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Minnesota's Bona, Wisconsin's Rigsby, North Dakota's Tapani Named WCHA Women's Player of the Week for October 9

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Rachael Bona, F Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Rachael Bona, a junior from Coon Rapids, Minn., has been named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for October 9.

Bona recorded seven scoring points on four goals and three assists from the right wing slot to lead the visiting Gophers to a two-game series sweep of Colgate University on October 4-5. Her four goals included both game-winners and one unassisted shorthanded tally, and she finished the weekend with a +7 plus/minus rating.

Last Friday, Bona led Minnesota to a 3-1 win at Colgate, contributing to all three goals (2g, 1a). Then on Saturday, Bona scored two more goals and added two assists for a career-high four points and was +4 as the Gophers rolled to a 8-3 victory. Her goal at 19:29 of the first period was the winner and her seven points in the series was also a career best.

Also nominated: Jamie Kenyon, F, UMD; Josefine Jakobsen, F, UND; Taylor Kuehl, F, OSU, Brittany Ammerman, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Alex Rigsby, G Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, a senior from Delafield, Wis., has been honored as the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for October 9.

Rigsby, a second team All-American honoree last season, began her senior campaign with over 100 consecutive minutes of scoreless hockey against visiting WCHA-rival Minnesota State last weekend, making 25 saves in a 3-0 shutout victory in the opening game last Friday (October 4). She then had 28 stops, including 15 in the final period, in a 5-1 Wisconsin win on Saturday (October 5). In all, she saved 53 of 54 shots for a series save percentage of .981.

Rigsby has now amassed 85 career victories in nets for the Badgers and needs seven wins to pass Jessie Vetter for the top spot in school history. The shutout on October 4 was the 24th of her career.

Also nominated: Rachel Ramsey, D, UM; Lara Stalder, D, UMD; Johanna Fallman, D, UND; Kari Schmitt, D, OSU; Julie Friend, G, SCSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Susanna Tapani, F North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota forward Susanna Tapani, a freshman from Laitala, Finland, has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for October 9.

Tapani made her collegiate debut at left wing with a six-point (1g, 5a) weekend as North Dakota won back-to-back games against visiting Lindenwood on October 4-5. She tallied three assists, including one on the game-winner, in the opening game against the Lady Lions last Friday in a 5-1 victory, earning second star of the game honors. Then last Saturday, she recorded her first collegiate goal and two more assists to earn first star of the game acclaim in a 6-1 North Dakota triumph. Tapani finished the weekend with a +4 plus/minus rating and had five shots on goal.

Also nominated: Kate Schipper, F, UM; Ashleigh Brykaliuk, F, UMD.