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UM's Lorence, UW's Rigsby, MSU's Quandt Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Meghan Lorence, F Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Meghan Lorence, a junior from Mounds View, Minn., has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 27, 2013.

Lorence led the Gophers in scoring with four points (2g, 2a) in No. 1-ranked Minnesota's 5-1, 4-1 non-conference series sweep at Yale last weekend. Her two goals included a shorthanded tally and a power-play goal and she also had a game-winning assist, seven shots on goal and a +5 plus/minus rating.

The Nov. 23-24 series at Yale marked Lorence's return to the lineup following an injury during which she missed four games. In last Saturday's 5-1 win, Lorence scored Minnesota's fifth goal on a shorthanded breakaway. She earned a +3 rating and had three shots. Then on Sunday Lorence and her linemates combined for nine points. Lorence set up two goals in the first period, including the game-winner, before tallying her second of the weekend on the power-play at 3:58 of the second period. She finished with a +2 rating and four shots.

In 12 games played this season, Lorence has produced eight points (5g, 3a).

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Alex Rigsby, G Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, a senior from Delafield, Wis., is the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 27, 2013.

Rigsby had an outstanding series at No. 4 North Dakota last weekend (Nov. 22-23), as the UW captain saved 54 of 55 shots for a .982 save percentage and had seven shutout periods as the visiting Badgers earned five points. UND was ranked third in the nation in scoring.

In last Friday's 0-0 scoreless tie at UND, Rigsby made 34 saves and sent the game into a shootout, where she saved all three shots before Blayre Turnbull scored the shootout winner in round three. The shutout was the 26th of Rigsby's career and third of the season.

In Saturday's 3-1 win, Rigsby made 20 saves as Wisconsin extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games (9-0-1), tied for the nation's longest unbeaten streak. The only UND goal came on a power-play, ending a shutout string of 167:14.

Rigsby, now tied for the UW program lead with 91 career victories, leads the nation in both save percentage (.959) and goals-against average (1.00).

Also nominated: Brittni Mowat, G, BSU; Brook Garzone, D, UM; Danielle Butters, G, MSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Savannah Quandt, F Minnesota State

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University forward Savannah Quandt, a freshman from Mankato, Minn., has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Nov. 27, 2013.

Quandt, the first Mankato native to play women's hockey for the Mavericks, scored her first career goal in a 4-1 WCHA victory over visiting Ohio State last Friday (Nov. 22) as Minnesota State captured its first home sweep of the Buckeyes since 2007.

Quandt recorded her first collegiate point, which opened the scoring for the Mavericks, and fired a season-high three shots on goal. Quandt and Natalie Stoltz got free on a two-on-one in the first period when Stoltz fed Quandt, who had her initial shot saved, but buried the rebound to put MSU in front 1-0.

In MSU's 2-1 win over OSU in the series finale last Saturday (Nov. 23), Quandt drew a penalty in the second period that prompted an MSU power-play goal by Kathleen Rogan to knot the match at 1-1. Quandt, who has played in all 14 games this season, finished the series with a +1 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated: Dani Cameranesi, F, UM.