rensselaer) and Jan. 5 (vs Northeastern and Mercyhurst).

A junior from Sun Valley, Idaho, and a week after becoming Wisconsin's all-time leading goal scorer with 91, Knight tallied five points on three goals and two assists in last Friday's (Jan. 14) 10-0 win over the Huskies before netting two more goals and one assist for three points in last Sunday's (Jan. 16) 6-0 victory. On the weekend, Knight's five goals included two power-play goals, three unassisted efforts and one game-winner (Friday). She also recorded 13 shots on goal in the series, including 10 in Sunday's game, and finished the weekend with a +6 plus/minus rating as the Badgers upped their winning streak to 10 straight games.

Knight is the top goal scorer in Div. 1 women's hockey this season with 31 (1.29 goals per game), ranks second nationally in total points with 51 (31g, 20a), and is third nationally in points per game at 2.12. Over her 104 game collegiate career at Wisconsin, she has produced 172 points with 96 goals and 76 assists.

Also nominated: Annie Bauerfeld, F, BSU; Sarah Erickson, F, UM; Alyssa Wiebe, F, UND; and Laura McIntosh, F, OSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Monique Lamoureux-Kolls • Sophomore, Defenseman, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – The University of North Dakota's Monique Lamoureux-Kolls, who led the Sioux with five points in two victories over league rival Bemidji State and earned a +7 plus/minus rating in her first weekend playing exclusively as a defenseman, has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 19, 2011. Just last week (Jan. 12), she was named the league's co-offensive player of the week for her efforts at Vermont.

A sophomore from Grand Forks, N.D., Lamoureux-Kolls scored two goals and assisted on three others as North Dakota ran its unbeaten streak to five games at 4-0-1 with the back-to-back victories. In a 5-2 win over the visiting Beavers last Saturday (Jan. 15) in Roseau, Minn., she notched a pair of goals and one assist to earn No. 1 star of the game honors. Then back at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks last Sunday (Jan. 16), she dished out two more assists and forged a +5 rating as the Sioux completed the sweep vs BSU, 6-2.

Through 19 games this season, Lamoureux-Kolls has 32 points (15g, 17a) to rank second on the team behind her twin sister Jocelyne Lamoureux, who has 33. Over 59 collegiate games, she has 107 points (54g, 53a).

Also nominated: Montana Vichorek, D, BSU; Noora Räty, G, UM; Shannon Reilly, D, OSU; and Geena Prough, D, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Lisa Steffes • Freshman, Goaltender, Ohio State University

MADISON, Wis. – Goaltender Lisa Steffes, who backstopped visiting Ohio State to a pair of 3-2 league road victories at Minnesota State last weekend, is the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Jan. 19, 2011. She also earned the weekly honor back on Oct. 13 for her efforts at Robert Morris.

A freshman from Amherstburg, Ontario, Steffes made 49 saves in OSU's first WCHA road sweep of the season, taking both games at Minnesota State Jan. 14-15. She stopped 28 shots last Friday and then made 21 saves last Saturday while allowing just two goals in each game. She had a .925 series save percentage against the Mavericks and surpassed the 700-save milestone this season with 708. Steffes is one of only two goalies in the nation to already reach the 700-save mark and she also leads all NCAA Div. 1 women's goalkeepers in minutes played this season with 1454:50.

Also nominated: Tess Dusik, F, BSU; Bethany Brausen, F, UM; and Madison Packer, F, UW.