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## MINNESOTA'S AMANDA KESSEL NAMED LEAGUE'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR, NORTH DAKOTA'S JOCELYNE LAMOUREUX IS OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR TO HIGHLIGHT 2012-13 WCHA WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AWARDS REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION MINNESOTA PLACES FOUR ON ALL-WCHA FIRST TEAM; HEAD COACHES VOTE UM'S MEGAN BOZEK WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR; MINNESOTA'S HANNAH BRANDT NAMED WCHA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR; MINNESOTA'S BRAD FROST IS WCHA COACH OF THE YEAR; UM'S KESSEL IS LEAGUE SCORING CHAMPION; UM'S NOORA RÄTY IS WCHA GOALTENDING CHAMPION; 100 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-WCHA ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

MADISON, Wis. – The University of Minnesota had a historical season, becoming the first team to go through the regular season without a loss.

The Golden Gophers' perfect season is reflected in the 2012-13 post-season women's honors announced by the Western Collegiate Hockey Association today at a league awards ceremony held at TCF Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn., in conjunction with the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF tournament championship. The WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF is being held Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, at Ridder Arena.

Minnesota, the WCHA regular season champion, placed four players on the All-WCHA First Team as selected by coaches and team captains and the Gophers also had players who were named Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.

Minnesota's Amanda Kessel who scored 34 goals and 41 assists for 75 points in 25 conference games, was named the WCHA Player of the Year. Kessel, the league leader in goals, assists and total points, is also one of six WCHA players named as top 10 finalists for the 2013 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, given annually to the top collegiate player.

Kessel, a junior from Madison, Wis. whose brother Phil is a National Hockey League all-star while playing with the Toronto Maple Leafs, was joined on the All-WCHA First Team at forward by teammate Hannah Brandt, a freshman from Vadnais Heights, Minn., who had 18 goals and 56 points in league play, the University of Wisconsin's Brianna Decker a senior from Dousman, Wis., who was the WCHA Player of the Year and Kazmaier Award winner last season. Decker compiled 20 goals, 18 assists and 38 points in league competition. All three of those players – Decker, Kessel and Brandt – were also named as finalists for this season's Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award.

North Dakota's Jocelyne Lamoureux, a senior from Grand Forks, N.D., was honored as the WCHA Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year for the second straight season. She is a graduate student and graduated with an outstanding grade-point average of 3.896 (on a 4.0 scale), majoring in Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness, and has been on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, the Dean's List and the President's Honor Roll at UND. She scored 22 goals, 34 assists and 54 points in league play this season and has been a

WCHA Scholar-Athlete in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 as well as a member of the All-WCHA Academic Team. Lamoureux is actively involved with service activities on campus and in the Grand Forks community, including reading to elementary students and Special Olympic events.

The All-WCHA First Team for 2012-13 also includes Minnesota defenseman Megan Bozek, a senior defenseman from Buffalo Grove, Ill., and Monique Lamoureux, a senior from Grand Forks, N.D., who had 17 goals, 27 assists and 44 points. Bozek, like Decker, is a repeat selection on the all-league squad and it is the third straight season Decker has been honored. The All-WCHA First Team goaltender is the University of Minnesota's Noora Räty, a senior from Espoo, Finland who had a NCAA-record 15 shutouts this season and a league-best 1.05 goals-against average in conference play and a .958 conference save percentage. Räty and Bozek are two of four Minnesota players also named as top 10 finalists for the Patty Kazmaier Award.

Bozek was also honored as the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year in a vote of the league's head coaches. She scored 14 goals, had 23 assists and 37 points in 28 league contests for the regular season champion Golden Gophers.

The WCHA Coach of the Year Award for 2012-13 went to Minnesota's Brad Frost, who led the Gophers to an undefeated 28-0-0 conference record and to the regular season title. It is the first time an NCAA women's college team has compiled a perfect season and the Gophers take a NCAA record 44-game winning streak into the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF. Frost's team is the defending NCAA champion. This marks the third time Frost has been named the league's coach of the year, with his first honor coming in 2007-08 and the second in 2008-09 when he was co-coach of the year (with Wisconsin's Mark Johnson).

Jocelyne Lamoureux, who is also a finalist for the Kazmaier Award, leads the All-WCHA Second Team. The second team includes Lamoureux's North Dakota teammate Michelle Karvinen, a junior from of Rodovre, Denmark who had 14 goals 21 assists and 35 points, and three Minnesota Duluth players – defensemen Brigette Lacquette, a sophomore from Mallard, Man., who had five goals, 14 assists and 19 points, and Jessica Wong, a senior from Baddeck, Nova Scotia, who had seven goals, 15 assists and 22 points and forward Jenna McParland, a sophomore forward from Schreiber, Ont., who had 10 goals, 15 assists and 25 points. Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, a junior from Delafield, Wis., is the all-league's second team goalie. Rigsby had a 1.68 goals-against average and a .948 save percentage.

The All-WCHA Third Team for 2012-13 features Minnesota State senior forward Lauren Smith, a senior from Burnsville, Minn., who had 17 goals, nine assists and 26 points; Kelly Terry, a Minnesota junior forward from Whitby, Ont., who scored five goals, had 19 assists and 24 points, and North Dakota forward Josefina Jakobsen, a sophomore from Aalborg, Denmark who had 11 goals, 15 assists and 26 points. The defensemen are Minnesota's Mira Jalosuo, a senior from Lieksa, Finland who had six goals, 13 assists and 19 points and Rachel Ramsey (28 gp, 8-15=23) of Chanhassen, Minn. Minnesota Duluth freshman goaltender Kayla Black of Blyth Ont., is the third team netminder after posting a league goals-against of 2.37 and a save percentage of .916.

Brandt was named the WCHA Rookie of the Year and joins Black on the All-WCHA Rookie Team with Minnesota's Maryanne Menefee and North Dakota forward Meghan Dufault, Wisconsin defenseman Courtney Burke and Minnesota defenseman Milica McMillen.

Conference member-team head coaches, assistant coaches and team captains vote for the WCHA individual award winners. The WCHA Defensive Player of the Year Award is chosen by the head coaches, while the WCHA Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year is selected by the institutional faculty representatives.

The conference also today released the 2012-13 All-WCHA Academic Team, comprised of 100 student-athletes representing all eight WCHA women's-member institutions.

## 2012-13 WCHA WOMEN'S AWARD WINNERS

**WCHA Player of the Year:** Amanda Kessel, Jr., F, Minnesota (Madison, WI)

**WCHA Outstanding Student Athlete of the Year:** Jocelyne Lamoureux, Sr., F, North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)

**WCHA Defensive Player of the Year:** Megan Bozek, Sr., D, Minnesota (Buffalo Grove, IL)

**WCHA Rookie of the Year:** Hannah Brandt, Fr., F, Minnesota (Vadnais Heights, MN)

**WCHA Scoring Champion:** Amanda Kessel, Jr., F, Minnesota (Madison, WI)

**WCHA Goaltending Champion:** Noora Rätty, Sr., Minnesota (Espoo, Finland)

**WCHA Coach of the Year:** Brad Frost, Minnesota

### All-WCHA First Team

**Forward** - Amanda Kessel, Jr., Minnesota (Madison, WI) (25 gp, 34-41=75); **Forward** - Brianna Decker, Sr., Wisconsin (Dousman, WI) (28 gp, 20-18=38); **Forward** - Hannah Brandt, Fr., Minnesota (28 gp, 18-38=56); **Defense** - Megan Bozek, Sr., Minnesota (Buffalo Grove, IL) (28 gp, 14-23=37); **Defense** - Monique Lamoureux, Sr., North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND) (28 gp, 17-27=44); **Goaltender** - Noora Rätty, Sr., Minnesota (Espoo, Finland) (27 gp, 27-0-0, 1.05 GAA, .950 Sv%).

### All-WCHA Second Team

**Forward** - Jocelyne Lamoureux, Sr., North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND) (28 gp, 22-32=54); **Forward** - Michelle Karvinen, Jr., North Dakota (Rodovre, Denmark) (20 gp, 14-21=35); **Forward** - Jenna McParland, So., Minnesota Duluth (Schreiber, ON) (27 gp, 10-15=25); **Defense** - Brigette Lacquette, So., Minnesota Duluth (Mallard, MB) (28 gp, 5-14=19); **Defense** - Jessica Wong, Sr., Minnesota Duluth (Baddeck, NS) (27 gp, 7-15=22); **Goaltender** - Alex Rigsby, Jr., Wisconsin (Delafield, WI) (28 gp, 17-9-2, 1.60 GAA, .940 Sv%).

### All-WCHA Third Team

**Forward** - Lauren Smith, Sr., Minnesota State (Burnsville, MN) (28 gp, 17-9=26); **Forward** - Josefine Jakobsen, So., North Dakota (Aalborg, Denmark) (26 gp, 11-15=26); **Forward** - Kelly Terry, Jr., Minnesota (Whitby, ON) (28 gp, 5-19=24); **Defense** - Mira Jalosuo, Sr., Minnesota (Liekka, Finland) (28 gp, 6-13=19); **Defense** - Rachel Ramsey, So., Minnesota (Chanhassen, MN) (28 gp, 8-15=23); **Goaltender** - Kayla Black, Fr., Minnesota Duluth (Blyth, ON) (26 gp, 12-12-2, 2.37 GAA, .916 Sv%).

### All-WCHA Rookie Team

**Forward** - Hannah Brandt, Fr., Minnesota (Vadnais Heights, MN) (28 gp, 18-38=56); **Forward** - Maryanne Menefee, Fr., Minnesota (Lansing, MI) (24 gp, 11-14=25); **Forward** - Meghan Dufault, Fr., North Dakota (Winnipeg, MB) (27 gp, 12-12=24); **Defense** - Milica McMillen, Fr., Minnesota (St. Paul, MN) (22 gp, 8-6=14); **Defense** - Courtney Burke, Fr., Wisconsin (Albany, NY) (28 gp, 3-14=17); **Goaltender** - Kayla Black, Fr., Minnesota Duluth (Blyth, ON) (26 gp, 12-12-2, 2.37 GAA, .916 Sv%).

# 100 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN 2012-13 ALL-WCHA ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association also announced today (March 7) that 100 student-athletes, representing all eight women's member institutions, have earned All-WCHA Academic Team honors for 2012-13.

Criteria: To qualify for the All-WCHA Academic Team, student-athletes must have completed one year of eligibility at present institution, prior to the current academic year and have a GPA of at least 3.0 for the previous two semesters or three quarters.

Following, by team, are the 2012-13 All-WCHA Academic Team honorees. (\*indicates repeat honoree)

**Bemidji State University:** \*Molly Arola (Sr., F, Walker, MN), Alexandria Citrowske (So., F, Savage, MN), \*Allie Duellman (Jr., D, Maplewood, MN), \*Alex Ehlert (Jr., D, Portage, WI), \*Emily Erickson (Sr., F, Coleraine, MN), Jamie Hatheway (Sr., F/D, Trenton, ON), Kristin Huber (So., F, Kelowna, BC), Natasha Kostenko (So., F, Fannystelle, MB), \*Sadie Lundquist (Sr., F, Cloquet, MN), \*Emily McKnight (Jr., F, Roland, MB), Jenessa Philipczyk (Fr., F, Stillwater, MN), Mackenzie Thurston (Sr., F, Ottawa, ON), \*Erika Wheelhouse (Sr., D, Crookston, MN), \*Abby Williams (Sr., F, Alexandria, MN), \*Danielle Williams (Jr., D/F, Waconia, MN), Whitney Wivoda (So., F, Fairbanks, AK).

**University of Minnesota:** Rachael Bona (So., F, Coon Rapids, MN), Megan Bozek (Sr., D, Buffalo Grove, IL), \*Bethany Brausen (Jr., F, Little Canada, MN), \*Samantha Downey (Sr., F, Hermantown, MN), \*Katie Frischmann (Sr., D, Rochester, MN), \*Baylee Gillanders (Jr., D, Kyle, SK), \*Mira Jalosuo (Sr., D, Lieksa, Finland), \*Amanda Kessel (Jr., F, Madison, WI), \*Becky Kortum (Sr., F, Minnetonka, MN), Rachel Ramsey (So., D, Chanhassen, MN), \*Noora Rätty (Sr., G, Espoo, Finland), \*Kelly Terry (Jr., F, Whitby, ON).

**University of Minnesota Duluth:** \*Audrey Cournoyer (Sr., F, Montreal, QC), \*Brienna Gillanders (Jr., F, Kyle, SK), \*Jamie Kenyon (Jr., F, Sparta, WI), Emma Stauber (So., D, Duluth, MN), \*Vanessa Thibault (Sr., F, Lachine, QC), Tea Villila (So., D, Hyvinkaa, Finland), \*Katherine Wilson (Sr., F, Winnipeg, MB), \*Pernilla Winberg (Sr., F, Malmo, Sweden).

**Minnesota State University, Mankato:** \*Emilia Andersson (Sr., D, Stockholm, Sweden), Lauren Barnes (Jr., D/F, Burnsville, MN), Danielle Butters (Jr., G, London, ON), Nicole Germaine (Jr., F, Claren Hills, IL), \*Elisabeth Hewett (Jr., D, Oak Bluff, MB), \*Melissa Klippenstein (Jr., F, Neuberghthal, MB), Erin Krichiver (So., G, Chicago, IL), Kari Lundberg (Jr., F, Woodbury, MN), \*Erika Magnusson (Sr., D, Fergus Falls, MN), Tracy McCann (Jr., F, Lakewood, OH), Shelby Moteyunas (So., D, Cicero, NY), \*Kathleen Rogan (So., F, Vancouver, BC), Kelsie Scott (Jr., F, Souris, MB), \*Lauren Smith (Sr., F, Burnsville, MN), Lauren Zrust (Sr., F, Blaine, MN).

**University of North Dakota:** Shelby Amsley-Benzie (Fr., G, Warroad, MN), \*Kayla Berg (Jr., D, Fargo, ND), \*Michelle Bonapace-Potvin (So., G, Royn-Noranda, QC), \*Jorid Dagfinrud (Sr., G, Sarpsborg, Norway), Andrea Dalen (So., F, Honefoss, Norway), \*Ashley Furia (Sr., D/F, Sedalia, CO), \*Megan Gilbert (Sr., F, Andover, MN), Josefine Jakobson (So., F, Aalborg, Denmark), Leah Jensen (Fr., F, East Grand Forks, MN), Shannon Kaiser (Fr., F, Crookston, MN), \*Jocelyne Lamoureux (Sr., F, Grand Forks, ND), \*Monique Lamoureux (Sr., D/F, Grand Forks, ND), \*Mary Loken (Sr., F, Roseau, MN), Layla Marvin (Fr., F, Warroad, MN), \*Allison Parizek (Sr., F, Minot, ND), \*Jordan Slavin (Sr., D, Erie, CO), Tori Williams (So., D, The Pas, MB).

**Ohio State University:** \*Becky Allis (Jr., D, West Olive, MI), Stacy Danczak (So., G, Macedonia, OH), \*Tina Hollowell (Sr., F, Clinton Township, MI), Taylor Kuehl (So., F, Minnetrista, MN), \*Madison Marcotte (Jr., D, White Bear Lake, MN), Kari Schmitt (So., D, Canton, MI), Sara Schmitt (So., D, Canton, MI), \*Paige Semenza (Sr., F, Pittston, PA), Kayla Sullivan (So., F, Flower Mount, TX), \*Annie Svedin (Jr., D, Soraker, Sweden), \*Minttu Tuominen (Sr., F, Espoo, Finland), Kim Theut (Sr., F, Harrison Township, MI).

**St. Cloud State University:** \*Katie Allen (Sr., D, Red Deer, AB), \*Sydney Burghardt (Jr., F, Medicine Hat, AB), \*Callie Dahl (Sr., F, Stillwater, MN), \*Anna Donlan (Sr., G, Hillsboro, WI), Julie Friend (So., G, Minnetonka, MN), \*Julia Gilbert (Jr., F, Hermantown, MN), \*Kylie Lane (Sr., F, Roseau, MN), \*Amanda Monkman (Jr., D, Roseau, MN), Abby Ness (So., F, Roseau, MN), \*Amy Olson (So., F, Roseau, MN), \*Haylea Schmid (Sr., F, Oak Grove, MN), Ellie Sitek (Sr., F, Edina, MN).

**University of Wisconsin:** \*Brittany Ammerman (Jr., F, River Vale, NJ), \*Natalie Berg (Jr., D, Minnetonka, MN), Jordan Brickner (Sr., D, Lake Forest, IL), Ilana Friedman (Jr., G, Middleton, WI), Katy Josephs (So., F, Calgary, AB), \*Alev Kelter (Sr., D/F, Eagle River, AK), \*Stefanie McKeough (Sr., D, Carlsbad Springs, ON), \*Alex Rigsby (Jr., G, Delafield, WI).