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## UW'S DECKER, UND'S LAMOUREUX, UM'S STECKLEIN NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR NOVEMBER 28

### WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### BRIANNA DECKER • SENIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin forward Brianna Decker, who amassed four goals and seven scoring points to power the host Badgers to a two-game conference series sweep over St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 28.

A senior team captain from Dousman, Wis., and the reigning Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award winner and WCHA Player of the Year, Decker became just the third player in UW women's hockey history to score 100 career goals, netting two in each game of the Thanksgiving weekend set. Last Friday (Nov. 23), she tallied twice and set up another for three points as Wisconsin won 6-0 over the Huskies. Then last Saturday (Nov. 24), Decker fired home two more goals, including a shorthanded empty-netter, and added two more assists for a four-point game as the Badgers notched a 6-3 victory. Along with her seven points in the series, Decker also put 12 shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating as Wisconsin improved to 10-4-2 on the season.

Through 16 games this season, Decker leads the UW with 16 goals, 11 assists and 27 points while showing career totals of 102 goals, 114 assists and 216 points in 124 games.

Also nominated: Sadie Lundquist, F, BSU; Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Lauren Smith, F, MSU; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND; Danielle Gagne, F, OSU.

### WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### MONIQUE LAMOUREUX • SENIOR, DEFENSEMAN, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

MADISON, Wis. – For the second straight time, the University of North Dakota's Monique Lamoureux has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week, this time for her two-way contributions in a two-game league sweep over visiting Minnesota Duluth over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Lamoureux was named WCHA co-Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 20.

A senior from Grand Forks, N.D., Lamoureux was a force at both ends of the ice against the visiting Bulldogs, contributing five goals – including both game-winners – and helping lead a strong defensive effort that held UMD to just one power-play goal in 10 series opportunities and saw her block six shots. In North Dakota's 4-3 (ot) win last Friday (Nov. 23), Lamoureux scored a pair of goals, including the winner at 3:08 of the extra session, had eight shots on goal and earned the First Star of the Game award. She followed up that effort on Saturday (Nov. 24) with a three-goal hat trick in a 5-2 UND triumph, again notching the game-winner, putting six more shots on goal and again being named the First Star.

Through 14 games this season for No. 8-ranked UND (9-5-0), Lamoureux has contributed 19 points (9g, 10a) to up her collegiate career totals to 219 points on 96 goals and 123 assists in 124 games.

Also nominated: Ivana Bilic, D, BSU; Amanda Leveille, G, UM; Audrey Hanmer, D, SCSU; Saige Pacholok, D, UW.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

#### LEE STECKLEIN • FRESHMAN, DEFENSEMAN, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota defenseman Lee Stecklein, who contributed four scoring points in the unbeaten Gophers' non-conference sweep at New Hampshire last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Nov. 28.

A freshman from Roseville, Minn., Stecklein scored her first collegiate goal and assisted on two others last Saturday (Nov. 24), including the eventual game-winner, as Minnesota rolled to a 10-2 victory over the host Wildcats. Then on Sunday (Nov. 25), she tallied her second goal of the series on a power-play at 12:10 of the first period, one that proved to be the game-winner as the Gophers prevailed 4-0 over UNH to run their season record to a perfect 16-0 overall. Along with her four points in the two wins, she also finished with a plus/minus ratio of +4.

Stecklein has now played in all 16 games this season for No. 1-ranked UM with five points (2g, 3a).

Also nominated: Kaitlyn Tougas, F, BSU; Courtney Burke, D, UW.