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## OSU's McKinnon, UM's Leveille, UMD's Brykaliuk Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Julia McKinnon, F Ohio State

MADISON, Wis. – Ohio State University's Julia McKinnon, a sophomore forward from Kelowna, British Columbia, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 5, 2014.

McKinnon had two multiple-point games, scored both game-winning goals and fired five shots on goal in the Buckeyes' Jan. 31-Feb. 1 road sweep of WCHA rival St. Cloud State last weekend. McKinnon, who now has three game-winners in the last four games, also scored the winning goal in overtime Jan. 24 against Minnesota State.

Both of her goals against St. Cloud State came early on in the second periods with the games tied up at 1-1. The Buckeyes went on to win 3-1 last Friday and 6-1 last Saturday. The goals were numbers five and six on the season for McKinnon. She also tallied assists in each contest to finish with a four-point weekend and a +4 on-ice rating.

McKinnon, who has played in 27 of streaking Ohio State's 28 games this season, has 16 points on six goals and 10 assists. The Buckeyes have won four straight and are on a seven-game unbeaten streak since Jan. 10.

Also nominated: Kaitlyn Tougas, F, BSU; Dani Cameranesi, F, UM; Becca Kohler, F, UND.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Amanda Leveille, G Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota goaltender Amanda Leveille, a sophomore from Kingston, Ontario, has been named the WCHA Women's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 5, 2014.

Leveille, who yielded just two goals in two games and stopped 48 of 50 shots on goal for a .960 save percentage, helped the No. 1-ranked Gophers to a WCHA road series sweep at No. 3/4 North Dakota last weekend. The victories extended UM's NCAA-record road winning streak to 42 games, dating to a 3-0 win at Minnesota Duluth on Jan. 14, 2012.

Leveille made 31 saves on 32 shots in last Friday's (Jan. 31) 5-1 Minnesota win, played before a UND-record 5,835 fans at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. She then stopped 17 of 18 shots in the Gophers' 3-1 win last Saturday (Feb. 1). She also held UND scoreless on three series power-plays and had four shutout periods.

Leveille, who is 26-1-1 this season, ranks fourth in the nation and third among WCHA goaltenders with a 1.12 goals-against average and .950 save percentage. She is second in the nation and first in the WCHA with nine shutouts. Leveille also ranks fifth at UM in career shutouts (12) and is sixth in career wins (29).

Also nominated: Jenna McParland, D, UMD; Shelby Amsley-Benzie, G, UND; Lisa Steffes, G, OSU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Ashleigh Brykaliuk, F Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth forward Ashleigh Brykaliuk, a freshman from Brandon, Manitoba, has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 5, 2014.

Brykaliuk scored three of UMD's seven goals over the Jan. 31-Feb. 1 weekend to help the visiting Bulldogs sweep Bemidji State by scores of 5-3 and 2-1. She was also named the First Star of both contests, had six shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

In the series opener in Bemidji last Friday evening, she gave UMD a 3-0 lead 7:40 into the second period before scoring the short-handed, game-winning goal at the 15:59 mark of the same stanza. Brykaliuk had five shots in the contest and was +1.

Then last Saturday afternoon, Brykaliuk broke a 0-0 scoreless tie with 3:01 remaining in the second period for her 10th goal of the season and third of the series as the Bulldogs prevailed 2-1. Brykaliuk scored on the lone shot she had and was +1.

Brykaliuk, who has played in all 28 games for UMD this season, ranks fifth on the team in scoring with 18 points, and is tied for the second most goals with 10. She is tied for seventh in the NCAA with five power-play goals.

Also nominated: Kate Schipper, F, UM; Gracen Hirschy, D, UND; Claudia Kepler, F, OSU.