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## UM's Lorence, UW's Rigsby, OSU's Kepler Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Meghan Lorence, F Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – The University of Minnesota's Meghan Lorence, a junior forward from Mounds View, Minn., has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 29, 2014.

Lorence led the No. 1-ranked Gophers with three points on three goals in Minnesota's two-game conference sweep over St. Cloud State last weekend at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis. Lorence recorded her three goals on nine shots, and she also earned a +3 for the series. Her goals included both game-winners and a power-play goal, as Minnesota defeated the Huskies, 3-0 and 3-1.

Lorence scored Minnesota's first two goals in last Friday's (Jan. 24) 3-0 win, the Gophers' third-straight shutout victory. Named the First Star, she scored her 10th goal of the season, which proved to be the game-winner, at 14:51 of the first period before tallying on the power-play at 8:40 of the second. In last Saturday's (Jan. 25) 3-1 triumph, Lorence added her 12th goal of the season at 6:44 of the second period to give the Gophers a 2-0 lead. She finished with a +2.

Lorence, who has 21 points (12g, 9a) in 22 games, is also on a four-game goal-scoring streak, during which she has five points on five goals. She is tied for second in the nation with five game-winning goals and her 12 goals rank her 18th in the nation and fourth among WCHA players with 0.55 goals per game.

Also nominated: Rachael Kelly, F, BSU; Josefine Jakobsen, F, UND.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Alex Rigsby, G Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Alex Rigsby, a senior captain from Delafield, Wis., is the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 29, 2014.

Playing back-to-back games for the first time since injuring her knee back on Nov. 30, Rigsby allowed just one goal in the No. 2-ranked Badgers' 3-1, 2-0 series sweep over league-rival Minnesota Duluth last weekend at LaBahn Arena. She stopped 37 of 38 shots on goal for a .974 series save percentage, posted five shutout periods, and blanked the Bulldogs on all six of their power-play opportunities.

Rigsby, the winningest goaltender in University of Wisconsin women's hockey program history with 94 career triumphs (94-18- 8), also earned her 27th career shutout last Sunday.

In 16 games played this season, Rigsby is now 11-2-2 and currently leads the nation in both goals-against average (0.96) and save percentage (.959). Badgers' freshman Ann-Renée Desbiens (10-1-0), meanwhile, is second nationally in goals-against average (1.07) and third in save percentage (.956).

Also nominated: Rachel Ramsey, D, UM; Tanja Eisenschmid, D, UND.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Claudia Kepler, F Ohio State

MADISON, Wis.– Ohio State University forward Claudia Kepler, a freshman from Verona, Wis., has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Jan. 29, 2014.

Kepler had five scoring points on three goals and two assists, put seven shots on goal, and earned a +3 plus/minus rating in the Buckeyes' conference sweep over Minnesota State last weekend at the OSU Ice Rink in Columbus.

In game one of the series last Friday (Jan. 24), she got the scoring started with a goal off a deflection late in the second period. She would also later set up the game-winner just :38 seconds into overtime for Ohio State as she put the shot on net that was cleaned up by Julia McKinnon for a 3-2 triumph.

Kepler continued to be productive in game two last Saturday (Jan. 25), again tallying the first score of the game, this one coming 2:54 into the opening period. Kepler later set up Kendall Curtis for an OSU score in period two. Then, with the Buckeyes holding onto a one-goal lead, Kepler scored an unassisted shorthanded goal early in the third period and OSU won 4-2.

Kepler, who has played in all 26 of the Buckeyes' games this season, has 14 points on a team-leading 10 goals and four assists. Last Saturday marked her second multi-goal game of the season.

Also nominated: Madison Hutchinson, D, BSU; Kate Schipper, F, UM; Amy Menke, F, UND; Sarah Nurse, F, UW.