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## OSU's Spooner, BSU's Wheelhouse, UW's Josephs Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week for November 30

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

#### Natalie Spooner • Senior, Forward, Ohio State University

MADISON, Wis. – Senior right winger Natalie Spooner, who scored four goals – including a natural hat trick – to propel her Ohio State University team to a home-ice conference victory over Minnesota Duluth last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for November 30.

A senior from Scarborough, Ont., Spooner scored all four goals in Ohio State's 4-1 win over the Bulldogs last Friday (Nov. 25) at the OSU Ice Rink, marking the second time this season she has scored four goals in a game. Among her four goals was a natural hat trick (three consecutive goals) in the second period as the Buckeyes overcame a 1-0 deficit. She tied the game at 1-1 with her first goal at 5:17, notched the eventual game-winner at 10:56, completed the hat trick at 12:50 and then tallied a power-play goal at 7:23 of the third period. The hat trick is the fifth of her collegiate career and the four-goal performance was the third of her career.

In addition to her four goals, Spooner also earned a +3 plus/minus rating in the series and fired 18 shots on goal, including 12 in a 6-2 setback to UMD last Saturday (Nov. 26). The four goals moved Spooner to fourth overall on OSU's career points list with 129. Leading OSU in scoring this season with 17 points (13g, 4a) in 12 games, she is also four goals away from tying Jeni Creary's team record of 86 career goals.

Also nominated: Emily West, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND; Hilary Knight, F, UW.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

#### Erika Wheelhouse • Junior, Defenseman, Bemidji State University

MADISON, Wis. – Bemidji State University defenseman Erika Wheelhouse, who produced four scoring points and provided strong leadership from the blueline as the Beavers earned a two-game conference series split with nationally-ranked North Dakota last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for November 30.

A junior at BSU, Wheelhouse scored one goal and set up another last Friday (Nov. 25) in a game dubbed "The Wheelhouse Homecoming" due to the fact it was being played in their hometown of Crookston, Minn. She assisted on her sister Marlee's second period power-play goal that gave BSU at 1-0 lead and then tied the game herself at 2-2 with a third period power-play tally in an eventual 5-2 loss. Those two power-play markers were BSU's 22nd and 23rd on the season, which leads the nation. Then last Saturday (Nov. 26) at Sanford Center in Bemidji, Wheelhouse assisted on two first period goals as the Beavers battled back for a 3-2 victory over the visiting Sioux to gain the split.

In 17 games played this season, Wheelhouse shares the lead in scoring among WCHA defensemen overall with 19 points (5g, 14a).

Also nominated: Anne Schleper, D, UM; Candace Molle, D, UND; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week

#### Katy Josephs • Freshman, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin right winger Katy Josephs, who contributed a goal and an assist to help the top-ranked and host Badgers to a two-game conference sweep over St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for November 30.

A freshman from Calgary, Alberta, Joseph had an assist in Wisconsin's 5-0 shutout victory over the visiting Huskies at the Kohl Center last Friday (Nov. 25) and then tallied the Badgers' third goal in a 6-1 triumph last Sunday (Nov. 27). Along with her two points in the series, Josephs put five shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating as Wisconsin moved back into first place in the league race.

Seeing action in all 16 of Wisconsin's games this season, Josephs is tied for third in overall scoring among WCHA freshmen with 10 points (3g, 7a).

Also nominated: Rachel Ramsey, D, UM; Michele Karvinen, F, UND.