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MSU's Germaine and Butters, UM's Cameranesi Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Nicole Germaine, F Minnesota State

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State's Nicole Germaine, a senior forward from Mississauga, Ont., has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 19, 2014.

Germaine scored both game-winning goals for the Mavericks who swept No. 4-ranked North Dakota at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks for the first time since Jan. 6-7, 2007 this past weekend.

Germaine collected her 10th goal of the season with a second period power-play tally at 1:05 that proved decisive in visiting MSU's 4-2 victory over UND last Saturday (Feb. 15). She backed that up by securing a Maverick sweep and 2-1 win last Sunday (Feb. 16) when she streaked in and tapped a rebound across to break a 1-1 tie with 3:30 remaining in regulation. Named the Third Star in game one and the Second Star in game two, Germaine finished with a +1 rating on the weekend and had three shots on goal.

The center has set career-highs across the board this season with 11 goals, 13 assists and 24 points to pace the Mavericks in points while tying the team-high for goals. She's added four power-play markers and three game-winners and moved into a tie for 22nd in career scoring at Minnesota State with 19-28=47.

Also nominated: Rachael Bona, F, UM; Ally Tarr, F, OSU.

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

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State goaltender Danielle Butters, a senior from London, Ont., has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 19, 2014.

Butters, who was named First Star of both games, used a combined 85 saves to backstop the Mavericks to a two-game conference road sweep of No. 4 North Dakota at Ralph Engelstad Arena Feb. 15-16.

Butters registered 45 saves, three shy of her career-high, and stopped all 23 shots she faced in the third period to carry MSU to a 4-2 victory over North Dakota in last Saturday's (Feb. 15) series opener.

She followed that up with 40 more saves, including 19 in the second period, in the Mavericks' 2-1 victory in the series finale.

Butters amassed double-digit saves in five of the weekend's six periods while allowing just two even-strength goals. She helped hold UND to just one power-play goal in seven series opportunities and finished the weekend with a .966 saves percentage and 1.50 goals-against average.

Seeing action in 25 games and 1477:29 minutes between the pipes for Minnesota State this season, Butters owns a 2.96 goals-against average, a .920 save percentage and a 8-17-0 record.

Also nominated: Amanda Leveille, G, UM.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Dani Cameranesi, F Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota forward Dani Cameranesi, a freshman from Plymouth, Minn., has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 19, 2014.

Cameranesi scored the game-winning goal in No. 1-ranked Minnesota's 3-2 league win over No. 2 Wisconsin on the road last Friday (Feb. 14) at LaBahn Arena in Madison.

Cameranesi broke a 2-2 tie when she scored the winning goal for the Gophers with 10:58 remaining in the third period. The goal secured Minnesota's 29th win of the season and clinched the Gophers' eighth WCHA regular season title. Cameranesi finished the weekend series with one goal and six shots. She also earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

Minnesota also went on to win game two over the Badgers last Saturday (Feb. 15) by a 4-0 count in front of a NCAA women's hockey record crowd of 13,573 at the Kohl Center in Madison. That victory stretched the Gophers' NCAA-record road winning streak to 44 games, a run that began on Jan. 14, 2012.

Cameranesi leads WCHA rookies in scoring with 27 points (16g, 11a) this season. She also ranks fourth in the nation among rookies with 0.84 points per game in 32 games.