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Minnesota State's Johnson & Butters, Bemidji State's Mowat Named WCHA Women's Player of the Week for October 2

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Katie Johnson, F Minnesota State

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University forward Katie Johnson, a sophomore from Anoka, Minn., stepped up in a big way for the Mavericks who garnered an opening weekend home split with No. 7-ranked Mercyhurst.

In last Friday's (Sept. 27) season opener, Johnson took a centering pass from senior Tracy McCann and buried it into the right side for her first career goal, which proved to be the game-winner, in Minnesota State's 4-2 upset victory over the visiting Lakers. She also fired a team-high six shots on goal in the win.

Then in game two last Saturday (Sept. 28), Johnson followed up with a team-best five shots in a 3-2 Mavs' loss. Trailing 3-0 in the third, Minnesota State rallied for two goals in :40 seconds to close within one.

Johnson finished the series with a team-best 11 shots on goal and posted a +1 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated: Kaitlyn Tougas, F, BSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Danielle Butters, G Minnesota State

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University goaltender Danielle Butters, a senior from London, Ontario, totaled 71 saves and was a crucial piece in the Mavericks' home split with No. 7-ranked Mercyhurst last weekend.

She registered 39 saves, including 17 in the third period, and helped kill a pair of Mercyhurst power-plays in the final six minutes to secure a 4-2 season-opening victory over the Lakers on Sept. 27.

Butters then backed that up with 32 more stops in MSU's one-goal defeat last Saturday (Sept. 28) in the series finale.

For the weekend, Butters tallied double-digit stops in four periods and produced two shutout periods to go along with a 2.53 goals-against average and a .934 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Allie Duellman, D, BSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Brittini Mowat, G Bemidji State

MADISON, Wis. – Brittini Mowat, a freshman at Bemidji State University, led her team to a victory and tie as the starting goaltender in a pair of Sept. 27-28 season-opening road games at Lindenwood University.

From Glenboro, Manitoba, Mowat played all 125 minutes in the two-game series and allowed just three goals – all on the power-play.

She made 18 saves in last Friday's 3-2 Bemidji State triumph and then had 27 more stops in a 1-1 overtime tie against Lindenwood last Saturday. In all, Mowat stopped 45 of 48 shots on goal in the series for a .938 saves percentage and had four shutout periods, including the one overtime.

Mowat is 1-0-1 on the season with a 1.44 goals-against average and .938 saves percentage.