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Ohio State's McIntosh, Wisconsin's Rigsby, North Dakota's Karvinen Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Laura McIntosh • Senior, Forward, Ohio State University

MADISON, Wis. – Ohio State University forward Laura McIntosh, a senior from Waterloo, Ont., is the WCHA Offensive player of the week for October 19 after a record-breaking weekend in the Buckeyes' conference series sweep over St. Cloud State at the OSU Ice Rink in Columbus.

McIntosh, who produced four scoring points, seven shots on goal and a +5 plus/minus rating in the series, tallied her first goal of the season last Friday (Oct. 14), giving Ohio State the 2-1 lead at 6:06 in the first period. The goal ended up being the game-winner in the 5-1 win over the Huskies. She also picked up an assist at 17:04, dishing out a helper on a Hokey Langan goal. McIntosh then picked up another pair of points in last Saturday's (Oct. 15) 5-1 victory against SCSU, opening with a helper on Ally Tarr's shorthanded, game-winning goal at 10:45 in the first. McIntosh also scored Ohio State's third goal of the game at 12:10 in the first period with both team's skating at even-strength.

With the assist on Oct. 14, McIntosh became Ohio State's all-time leader in career points against WCHA opponents as she surpassed Jana Harrigan's 110 league points set in 2006. She currently has 113 career points versus conference teams and is third on Ohio State's all-time career points list with 137 for all games.

Also nominated: Emily Erickson, F, BSU; Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND; Carolyn 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 stopped 52 of 57 shots on goal in a weekend series split against league rival and nationally-ranked Minnesota, has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for October 19.

A sophomore from Delafield, Wis., Rigsby made 52 saves on 57 shots for a .912 saves percentage and helped hold the Golden Gophers to just one power-play goal in seven man-advantage opportunities as the host and top-ranked Badgers split a pair of 3-2 decisions with No. 2 Minnesota at the Kohl Center. After her team took a 2-0 lead in the series opener last Friday (Oct. 14), Rigsby made 12 saves in the third period as Minnesota stormed back and tried to tie the game. She then made 27 more saves in the series finale last Sunday (Oct. 16). Rigsby has started off the 2011-12 season with a 5-1-0 record, sports a 1.68 goals-against average, and has 118 saves for a .929 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Montana Vichorek, D, BSU; Anne Schleper, D, UM; Jackie Otto, D, MSU; Candace Molle, D, UND, and Annie Svedin, D, OSU.

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 produced five scoring points, fired 10 shots on goal and earned a +5 plus/minus rating to help the Sioux to a two-game home-ice sweep over Vermont last weekend, has been honored as the WCHA Rookie of the Week for October 19.

Marking her first season in the WCHA, Karvinen scored two goals and set up another for three points in No. 7-ranked UND's 9-1 victory over the Catamounts last Saturday (Oct. 15), assisting on teammate Jocelyne Lamoureux's game-winner at 2:58 of the first period. She then racked up two more assists in her club's 4-1 triumph over Vermont last Sunday (Oct. 16), again assisting on the game-winning goal at 15:11 of the second period by Monique Lamoureux-Kolls.

Karvinen 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: Kristin Huber, F, BSU; Rachael Bona, F, UM; Jenna McParland, F, UMD; Taylor Kuehl, F, OSU; Audrey Hamner, F, SCSU; Katy Josephs, F, UW.