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North Dakota's Lamoureux and Karvinen, Minnesota's Rätty Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Jocelyne Lamoureux • Junior, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Jocelyne Lamoureux, who amassed six scoring points while helping the Fighting Sioux to a two-game conference road sweep at St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for November 9.

A junior forward from Grand Forks, N.D., Lamoureux scored one goal and had two assists for three points in each game as visiting and No. 7-ranked North Dakota won 6-2 over the Huskies at the National Hockey Center last Friday (Nov. 4) and 5-1 last Saturday (Nov. 5). Centering a line that produced a total of 17 scoring points (6g, 11a) in the two-game series, Lamoureux had two power-play goals, seven shots on goal with a .286 shooting percentage, and earned a +4 plus/minus rating.

Through 12 games played this season, Lamoureux is the top scoring player in the WCHA overall with 30 points on 11 goals and 19 assists.

Also nominated: Jen Schoullis, F, UM; Brooke Ammerman, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Noora Rätty • Junior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Nora Rätty, who yielded just one even-strength goal in a two-game conference sweep of visiting Minnesota Duluth last weekend, has been named WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for November 9.

A junior from Espoo, Finland, Rätty stopped 42 of 45 shots on goal Minnesota's 4-1 and 3-2 victories for a .933 saves percentage, with two of the three goals she surrendered in the series coming via the power-play. She stopped 20 of 21 shots on goal and blanked the Bulldogs on all five of their power-play chances in the 4-1 win last Friday (Nov. 5) at Ridder Arena and then came back with 22 saves in the victory last Saturday (Nov. 5).

Through 11 games and 637:30 of action between the pipes, this season, Rätty sports a 9-2-0 record for the No. 3-ranked Golden Gophers and ranks first among WCHA goaltenders in goals-against average overall at 1.13 and second in saves percentage at .945.

Also nominated: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Candace Molle, D, UND; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Michelle Karvinen • Sophomore, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Michelle Karvinen, who scored two goals and set up four others for six points to help the Sioux to back-to-back league road victories at St. Cloud State last weekend, has been honored as the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for November 9. This marks the third time this season Karvinen has been so recognized (Oct. 19, Oct. 25, Nov. 9).

A sophomore from Rodovre, Denmark who is in her first season at UND, Karvinen had a game-high five points (2g, 3a) in the No. 7-ranked Sioux's 6-2 win over the host Huskies last Friday (Nov. 4), with one of her two tallies being the game-winner at 8:57 of the second period. She then came back to add an assist in her team's 5-1 victory last Saturday (Nov. 5). In addition to her six points in the series, Karvinen also had seven shots on goal and earned a +4 plus/minus rating.

Through 12 games played this season, Karvinen ranks fifth in scoring overall among WCHA players with 22 points on 10 goals and 12 assists.

Also nominated: Brigette Lacquette, F, UMD; Blayne Turnbull, F, UW.