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North Dakota's Karvinen, Minnesota's Leveille, Minnesota Duluth's Stalder Named WCHA Women's Player of the Week for October 16

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Michelle Karvinen, F North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Michelle Karvinen, a senior from Rodovre, Denmark, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for October 16, 2013.

Karvinen recorded a four-point series from the left wing slot with one goal and three assists to help lead North Dakota to five-points against WCHA-rival Minnesota Duluth on Oct. 12-13 in Grand Forks. Last Saturday, she had a hand in the first three UND goals, scoring the first, and was the First Star of the Game in a 4-3 come-from-behind win against No. 9 UMD. Then last Sunday, she earned another assist on the opening goal in an eventual 3-3 (ot) tie. UND then prevailed in the shootout to gain an extra point.

Karvinen, who also had 10 shots on goal vs UMD and was a +1 on the plus/minus, has recorded a point in each game to start the 2013-14 season, with two goals and four assists in the first four games.

Also nominated: Kelly Terry, F, UM; Kathleen Rogan, F, MSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Amanda Leveille, G Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Amanda Leveille, a sophomore from Kingston, Ont., is the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for October 16, 2013.

Leveille had a combined 61 saves while allowing just one goal for a .984 save percentage in the No. 1-ranked Gophers' WCHA series sweep of No. 4 Wisconsin Oct. 11-12 in Minneapolis. She earned her first shutout of the season and improved to 4-0-0 on the year.

Leveille made a career-high 34 saves in last Friday's 2-1 win, including stopping eight of nine shots by the Badgers on four power-plays as UW outshot Minnesota, 35-23. She then turned in a 27-save shutout in UM's 2-0 victory last Saturday, making 22 stops over the first two periods while earning her first shutout of the season.

Leveille leads the WCHA with a .955 save percentage (fourth in the nation) and a 1.25 goals-against average (fifth in the nation).

Also nominated: Danielle Butters, G, MSU; Gracen Hirschy, D, UND; Kari Schmitt, D, OSU, Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Lara Stalder, D Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth defenseman Lara Stalder, a freshman from Luzern, Switzerland, has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for October 16, 2013.

Stalder scored one goal and four assists, figuring in on five of Minnesota Duluth's six goals on the road at North Dakota last weekend (Oct. 12-13) in Grand Forks. She ripped a shot from the point last Saturday in a 4-3 loss for UMD's third goal at 16:21 of the second period after dishing out two first period assists. Last Sunday she had two more assists in a 3-3 (ot) tie, helping UMD erase a 2-0 deficit in the second period. In the series, she had seven shots overall and helped the Bulldogs stay perfect on the penalty-kill, denying UND in 11 power-play attempts.

Stalder (2g, 7a), who has two or more points in three of her first four games, leads the NCAA with an assist per game average of 1.75 and tops all rookies with a points per game average of 2.25.

Also nominated: Dani Cameranesi, F, UM, Susanna Tapani, F, UND.