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Minnesota's West, Wisconsin's Rigsby, North Dakota's Jakobsen Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Emily West • Senior, Forward, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota left winger Emily West, who notched a three-goal hat trick among her four weekend tallies to power the No. 2-ranked Golden Gophers to a two-game conference road sweep at Minnesota State, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 1.

A senior from Colorado Springs, Colo., West scored three times and was named the First Star of the Game in Minnesota's 6-3 victory over the host Mavericks last Friday (Jan. 27) in Mankato, marking her first collegiate hat trick. One of her three markers was the game-winner, coming at 5:53 of the second period, and she also fired seven shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. West then completed her productive series with another goal and six more shots on goal on Saturday (Jan. 28) as the Gophers prevailed by a 4-1 margin.

With the four goals, West has reached 140 career points at Minnesota. She also now has 71 career goals and has moved into ninth place on the school's all-time list of top goal scorers. Through 26 games played this season, she is averaging a point per game with 16 goals, 10 assists and 26 points.

Also nominated: Audrey Cournoyer, F, UMD; Tracy McCann, F, MSU; Paige Semenza, F, OSU; Brittany Ammerman, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Alex Rigsby • Sophomore, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, who posted her sixth shutout of the season and yielded just one-even strength goal while helping the No. 1-ranked Badgers to a pair of league victories over visiting Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 1. This marks the third such honor for Rigsby this season, with the others coming on Oct. 19 and Oct. 25.

A sophomore from Delafield, Wis., Rigsby stopped 64 of 66 shots on goal in the series for a .970 saves percentage, including all 28 in a 1-0 Wisconsin victory over the Beavers last Saturday (Jan. 28) at the Kohl Center that drew a Div. 1 women's college hockey record crowd of 12,402. The shutout was her sixth of the season, tying her for the nation's lead. Last Friday (Jan. 27), Rigsby stopped 36 shots on goal in a 3-2 (ot) UW triumph, with one the two goals she surrendered coming on the power-play.

So far this season, Rigsby owns a 24-2-2 record between the pipes, with a 1.49 goals-against average and a .949 saves percentage over 1651:06 of action. She leads the nation in victories, is second in goals-against average and first in saves percentage.

Also nominated: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Kelly Seeler, D, UM; Stephanie Ney, G, UND.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Josefine Jakobsen • Freshman, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Josefine Jakobsen, who contributed five scoring points in a two-game conference road series split at Ohio State last weekend, has been honored as the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 1.

A freshman center from Aalborg, Denmark, Jakobsen scored one goal and added four assists as visiting and No. 5-ranked North Dakota split their league series with the Buckeyes at the OSU Ice Rink in Columbus. After figuring in on both of her team's goals in a 6-2 setback last Friday (Jan. 27) with two assists, Jakobsen was an offensive catalyst on Saturday (Jan. 28) with a goal and two more assists, including one on teammate Kelsey Ketcher's game-winning power-play tally at 9:46 of the second period, as North Dakota stormed back for a 5-2 victory.

Playing in all 27 of UND's games this season, Jakobsen is the top scoring freshman in the WCHA overall and ranks fourth on her team in scoring with 24 points (7g, 17a).

Also nominated: Whitney Wivoda, F, BSU; Rachel Ramsey, D, UM; Kari Schmitt, D, OSU.