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OSU's Tarr, UW's Turnbull & Desbiens, UM's Leveille Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week All Tarr, F, OSU Blayre Turnbull, F, UW

MADISON, Wis. – Ohio State University forward Ally Tarr, a senior from London, Ontario, and University of Wisconsin forward Blayre Turnbull, a junior from Stellarton, Nova Scotia, are WCHA Women's co-Offensive Players of the Week for Feb. 26, 2014.

Tarr had her second-straight three-point series in host Ohio State's sweep of then No. 7 North Dakota last weekend. She provided an assist on the game-winning goal in a 2-0 victory last Friday (Feb. 21). Then on Saturday (Feb. 22), she tied the game 1-1 in the first period with her 10th goal of the season and added an assist in the third period as the Buckeyes' prevailed 3-1. For the series, she put eight shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

Tarr has a team-leading 30 points (10g, 20a) this season, including 18 since the start of 2014. She is eighth all-time in career scoring at OSU with 103 points and sixth in goals with 47.

Turnbull had four points, including two shorthanded goals, six shots on goal and was +2 in Wisconsin's sweep at Minnesota State. In last Friday's 5-1 win, she became only the second player in UW history to record multiple shorthanded goals in a game and the first in school history with two SHGs in a period. She also had an assist on the winning goal. In last Saturday's 3-1 win, Turnbull assisted on UW's first goal.

Turnbull (16-19=35) is tied for the nation's lead in SHGs with five, the most in school history.

Also nominated: Kaitlyn Tougas, F, BSU; Maryanne Menefee, F, UM.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Amanda Leveille, G Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Amanda Leveille, a sophomore from Kingston, Ontario, is the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 26, 2014.

Leveille earned her 12th and 13th shutouts of the season in No. 1-ranked Minnesota's 6-0, 6-0 conference series sweep over visiting Minnesota Duluth last weekend. She combined for 26 saves in the two games against the Bulldogs, including holding UMD scoreless on all eight power-plays (seven shots).

Leveille made 16 saves in last Friday's (Feb. 21) 6-0 win before stopping 10-of-10 Bulldog shots in Saturday's (Feb. 22) 6-0 triumph.

Leveille is now on a three-game shutout streak and is riding 194:37 consecutive shutout minutes over the past four games and has made 57-consecutive saves as well.

Leveille leads the nation with a 32-1-1 record and .956 winning percentage and 13 shutouts. She ranks second nationally with a 1.07 goals-against average and is third with a .951 save percentage. She is also second in the WCHA in league play with a 1.03 GAA and .953 Sv%.

Leveille has already made her mark in the Gopher record books as only a sophomore. She is fourth in career shutouts (16) and sixth in career wins (35). Leveille's numbers this season put her third at UM with 32 wins in a season, fourth with a 1.07 GAA, and second with a .951 save percentage and 13 shutouts.

Also nominated: Lisa Steffes, G, OSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Ann-Renée Desbiens, G Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Ann-Renée Desbiens, a freshman from La Malbaie, Quebec, has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 26, 2014.

Desbiens stopped 27 of the 28 shots on goal she faced in No. 2-ranked Wisconsin's 3-1 Western Collegiate Hockey Association road victory over Minnesota State last Saturday (Feb. 22) in Mankato. She also blanked the Mavericks on all three of their power-play opportunities and stopped 20 shots over the final 40:00 minutes of the game to help the Badgers complete the sweep of MSU.

Wisconsin won the first game of the series at Minnesota State last Friday (Feb. 21) by a 5-1 count.

Desbiens currently leads the nation in both goals-against average at 1.06 and save percentage at .957, and also ranks second nationally among Division 1 goaltenders in winning percentage at .917 via a 11-1-0 season record.

Desbiens also claimed the WCHA goaltending crown for 2013-14 (based on goals-against average in league games only) with a 0.97 GAA.

Also nominated: Kate Schipper, F, UM.