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## UM'S KESSEL, UMD'S KENYON, BSU'S WHEELHOUSE, UW'S BURKE NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### WCHA CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**AMANDA KESSEL • JUNIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**JAMIE KENYON • JUNIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH**

MADISON, Wis. – Forwards Amanda Kessel of the University of Minnesota and Jamie Kenyon of the University of Minnesota Duluth have been named the WCHA Women's co-Offensive Players of the Week for January 16.

Kessel, a junior right winger from Madison, Wis., had a 10-point series (6g, 4a) as the unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Golden Gophers beat North Dakota twice in Minneapolis by identical 6-3 scores to improve to 22-0-0. Kessel had four goals, including the game-winner, and two assists last Friday (Jan. 11), notching her third hat trick of the season and eighth of her career. She then had two goals and two assists, including one on the winner, in Minnesota's victory over UND last Saturday (Jan. 12). In addition to her 10 points, Kessel also fired 14 shots on goal and earned a +7 plus/minus rating. The leading scorer in the country with 64 points (31g, 33a) in 21 games, Kessel has career totals of 82 goals, 112 assists and 194 points in 97 collegiate games.

Kenyon, a junior left winger from Sparta, Wis., led Minnesota Duluth to a two-game WCHA sweep over visiting St. Cloud State last Saturday and Sunday by scoring four goals, including two in each game, putting 12 shots on goal and earning a +4 plus/minus rating. She scored the first goal of the series 3:05 into the first period on Jan. 12, then iced the game for the Bulldogs with :03 seconds remaining and the SCSU goaltender pulled by burying the puck from beyond the Huskies' blueline to seal the 3-1 win. She also had eight shots on goal. In the series finale last Sunday (Jan. 13), both of Kenyon's goals came in the third period as UMD completed the sweep with a 8-2 triumph, stretching the Bulldogs' unbeaten streak to six games at 4-0-2 since Nov. 24.

Also nominated: Emily Erickson, F, BSU; Michelle Karvinen, F, UND; Brianna Decker, F, UW.

### WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**ERIKA WHEELHOUSE • SENIOR, DEFENSEMAN, BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY**

MADISON, Wis. – Bemidji State University defenseman Erika Wheelhouse, who blocked 18 shots, scored a goal and had seven shots on goal in last weekend's league series against Minnesota State, has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for January 16.

A senior from Crookston, Minn., Wheelhouse blocked 13 shots last Friday (Jan. 11) in a stellar effort that held the visiting Mavericks to just 10 shots on goal, allowing netminder Jessica Havel to post her second straight shutout in a 2-0 Bemidji State triumph. The 10 shots allowed was the lowest for BSU all season. She was also a +1 in the game. In the weekend's second game last Saturday (Jan. 12), Wheelhouse posted five more blocks to maintain the team lead for the season with 102. Down 3-2 with just :11.8 seconds left in regulation, she potted her first goal of the season to force overtime in an eventual 4-3 setback.

Seeing action in 21 of her team's 22 games this season, Wheelhouse has four points (1g, 3a) to up her collegiate career totals to 50 points (10g, 40a) in 131 games.

Also nominated: Rachel Ramsey, D, UM; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**COURTNEY BURKE • FRESHMAN, DEFENSEMAN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN**

MADISON, Wis. – Defenseman Courtney Burke of the University of Wisconsin has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for January 16 as a result of her outstanding efforts in a weekend sweep of league rival Ohio State.

A freshman from Albany, N.Y., Burke had three assists, four shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating in the Jan. 11-12 sweep against the No. 9-ranked Buckeyes. She had two helpers in the host Badgers' 4-1 victory in Madison last Friday, including one on a shorthanded goal, and then had another assist on the game-opening goal last Saturday as Wisconsin won 2-1. She also helped Wisconsin kill seven of OSU's eight power-play chances in the series as the Badgers extended their winning streak to four games.

Also nominated: Kaitlyn Tougas, F, BSU; Hannah Brandt, F, UM; Meghan Dufault, F, UND.