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NORTH DAKOTA'S LAMOUREUX, MINNESOTA'S RÄTY & BRANDT NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOCELYNE LAMOUREUX • SENIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Jocelyne Lamoureux, who led all league skaters with a seven-point series in her team's road sweep at St. Cloud State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for January 30. This marks the second time this season she has been so honored (Nov. 20).

A senior center and team captain from Grand Forks, N.D., Lamoureux scored two goals and set up five others, including both game-winners, earned a +6 plus/minus rating, put eight shots on goal and blocked five shots. In North Dakota's 6-2 victory over the Huskies last Friday (Jan. 25), she scored one goal and had three assists, one of which came on teammate Sam LaShomb's winner, and was named the No. 2 Star of the Game. Then in a 3-0 shutout win last Saturday (Jan. 26), Lamoureux factored in on all three goals with a shorthanded tally and two assists, including one on teammate Megan Dufault's winner, and earned No. 1 Star of the Game honors.

The WCHA's third leading scorer overall this season with 51 points (28g, 23a) in 26 games, Lamoureux has produced 255 points over her 136-game collegiate career, with 118 goals and 137 assists.

Also nominated: Amanda Kessel, F, UM.

WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

NOORA RÄTY • SENIOR, GOALTENDER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Noora Räty, who yielded just one goal while backstopping the record-setting and No. 1-ranked Gophers to a two-game road sweep at Wisconsin last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for January 30. This marks her third such honor this season (also on Oct. 24 and Dec. 5).

A senior from Espoo, Finland, Räty surrendered just a single power-play goal over 120:00 of action against the Badgers while stopping 47 of 48 shots on goal (.979 save percentage) and posting five shutout periods. In a 2-0 victory last Friday (Jan. 25), Räty turned aside all 25 shots on goal while recording her 36th collegiate shutout – three shy of the NCAA record of 39. That win gave Minnesota an NCAA-record 33rd consecutive victory, bettering the 32 achieved twice by Wisconsin (Nov. 25, 2006-Oct. 14, 2007; Dec. 4, 2010-Oct. 14-2011).

Then on Sunday (Jan. 27), Räty came back with 22 stops in a 5-1 Minnesota triumph over UW, with the only goal against her coming on the power-play. That victory was the 100th of her UM career, tying her with Hillary Pattenden of Mercyhurst (2008-2012) for the NCAA career victories record.

Räty ranks first among Div. 1 goaltenders this season with a 24-0-0 record, is second in goals-against average at 0.90 and second in save percentage at .958. Over her 125 game career, she is 100-17-8 with a 1.38 goals-against average and .946 save percentage.

Also nominated: Brigitte Lacquette, D, UMD; Monique Lamoureux, D, UND.

WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

HANNAH BRANDT • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Hannah Brandt, who contributed four points and both game-winning goals in the visiting Gophers' two-game sweep over host Wisconsin last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for January 30. She was previously honored on Oct. 3, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 20 and Dec. 12.

A freshman from Vadnais Heights, Minn., Brandt netted the first goal and eventual game-winning tally in the first period in Minnesota's 2-0 win last Friday (Jan. 26) then followed up with another game-winning goal and an assist in last Sunday's (Jan. 27) 5-1 victory. She also had seven shots on goal in the series and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

The top scoring rookie in the nation and second overall, Brandt has 25-37=62 in 26 games played.

Also nominated: Shelby Amsley-Benzie, G, UND.