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Minnesota Duluth's Irwin and McParland, Minnesota's Bozek Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week for December 7

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Haley Irwin • Senior, Forward, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth forward Haley Irwin, who produced an amazing 10 scoring points to help propel the host Bulldogs to a two-game conference sweep over St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for December 7.

A senior from Thunder Bay, Ont., Irwin figured in 10 of the Bulldogs' 15 total goals in the series, scoring one goal and setting up nine others, firing eight shots on goal and earning a +9 plus/minus rating. In Minnesota Duluth's 5-1 victory at AMSOIL Arena last Friday (Dec. 2) night, she had assists on three consecutive goals – including one on teammate Brigette Lacquette's second period game-winner – and went +2 with two shots. Then last Saturday (Dec. 3) evening, Irwin set a personal best for points with seven (1g, 6a) and tied a program record for most assists in a game. She had an assist on the first goal of the game 2:42 into the first period before racking up five more in the second period and adding an unassisted goal for herself. She was a +7 in the series finale and took six shots.

The Bulldogs' second leading scorer this season with 26 points (6g, 20a) in 14 games played, Irwin ranks No. 3 in the nation with an assists per game average of 1.43 a game.

Also nominated: Jen Schoullis, F, UM; Laura McIntosh, F, OSU; Monique Lamoureux-Kolls, F, UND; Hilary Knight, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Megan Bozek • Junior, Defenseman, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – Defenseman Megan Bozek of the University of Minnesota has been honored as the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for December 7 as a result of her efforts in a weekend conference road series at North Dakota.

A junior from Buffalo Grove, Ill., Bozek had two assists in the No. 2-ranked Golden Gophers' 7-2 victory over host North Dakota last Friday (Dec. 2) evening at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks and helped Minnesota limit their hosts to a total of 41 shots on goal (24 last Friday and 17 last Saturday) and to just one power-play goal in eight opportunities in the two-game series. One of her two assists in the series opener came on teammate Jen Schoullis' game-winning goal and she also earned a +2 plus/minus rating in the victory.

Through 18 games this season, Bozek has eight goals and 13 assists for 21 points to rank fourth on her team and leads the nation in points by a defenseman and ranks second nationally and points per game by a defenseman at 1.17.

Also nominated: Jorid Daginfrud, G, UND; Annie Svedin, D, OSU; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Jenna McParland • Freshman, Forward, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth forward Jenna McParland, who contributed a three-goal hat trick and seven scoring points to help power her team to a pair of home-ice victories over St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for December 7.

A freshman from Schreiber, Ont., McParland had five goals, two assists and seven points from her right wing position as the Bulldogs posted 5-1 and 10-2 victories over the Huskies. She netted the first goal of the game last Friday (Dec. 2) on the power-play before adding an even-strength goal and assist in the third period just 2:04 apart. McParland was also +3 with five shots. She then notched the first collegiate hat trick last Saturday (Dec. 3), again scoring the opening goal of the game just 2:42 into action. As well as adding an assist in the second period, McParland scored goals at the 11:21 and 13:04 mark of the second period to complete her first UMD hat trick. McParland was +6 in the series finale with nine shots.

In 16 games played this season, McParland ranks No. 6 among all Div. 1 rookies with 17 points (11g, 6a) for a 1.06 points per game average.

Also nominated: Andrea Dalen, F, UND; Katarina Zgraja, D, UW.