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## MSU'S MCCANN, UND'S DAGFINRUD, UM'S RÄTY & BRANDT NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### TRACY MCCANN • JUNIOR, FORWARD, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University forward Tracy McCann, who factored in on all four of her team's goals while leading the Mavericks to five of six points from visiting Minnesota Duluth last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Oct. 24.

A junior left winger from Lakewood, Ohio, McCann scored one goal and had two primary assists for three points in the final 10:00 of regulation last Friday (Oct. 19) to help the Mavericks complete a comeback from a 3-0 deficit to tie UMD 3-3. One of her two assists came on teammate Kathleen Rogan's game-tying, extra attacker goal at 19:49 of the third period. McCann then capped off the night by scoring the eventual shoot-out winner to earn First Star of the Game honors. Then last Saturday (Oct. 20), McCann scored the game-winner unassisted at 11:34 of the final period as MSU fashioned a 1-0 victory. In addition to her four points, McCann put eight shots on goal in the series and earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated: Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND; Taylor Kuehl, F, OSU.

### WCHA CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### JORID DAGFINRUD • SENIOR, GOALTENDER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA NOORA RÄTY • SENIOR, GOALTENDER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of veteran goaltenders, Jorid Dagfinrud of the University of North Dakota and Noora Rätty of the University of Minnesota, are WCHA Women's co-Defensive Players of the Week for Oct. 24.

Dagfinrud, a senior from Sarpsborg, Norway, yielded just a single power-play goal in six periods between the pipes and stopped 34 of 35 shots on goal for a .971 saves percentage with five shutout periods to lead UND to a two-game conference sweep of visiting St. Cloud State on Oct. 19-20. Last Friday, she had 15 saves and held the Huskies to just one power-play goal in six opportunities in a 3-1 win. Then on Saturday, she stopped all 19 shots on goal for a 1-0 shutout victory and blanked SCSU on all six power-play chances to earn First Star of the Game honors. In four games played (three starts), Dagfinrud has allowed just one goal with a 3-0-0 record with two shutouts. Her 0.30 goals-against average and .981 saves percentage lead the country.

Rätty, a senior from Espoo, Finland, was the backbone for the host Golden Gophers last weekend as she gained two wins and a shutout against No. 6/7 Ohio State. She also tallied her 83rd career win, which ties Jody Horak for the most wins in program history. On Oct. 19, Rätty recorded 15 saves and helped Minnesota to a 7-2 win. Then on her record-tying night, she denied all 20 shots in an 8-0 UM victory to earn her 30th career shutout and First Star of the Game honors.

Also nominated: Abby Ryplanski, G, BSU; Danielle Butters, G, MSU.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

#### HANNAH BRANDT • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Hannah Brandt, who tallied six scoring points in a sweep over league rival Ohio State last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Oct. 24. She also earned the honor on Oct. 3.

A freshman center from Vadnais Heights, Minn., Brandt continued to impress as she tallied two goals and four assists, fired nine shots on goal and earned a team-best +7 plus/minus rating in the two victories over No. 6/7 Ohio State. She guided the Gophers to a 7-2 series-opening win over the Buckeyes last Friday by notching two goals and two assists. Her four-point performance was followed with a pair of assists in last Saturday's 8-0 victory, including one on teammate Kelly Terry's game-winning goal. Through her first eight collegiate games, Brandt ranks second in overall scoring among WCHA players with 24 points (11g, 13a).

Also nominated: Rebecca Kohler, F, UND.