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North Dakota's Lamoureux-Kolls and Karvinen, Wisconsin's Rigsby Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Monique Lamoureux-Kolls • Junior, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota left winger Monique Lamoureux-Kolls, who tied a school record on back-to-back nights with five-point games as the host Sioux skated past league rival Ohio State twice last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for October 25.

A junior from Grand Forks, N.D., Lamoureux-Kolls produced an amazing 10 scoring points with four goals and six assists, factored in on both game-winning goals, fired 14 shots on goal and earned a +10 plus/minus series rating as North Dakota improved to 5-3-0 overall. In UND's 11-1 victory at Ralph Engelstad Arena last Saturday (Oct. 21), she scored once and set up a school-record tying four others, including an assist on the game-winning goal, and had eight shots on goal with a +6 rating. Lamoureux-Kolls then came back with a three-goal hat trick on Sunday (Oct. 22), including the game-winning goal, along with two assists for five points, six shots on goal and a +4 rating. Among her four goals in the series were two power-play tallies.

Through eight games this season, Lamoureux-Kolls has 19 points (8g, 11a) to rank among the top scorers in the country.

Also nominated: Sadie Lundquist, F, BSU; Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Carlyne Prévost, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Alex Rigsby • Sophomore, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, who amassed 80 saves while backstopping the top-ranked Badgers to a two-game conference road sweep over No. 6 Minnesota Duluth last weekend, has been named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for October 25. She also earned the weekly award on October 19.

A sophomore from Delafield, Wis., Rigsby made a career-series high 80 saves in Wisconsin's 4-3 and 6-3 victories in Duluth on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. Last Friday, Rigsby made 14 saves in the third period and 34 for the game as the Badgers overcame a 2-1 second period deficit. She followed that up with a career-high 46 stops on Saturday, including 22 in the second period alone, against the Bulldogs. She had 10 saves while UW was on the penalty-kill, holding UMD to two power-play goals in nine opportunities. It was the first time since Nov. 26, 2010 that Wisconsin has been outshot and won the game.

Also nominated: Montana Vichorek, D, BSU; Megan Bozek, D, UM; Ashley Holmes, D, UND.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Michelle Karvinen • Sophomore, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota sophomore right winger Michelle Karvinen, who scored five goals and contributed seven points to help the Sioux to back-to-back league victories over visiting Ohio State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for October 25. She also earned the weekly honor on October 19.

A league rookie from Rodovre, Denmark, Karvinen notched a three-goal hat trick, including the game-winning goal, and set up another for four points last Friday (Oct. 21) as North Dakota powered past the Buckeyes, 11-1. Then last Saturday (Oct. 22), Karvinen again came up big with two goals and one assist for three more points as the Sioux prevailed 7-1 to gain the sweep and four points in the WCHA race. In addition to her seven points in the series, she fired nine shots on goal and earned a +8 plus/minus rating.

Through her first eight collegiate games at UND, Karvinen already has 15 points (7g, 8a). Prior to coming to UND, she played in the 2011 IIHF World Championship with Finland, finishing third in the tournament in points (4-4=8) and also competed in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics with Finland.

Also nominated: Shyler Sletta, G, UM; Jenna McParland, F, UMD.