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WCHA Week Four: Border Battle Highlights Full Slate of League Series

Opening Face-Off

- **Border Battle of the Nation's Best:** Newly anointed as the No. 1 team in the nation, Wisconsin hosts No. 2 Minnesota in a weekend Border Battle at LaBahn Arena. The series also pits the nation's top two scoring teams, with the Badgers tallying 5.00 goals a game and the Gophers 4.75.
- **Undefeated Bemidji State Travels to Columbus:** After an idle weekend, Bemidji State will look to continue the best start in program history when it opens league play at Ohio State.
- **Grand Forks Clash:** No. 10/8 North Dakota, coming off a weekend WCHA road sweep, returns home to face Minnesota Duluth.
- **Intrastate Rivals Collide:** Minnesota State and St. Cloud State will play a home-and-home set, with the Mavericks hosting Friday night and the Huskies holding home ice on Saturday.
- **Top of the Charts:** Wisconsin and Minnesota have flip-flopped order but are ranked 1-2 in both the USCHO.com and USA Today / USA Hockey Magazine polls, while North Dakota is 10th/8th. Bemidji State's fast start has the Beavers receiving votes in both polls, while Minnesota Duluth's strong showing last weekend against the Gophers earned recognition from both sets of voters.
- **Fabulous Freshmen:** The next generation of WCHA stars appears to be taking shape, as this year's freshman class is already making an impact. Among other standouts, Wisconsin F **Annie Pankowski** leads all NCAA D-I rookies with 11 points, while her 10 assists are tops regardless of class. UMD F **Michelle Löwenhielm** (0.83) and BSU D **Alexis Joyce** (0.75) rank fifth and seventh, respectively, for points per game among freshmen. Beavers G **Erin Deters** is second among all NCAA D-I netminders with a .978 save percentage and tied for third with a 0.50 goals against average.

2014-15 WCHA Standings

	Pts	Conference Only							Overall							
		GP	W	L	T	SW	Win%	GF-	GA	GP	W	L	T	Win%	GF-	GA
1 Wisconsin	12	4	4-	0-	0	0	1.00	19-	3	6	6-	0-	0	1.00	30-	4
2 North Dakota	6	2	2-	0-	0	0	1.00	7-	1	4	3-	1-	0	.750	15-	5
3 Minnesota	4	2	1-	0-	1	0	.750	6-	3	4	3-	0-	1	.875	19-	5
4 Minnesota Duluth	2	4	0-	3-	1	1	.125	6-	16	6	1-	3-	2	.333	13-	20
5 Bemidji State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	4	4-	0-	0	1.00	16-	3
St. Cloud State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	4	1-	3-	0	.250	9-	13
Minnesota State	0	2	0-	2-	0	0	.000	1-	7	2	0-	2-	0	.000	1-	7
Ohio State	0	2	0-	2-	0	0	.000	0-	9	4	2-	2-	0	.500	5-	12

(shootout win = 1 additional point)

This Week in the WCHA (all times local)

Games for Friday, Oct. 17: Bemidji State at Ohio State, 6:07 p.m. ET; St. Cloud State at Minnesota State, 7:07 p.m. CT; Minnesota Duluth at North Dakota, 7:07 p.m. CT; Minnesota at Wisconsin, 7:07 p.m. CT.

Games for Saturday, Oct. 11: Bemidji State at Ohio State, 12:07 p.m. ET; Minnesota at Wisconsin, 3:07 p.m. CT; Minnesota Duluth at North Dakota, 4:07 p.m. CT; Minnesota State at St. Cloud State, 7:07 p.m. CT.



The Week Ahead: Border Battle Highlights Full WCHA Slate

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association schedule features a full slate of series for the first time this young season, but there is no doubt about the marquee matchup on the weekend of Oct. 17-18. It's a renewal of the Border Battle, Minnesota at Wisconsin.

The pollsters say these storied programs are tops in the country, with the Badgers ranked No. 1 and the Gophers checking in at No. 2. They meet Friday (October 17 at 7:07 p.m.) and Saturday (October 18 at 3:07 p.m.) at LaBahn Arena in Madison, Wisc. and history tells us the series is always exciting and feature some of the country's best collegiate players.

The teams have won three of the last four national championships and have combined to lift the NCAA championship trophy eight of the last 11 years.

The Gophers are 40-26-8 all-time against the Badgers and have won the last 11 meetings between the two teams, with Wisconsin's last win coming on October 14, 2011 at the Kohl Center in Madison. The Golden Gophers beat the Badgers in the 2012 NCAA Frozen Four Final in Duluth, Minn.

Wisconsin is off to its best start since the 2010-11 season, and enters the early season showdown 6-0-0 overall and 4-0-0-0 in WCHA play for a league-leading 12 points.

In other conference play this weekend:

- Bemidji State (4-0-0 and off to its best start in school history) opens conference play in Columbus, Ohio at Ohio State (0-2-0-0, 0 points and 2-2-0).
- No. 10/8 North Dakota (2-0-0-0, 6 points, 3-1-0) hosts Minnesota Duluth (0-3-1-1, 2 points, 1-3-2) Friday and Saturday at Ralph Englestad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D. UND is on an eight-game unbeaten streak in the series, but the Bulldogs still own an all-time 35-10-4 edge.
- Minnesota State and St. Cloud State play a home and home series. The all-time series is knotted at 29-29-7.

The Week That Was: League Play Gets Underway with Trio of Series

An almost full weekend of WCHA series included a pair of sweeps, a shootout in Duluth and the first career victory for St. Cloud State head coach **Eric Rud**.

Minnesota took four of six points at Minnesota Duluth. in a tightly contested I-35 rivalry series. **Dani Cameranesi** had a goal and set up **Hannah Brandt** twice in a 3-0 victory Friday, while **Amanda Leveille** made 26 saves. In the series finale, Minnesota-Duluth took a two-goal lead when freshman forward **Michelle Löwenhielm** scored early in the third period, but **Meghan Lorence** and Brandt scored in the final 11:03 to get the 3-3 tie. UMD's **Meghan Huertes** and **Kateřina Mrázová** converted in the shootout, while **Kayla Black** turned away the final Gopher shooter to give the Bulldogs a crucial extra point.

Last Week in the WCHA

Results of Oct. 10

Minnesota 3, at Minnesota Duluth 0
North Dakota 5, at Minnesota State 0;
at St. Cloud State 2, Lindenwood 0 (nc);
at Wisconsin 6, Ohio State 0

Results of Oct. 11

Minnesota 3, at Minnesota Duluth 3 OT (UMD won shootout 2-1);
North Dakota 2, at Minnesota State 1;
Lindenwood 5, at St. Cloud State 3 (nc);

Results of Oct. 12

at Wisconsin 3, Ohio State 0

North Dakota went on the road and swept Minnesota State in the season opener for the Mavericks. **Meghan Dufault** recorded a hat trick and **Becca Kohler** notched four assists to back goaltender **Shelby Amsley-Benzie** in a 5-0, Friday night shutout. On Saturday, Mavericks goalie **Brianna Quade** turned away 47 shots to keep the hosts close in a 2-1 loss. MSU freshman **Elin Johansson** scored her first career goal.

St. Cloud State's **Eric Rud** notched his first career head coaching victory when the Huskies opened the home season with a 2-0 victory over Lindenwood in non-conference play. **Lexi Slattery** and **Payge Pena** scored for the Huskies and goalie **Julie Friend** made 27 stops, including a penalty shot, to get the shutout. Lindenwood rallied for a series split, winning 5-3 Saturday despite a pair of goals by St. Cloud's **Amanda Arbogast**. The Huskies' split helped WCHA teams up the league's record in non-conference play to 13-4-1 (.710).

Wisconsin used two goals each night from **Brittany Ammerman** and shutout goaltending from **Ann-Renée Desbiens** to beat Ohio State 6-0 and 3-0. **Blayre Turnbull** had a goal and three assists in the series opener, while Desbiens made 28 saves. Desbiens ran her record to 4-0-0 on the year with an 18-save whitewash in the series finale.

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WCHA Players of the Week

North Dakota's Kohler, Wisconsin's Desbiens and Minnesota Duluth's Löwenhielm Named WCHA Players of the Week for Games of Oct. 3-5, 2014

A streaking scorer, a netminder on a scoreless run and an international freshman sensation are the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for games of Oct. 10-12, 2014: North Dakota junior forward Becca Kohler (Offensive Player of the Week), Wisconsin sophomore goaltender Ann-Renée Desbiens (Defensive Player of the Week) and Minnesota Duluth freshman forward Michelle Löwenhielm (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Becca Kohler, Jr., F, North Dakota

Kohler, a junior from St. Thomas, Ontario, turned in a five-point weekend to extend her season-opening and career-best scoring streak to four games. She helped on all but one of UND's five goals in a 5-0 victory at Minnesota State, including assisting on each goal of Meghan Dufault's hat trick. Her four-point effort Friday night was a career-high, while her second period goal on Saturday night tied the game 1-1 en route to a 2-1 UND victory. She finished with a +3 rating on the weekend. Kohler leads all WCHA players and is second in the nation with 2.25 points per game, having totaled four goals and five assists in four contests.

Also nominated: Brittany Ammerman, Sr., F, Wisconsin; Hannah Brandt, Jr., F, Minnesota.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Ann-Renée Desbiens, So., G, Wisconsin

Desbiens, a sophomore from La Malbaie, Québec, had a stellar weekend in net for the No. 1 Badgers, earning back-to-back shutouts to propel Wisconsin to a sweep of visiting Ohio State. In Friday's 6-0 win, she stopped a career-high 28 shots, while she had 18 saves in Sunday's 3-0 blanking. On the season, Desbiens has a goals-against average of 0.75 and a save percentage of .965.

Also nominated: Kayla Black, Jr., G, Minnesota Duluth; Gracen Hirschy, So., D, North Dakota; Amanda Leveille, Jr., G, Minnesota

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Michelle Löwenhielm, F, Minnesota Duluth

Löwenhielm, a freshman from Sollentuna, Sweden, had one goal and one assist for UMD in Saturday's 3-3 tie with top-ranked Minnesota in Duluth. The forward now leads the Bulldogs with five points (2g, 3a) in five games, good for fourth-best among all NCAA rookies and second in the WCHA.

Also nominated: Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin



Previous Winners

Games of
Sept. 26-28
Oct. 3-5

Offensive
Karley Sylvester, Sr., F, Wisconsin
Claudia Kepler, So, F, Ohio State

Defensive
Ivana Bilic, Jr., D, Bemidji State
Lee Stecklein, So, D, Minnesota

Rookie
Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin
Emily Clark, F, Wisconsin



National Polls, Against the Rest and Head-to-Head

USCHO.com Division 1 Women's Poll

Oct. 13, 2014

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Points	Last Poll
1	Wisconsin (13)	6-0-0	148	2
2	Minnesota (2)	3-0-1	135	1
3	Harvard	0-0-0	107	4
4	Boston College	2-0-1	106	3
5	Cornell	0-0-0	95	5
6	Boston University	1-1-0	69	6
7	Clarkson	3-1-0	52	9
8	Mercyhurst	3-0-1	37	7
9	Quinnipiac	2-0-1	30	8
10	North Dakota	3-1-0	24	10

Also receiving votes: Bemidji State 11, Minnesota Duluth 8, St. Lawrence 3

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Division 1 Women's College Hockey Poll

Oct. 14, 2014

Rank	Team, Points (1st place)	Last Wk	Record	Top 10
1	Wisconsin, 183 (13)	2	6-0-0	4
2	Minnesota, 177 (6)	1	3-0-1	4
3	Boston College, 146	3	2-0-1	4
4	Harvard, 130	4	0-0-0	4
5	Cornell, 104	5	0-0-0	4
6	Boston University, 102	6	1-1-0	4
7	Clarkson, 61	9	3-1-0	4
8	North Dakota, 53	n/a	3-1-0	3
9	Quinnipiac, 34	8	2-0-1	2
1.	Mercyhurst, 32	7	3-0-1	4

Also receiving votes: Minnesota Duluth, 13; Bemidji State, 7; Northeastern, 2; St. Lawrence, 1

2014-15 WCHA Team-by-Team Against the Rest

By Team	vs CHA	vs ECAC	vs HEA	vs Ind	Total
Bemidji State	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0
Minnesota	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
Minnesota Duluth	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1
Minnesota State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
North Dakota	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Ohio State	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
St. Cloud State	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	1-3-0
Wisconsin	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
TOTALS:	6-2-0	2-0-0	5-2-1	0-0-0	13-4-1
	(.750)	(1.000)	(.688)	(.000)	(.750)

By Site	vs CHA	vs ECAC	vs HEA	vs Ind	Total
Home	2-1-0	2-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0	8-2-0
Away	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	5-0-1
Neutral	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-0
TOTALS:	6-2-0	2-0-0	5-2-1	0-0-0	13-4-1
	(.750)	(1.000)	(.688)	(.000)	(.750)

2014-15 WCHA Head-to-Head

	BSU	UM	UMD	MSU	UND	OSU	SCSU	UW	W-L-T-SW	Pts
BSU	---	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0
UM	0-0-0	---	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1-0	4
UMD	0-0-0	0-1-1	---	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-3-1-1	2
MSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	---	0-2-0	-0-0-0	-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-2-0-0	0
UND	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	---	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6
OSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	---	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-2-0-0	0
SCSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	---	0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0
UW	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	---	4-0-0-0	12

WCHA Team Notebooks



Bemidji State University Beavers

- The Beavers (4-0-0), idle the weekend of Oct. 10-11, open WCHA play Oct. 17-18 at Ohio State.
- The Beavers knocked off both Rensselaer and Vermont Oct. 4-5 by identical 4-0 scores. It was the first time BSU posted back-to-back shutouts since Jan. 5, 11, 2013 versus Minnesota State and St. Cloud State.
- With pair of wins, Bemidji State not only improves upon the best start in program history (4-0-0) but it also matches a program record for the longest winning streak (4).
- BSU improves to 1-0-0 versus RPI and 4-0-1 against Vermont. The win over RPI was the first ever victory for BSU over a member of the ECAC conference.
- The Beavers have had a varied offense attack this season, as 17 of 21 skaters have scored at least one point.
- Junior **Megan Lushanko** continues to have breakout season as she added three more points against RPI and Vermont (1 goal, 2 assists). Lushanko leads the Beavers in scoring with five points (2 goals, 3 assists).
- Freshman **Reilly Fawcett** made her collegiate debut vs. Vermont and started her career with a two-point game, with a pair of assists.
- Defenseman **Ivana Bilic** had a pair of assists and a +3 plus/minus rating. The Coquitlam, British Columbia native has scored a point in all four of BSU's games.
- Goalie **Brittini Mowat** made 28 saves in BSU's 4-0 win over Vermont. It was Mowat's fourth career shutout and her 12th career win. Despite being a sophomore, Mowat ranks third in shutouts (4) and is tied with former Beaver goaltender Anik Cote for fifth on the all-time wins list (12).
- Goaltender **Erin Deters** also posted a shutout over RPI. It was Deters' first career shutout. The Sartell, Minn. native has a 2-0-0 record with a 0.50 goals against average and .978 save percentage.
- The eight-member junior class has accounted for 27 of the team's 42 points.
- First-year head coach **Jim Scanlan** has won his first four games. Scanlan, a former BSU goaltender, replaced Steve Sertich who retired following last season.



University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

- The No. 2 Golden Gophers (1-0-1-0, 4 points, 3-0-1) opened league play with a win and a tie on the road at Minnesota Duluth last weekend.
- The Gophers earned a 3-0 shutout win on Friday before ending the weekend with a 3-3 overtime tie on Saturday. The Bulldogs won the shootout, 2-1, to secure an extra point in the WCHA standings.
- The Gophers continue WCHA action on the road this weekend, traveling to No. 1 Wisconsin (6-0-0, 4-0-0) for a Friday-Saturday series. Game time is 7:07 p.m. Friday and 3:07 p.m. Saturday at LaBahn Arena.
- Minnesota enters this weekend's series with a 40-26-8 all-time mark against Wisconsin. The Gophers have won the last 11-straight meetings between the two teams, including most recently a 5-3 comeback win in the 2014 NCAA Women's Frozen Four semifinal.
- In the Gophers' 3-0 win over the Bulldogs last Friday, **Dani Cameranesi** (1g-2a) and **Hannah Brandt** (2g) led the offense while **Amanda Leveille** earned her 17th career shutout with 26 saves.
- Saturday, the Gophers tied the game late in the third period to send the game to overtime after the Bulldogs led 2-0 and 3-1. Brandt led Minnesota with two goals, and Leveille made 25 saves. **Meghan Lorence** also scored for the Gophers, but the game ended in a 3-3 overtime tie. Leveille made two shootout saves, and Brandt scored the Gophers' lone goal as UMD won the four-round shootout, 2-1.
- Through four games, Brandt (6g-2a) leads the Gophers and is tied for third in the nation with eight points; her six goals lead the NCAA as well. Cameranesi (3g-3a), **Rachael Bona** (5a), Lorence (4g-1a), **Milica McMillen** (3g-2a) and **Lee Stecklein** (5a) make up Minnesota's top scorers.
- McMillen is tied for the national lead with three power-play goals, averaging 0.75 power play goals per game. The Gophers also have the top power play unit in the NCAA, converting on eight of 15 opportunities for a .533 percentage.
- The Gophers' defensemen lead the nation's blue-liners in scoring, averaging 5.25 points per game. Minnesota is led by McMillen (3g-2a), Stecklein (5a) and **Rachel Ramsey** (4a), and all three rank among the NCAA's top five defensive scorers.
- Fifteen of Minnesota's 18 skaters already have registered at least one point this season, including three of the Gophers' four rookies. Freshmen **Cara Piazza** (2g), **Nina Rodgers** (1a) and **Kelly Pannek** (1a) have all recorded their first collegiate points. Freshman defenseman **Sydney Baldwin** has also seen action in all four games for the Gophers this season.
- With 19 goals in four games, the Gophers' offense ranks second in the nation, averaging 4.75 goals per game. Minnesota's 1.25 goals against average is tied for sixth in the NCAA.
- At 17-for-18, Minnesota is tied for sixth in the nation with a .944 penalty kill percentage.
- Minnesota is 98-3-3 in its last 104 games, including an NCAA-record 62-game winning streak (Feb. 28, 2012 through Nov. 17, 2013).

Team Notebooks con't



University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

- The Bulldogs (0-3-1-1, 2 points, 1-3-2) responded from a 3-0 loss Friday night at AMSOIL Arena to then-No. 1 Minnesota by picking up a 3-3 tie Saturday night before earning the extra shootout point in four skaters.
- In Friday's 3-0 setback, Bulldog goaltender **Kayla Black** responded to stern accountability with 35 saves on 38 shots, and allowed just one even strength goal.
- The following night the Bulldogs struck first on a quick trigger goal by senior **Emma Stauber**. UMD doubled their lead 2:53 into the second period on **Jenna McParland's** finish of a pretty passing play to take over the game at 2-0.
- After Minnesota cut the lead to a single goal late in the second stanza, rookie **Michelle Löwenhielm** helped the Bulldogs cash in on the power play 3:46 into the third period. The Gophers would add two more goals but neither team could break the stalemate.
- **Meghan Huertas** and **Katrina Mrazova** both connected on their shootout attempts to secure the extra point for UMD. Mrazova is now 2-of-2 lifetime in WCHA shootout attempts.
- In all, Black made 65 saves on the weekend and two in the shootout.
- **Jenna McParland** inched closer to the 100 career point mark with her goal in the second period on Saturday. McParland has 45 goals and 52 assists for 97 points.
- UMD averaged 27 shots a game in the series after averaging just 19.5 the previous weekend against Wisconsin. The Bulldogs are now averaging 31 shots a skate through their first six games.
- With a goal and an assist in Saturday's skate, Löwenhielm now leads UMD with five points (2g, 3a) in five games. She is also currently the fifth-ranked rookie scorer in the NCAA and second in the WCHA.
- Four Bulldog players have four points, including **Zoe Hickel**, who has a team-high three goals.



Minnesota State University Mavericks

- The The Mavericks (0-2-0-0, 0 points, 0-2-0) were swept in their opening weekend of play by visiting No. 10 North Dakota last Friday and Saturday by scores of 5-0 and 2-1.
- This was the first time the Mavericks were swept in their opening weekend of play since the 2004-05 season, when they were swept by Ohio State.
- The Mavericks power play unit struggled last weekend, going 0-5 while UND went 3-6 with the extra skater.
- MSU was outshot by UND 88-24 in the series.
- Freshman **Elin Johansson** scored her first career goal and the Mavericks only goal on the weekend.
- Freshman **Nicole Schammel** tallied her first career assist in the 2-1 loss against North Dakota.
- Sophomore goaltender **Samantha Quade** made her first career start on Saturday, amassing 47 saves while giving up two power-play goals.
- The Mavericks will continue play this weekend with a home-and-home series with St. Cloud State. The Mavericks and the Huskies are deadlocked in their all-time series at 29-29-7.

Team Notebooks con't



University of North Dakota

- No. 10/8 North Dakota (2-0-0-0, 6 points, 3-1-0) returns home after picking up two wins against Minnesota State on the road. UND hosts WCHA rival Minnesota Duluth on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m., at Ralph Engelstad Arena.
- North Dakota began conference action with a road sweep of Minnesota State. UND powered past the Mavericks in their season-opener on Friday, Oct. 10, downing MSU 5-0.
- **Meghan Dufault** led the way for UND, scoring her third career hat trick, which included one power-play goal, one even-strength goal and one shorthanded goal. Her first goal also counted as the game-winner.
- **Becca Kohler** recorded assists on four of the five UND goals, including helping on each of Dufault's three goals.
- Defensemen **Gracen Hirschy** and **Halli Krzyzaniak** picked up their first goals of the season to add to Dufault's three.
- **Shelby Amsley-Benzie** was in net for UND, making 15 saves for her sixth career shutout.
- The following night proved to be a bit tougher for North Dakota, but UND was still able to grind out the gritty road win for the sweep.
- Minnesota State opened the scoring in the first period to take a 1-0 lead into the second period. With 25 shots on goal in the second period alone, UND finally put one past MSU goaltender Brianna Quade in the closing minute of the second frame. Kohler scored her fourth of the season while on the power play to tie the game at one apiece to start the third.
- Halfway through the closing period, **Amy Menke** scored just 16 seconds into a power play to give UND the 2-1 lead.
- UND's **Lexie Shaw** stopped a slew of late Minnesota State rushes to pick up her first win of the season.
- UND's special teams were spectacular in the series against the Mavericks; going three-for-six on the power play and five-for-five on the penalty kill.
- Kohler is currently on a career-high four-game point streak to start the season. In that span she has totaled four goals, including a hat trick, and five assists for nine points.
- Hirschy is on a two-game point streak, having scored one goal and on assist in the previous two contests. This is her seventh two-game point-streak.
- North Dakota has gone 18-for-18 on the penalty kill and 5-for-11 (.455) on the power play to start the season. UND's **Andrea Dalen** and Dufault have also scored two shorthanded goals.
- Kohler recorded her first career hat trick on Oct. 3 against RPI, scoring one goal each period against the Engineers.
- Dufault scored her third career hat trick on Oct. 11 against Minnesota State. Dufault scored one even-strength goal, one power-play goal and one shorthanded goal for the hat trick.
- Dufault recorded five assists on eight of the UND goals scored over the Oct. 3-4 weekend to open the season. Dufault is sixth all-time in program history with 43 assists.



Ohio State University Buckeyes

- The Buckeyes (0-2-0-0, 0 points, 2-2-0) were swept by second-ranked Wisconsin (6-0-0, 4-0-0-0 WCHA) over the weekend by scores of 6-0 Friday and 3-0 Sunday. Both games took place at LaBahn Arena in Madison, Wisc.
- The Wisconsin series marked the Buckeyes' first road trip of the season, as well as the Scarlet and Gray's conference-opening matchup.
- In the series opener, Ohio State's defensive unit was unable to withstand pressure from Wisconsin's high-powered offense. Six different Badgers recorded goals in the contest. Buckeye goalies **Kassidy Sauve** and **Stacy Danczak** each saw time in front of the net. Sauve played 43:20 with 18 saves credited, while Danczak earned 16:22 in playing time and posted five stops.
- On Sunday, the Buckeyes were once again shutout of the scoring column. Sauve, a freshman this season, earned a season-high 44 saves in 59:37 minutes of play. She recorded 22 saves in the second period alone.
- At 12-for-16, the Buckeyes' penalty kill rating is 75 percent. Ohio State's power play unit, however, has not converted in 21 opportunities thus far.
- Sophomore standout **Claudia Kepler** continues to lead the team with two goals scored.
- **Sara** and **Kari Schmitt** remain eighth (61) and ninth (57) on Ohio State's all-time list of career points by a defenseman. Sara needs one point to advance to seventh all-time, while Kari needs three to advance to eighth.
- Sara, a senior from Canton, Mich., will don the captain's "C" for the Scarlet and Gray during the 2014-15 season, while fellow seniors Kari and **Kara Gust** will be recognized as the team's assistant captains.

Team Notebooks con't



St. Cloud State University Huskies

- The Huskies (1-3-0) played their first home series Oct. 10-11, hosting two non-conference games against Lindenwood University.
- SCSU posted a series split, with head coach **Eric Rud** earning his first career win with a 2-0 triumph on Oct. 10.
- Lindenwood came back on Oct. 11 and took a 5-3 victory.
- Junior transfer **Lexi Slattery** scored her first goal as a Husky on Friday's game, when the Huskies were sent on the power play.
- **Payge Pena** scored her first goal of her sophomore year with a tipped in shot after Slattery took a shot from the point, to get the assist and make it a two point night for her.
- **Julie Friend** got her first shutout of the season, stopping 27 shots.
- In Saturday's Oct. 11 loss, Lindenwood got themselves on the board only 3:07 into the first. The Huskies' Pena responded late into the first to tie it up and gain her second goal of the season, with assist going to **Abby Ness** and **Molly Illikainen**.
- After Lindenwood scored 3 unanswered goals to take the lead 4-1, SCSU's **Amanda Arbogast** scored back to back goals in the third period. Her first goal was at the 4:16 mark and assisted by senior **Audrey Hanmer**, and the second at the 14:01 mark assisted by sophomore **Christa Moody**.



University of Wisconsin Badgers

- Off to its best start since the 2010-11 season, the No. 1 Badgers (4-0-0-0, 12 points, 6-0-0) face their biggest test of the season this weekend in No. 2 Minnesota. The Badgers and Golden Gophers meet on Friday in a 7 p.m. tilt at LaBahn Arena before wrapping up the Border Battle series on Saturday at 3 p.m.
- For the first time since 2012, the Badgers checked in at No. 1 in the USCHO.com Poll, as Wisconsin received 13 first-place votes and 148 points.
- Wisconsin leads the nation in scoring offense, averaging 5.00 goals per game. Wisconsin has outscored its opponents 30-4 during its six games this season. Wisconsin also ranks third in the nation in scoring defense, holding opponents to 0.67 goals per contest.
- One of the most impressive aspects about the Badgers this year has been their penalty kill, as UW is 28 of 28 on the penalty kill this year. In addition, Wisconsin has scored two short-handed goals.
- **Brittany Ammerman** had four goals on the weekend, as she now leads Wisconsin with five goals on the season. Ammerman has an eight-game point streak dating back to UW's 2-1 win over Harvard in the NCAA quarterfinals last year.
- **Annie Pankowski** leads the nation in assists with 10, and her 1.75 assists per game average is tied for the nation's best mark.
- **Karley Sylvester** leads the nation in points with 12, and is riding a seven-game point streak dating back to last year's Frozen Four game.
- **Ann-Renée Desbiens** posted two shutouts against Ohio State and now has a .965 save percentage and a goals-against average of 0.75 in the four games she's played this year.
- At LaBahn Arena, the Badgers are tough to beat, as UW is 32-6-1 (.875) at the new barn. The Badgers have outscored their opponents 125-46 at LaBahn Arena, and have posted 13 shutouts.
- Wisconsin leads the nation in shots, averaging 44.75 shots per contest. UW also ranks third in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 5.25 goals per game. The Badgers also have a stingy defense, holding opponents to an average of 1.00 goals per game, the fifth-best mark nationally.
- Wisconsin's freshman class of Pankowski, **Emily Clark**, **Baylee Wellhausen**, **Lauren Williams** and **Maddie Rolfes** leads the NCAA in freshmen scoring, as the quintet averages 3.17 points per contest.
- The Badgers' senior class of Ammerman, Sylvester, **Blayre Turnbull**, **Katy Josephs** and **Katarina Zgraja** also leads the NCAA in senior class scoring, averaging 5.50 points per contest.
- Wisconsin leads the nation in shots on goal, averaging 42.50 shots on net. UW's shot margin of 23.50 ranks second in the nation behind only Quinnipiac.
- Through six games this season, 14 different Badgers have scored goals. Eight of the 14 players that have scored have multiple goals this season.



2014-15 WCHA Women's Schedule

September

Date	Game	Time
Fri/26	Minnesota Duluth @ Connecticut (NC)	7:00 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Robert Morris (NC)	7:05 pm ET
	Wisconsin @ Lindenwood (NC)	7:00 pm CT
	Toronto Jr Aeros @ St. Cloud State (EX)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/27	Minnesota Duluth @ Connecticut (NC)	3:00 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Robert Morris (NC)	3:05 pm ET
	Wisconsin @ Lindenwood (NC)	3:00 pm CT
	Toronto Jr Aeros @ North Dakota (EX)	7:07 pm CT
Sun/28	Western Ontario @ Ohio State (EX)	11:07 am ET

October

Date	Game	Time
Fri/3	New Hampshire @ Ohio State (NC)	6:07 pm ET
	St. Cloud State vs Boston University @ Ridder Arena, Minneapolis (NC)	4:07 pm CT
	Penn State @ Minnesota (NC)	7:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	Vermont @ Bemidji State (NC)	7:07 pm CT
	Rensselaer @ North Dakota (NC)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/4	New Hampshire @ Ohio State (NC)	2:07 pm ET
	St. Cloud State vs Penn State @ Ridder Arena, Minneapolis (NC)	4:07 pm CT
	Boston University @ Minnesota (NC)	7:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	Rensselaer @ Bemidji State (NC)	7:07 pm CT
	Vermont @ North Dakota (NC)	7:07 pm CT
Fri/10	Ohio State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Lindenwood @ St. Cloud State (NC)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/11	North Dakota @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Lindenwood @ St. Cloud State (NC)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
Sun/12	Ohio State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	1:07 pm CT
Fri/17	Bemidji State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Minnesota @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Minnesota Duluth @ North Dakota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/18	Bemidji State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	12:07 pm ET
	Minnesota @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Minnesota Duluth @ North Dakota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Fri/24	Minnesota State @ Mercyhurst (NC)	7:00 pm ET
	North Dakota @ Minnesota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/25	Minnesota State @ Mercyhurst (NC)	2:00 pm ET
	Lindenwood @ Minnesota Duluth (NC)	3:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/26	Lindenwood @ Minnesota Duluth (NC)	3:07 pm CT
Fri/31	St. Cloud State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ North Dakota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT

November

Date	Game	Time
Sat/1	St. Cloud State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	1:07 pm ET
	Minnesota State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ North Dakota (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/2	Minnesota State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
Fri/7	St. Cloud State @ Rensselaer (NC)	3:00 pm ET
	Ohio State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
Sat/8	St. Cloud State @ Rensselaer (WCHA)	3:00 pm ET
	Ohio State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	1:07 pm CT
Thu/13	Minnesota State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Fri/14	North Dakota @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	TBA pm CT
	Minnesota @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Sat/15	Minnesota @ Ohio State (WCHA)	2:07 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Fri/21	Wisconsin @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Cornell @ Minnesota Duluth (NC)	4:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/22	Wisconsin @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
	Cornell @ Minnesota Duluth (NC)	6:07 pm CT
Mon/24	St. Cloud State vs Minnesota @ U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game, Braemar Arena, Edina, MN (NC)	7:00 pm CT
Fri/28	Wisconsin @ New Hampshire (NC)	7:00 pm ET
	Ohio State @ Robert Morris (NC)	7:00 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Sat/29	Minnesota @ Princeton (NC)	2:00 pm ET
	Wisconsin @ New Hampshire (NC)	2:00 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Sun/30	Minnesota @ Princeton (NC)	2:00 pm ET
	St. Cloud State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT

December

Date	Game	Time
Wed/3	Pursuit of Excellence @ Bemidji State (EX)	7:07 pm CT
Fri/5	Minnesota Duluth @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	North Dakota @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/6	Minnesota Duluth @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/7	North Dakota @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Fri/12	North Dakota @ RIT (NC)	3:00 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/13	North Dakota @ RIT (WCHA)	3:00 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
Fri/19	Ohio State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/20	Ohio State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT



January

Date	Game	Time
Fri/2	Bemidji State @ Lindenwood (NC)	7:00 pm CT
Sat/3	Ohio State @ Penn State (NC)	7:00 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Lindenwood (NC)	3:00 pm CT
	St. Lawrence @ Minnesota State (NC)	6:07 pm CT
Sun/4	Ohio State @ Penn State (NC)	2:00 pm ET
	St. Lawrence @ Minnesota (NC)	4:07 pm CT
Tue/6	St. Lawrence @ Minnesota (NC)	7:07 pm CT
Wed/7	Minnesota State @ Lindenwood (NC)	7:00 pm CT
Fri/9	Ohio State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Lindenwood (NC)	7:00 pm CT
Sat/10	Ohio State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Lindenwood (NC)	2:00 pm CT
	Syracuse @ North Dakota (NC)	2:07 pm CT
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/11	Wisconsin @ Minnesota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	Syracuse @ North Dakota (NC)	2:07 pm CT
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
Fri/16	North Dakota @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/17	North Dakota @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/18	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
Fri/23	Minnesota @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/24	Clarkson @ Wisconsin (NC)	2:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Bemidji State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Sun/25	Clarkson @ Wisconsin (NC)	12:07 pm CT
	Bemidji State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
Fri/30	North Dakota @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Wisconsin @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/31	Wisconsin @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ Minnesota (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT

February

Date	Game	Time
Mon/2	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Fri/6	Minnesota State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ North Dakota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/7	Minnesota State @ Ohio State (WCHA)	2:07 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	TBA pm CT
	St. Cloud State @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ North Dakota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Fri/13	Wisconsin @ Ohio State (WCHA)	6:07 pm ET
	Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota (WCHA)	TBA pm CT
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/14	Wisconsin @ Ohio State (WCHA)	TBA pm ET
	Bemidji State @ Minnesota State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	North Dakota @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	3:07 pm CT
	Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Mon/16	Minnesota State @ St. Cloud State (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT

Date	Game	Time
Fri/20	St. Cloud State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	Minnesota @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	6:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	7:07 pm CT
Sat/21	Minnesota @ Bemidji State (WCHA)	2:07 pm CT
	Minnesota State @ North Dakota (WCHA)	4:07 pm CT
Sun/22	St. Cloud State @ Wisconsin (WCHA)	12:07 pm CT
	Ohio State @ Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	12:07 pm CT

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Date	Game	Time
Fri/27	2015 WCHA Playoffs • 1st Round • Best-of-Three	TBA
	#8 Rank @ #1 Rank	TBA
	#7 Rank @ #2 Rank	TBA
	#6 Rank @ #3 Rank	TBA
	#5 Rank @ #4 Rank	TBA
Sat/28	2015 WCHA Playoffs • 1st Round • Best-of-Three	TBA
	#8 Rank @ #1 Rank	TBA
	#7 Rank @ #2 Rank	TBA
	#6 Rank @ #3 Rank	TBA
	#5 Rank @ #4 Rank	TBA

March

Date	Game	Time
Sun/1	2015 WCHA Playoffs • 1st Round • Best-of-3 (if necessary)	
	#8 Rank @ #1 Rank	TBA
	#7 Rank @ #2 Rank	TBA
	#6 Rank @ #3 Rank	TBA
	#5 Rank @ #4 Rank	TBA
Sat/7	2015 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF	
	@ Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks, ND	
	Semifinal	TBA pm CT
	Semifinal	TBA pm CT
Sun/8	2015 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF	
	@ Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks, ND	
	Championship Game	TBA pm CT
Fri/13	2015 NCAA Regionals @ TBA	TBA
Sat/14	2015 NCAA Regionals @ TBA	TBA
Sun/15	2015 NCAA Regionals @ TBA	TBA
Fri/20	2015 NCAA Women's Frozen Four	TBA
	@ Ridder Arena, Minneapolis, MN	
	Semifinals	TBA pm CT
	Semifinals	TBA pm CT
Sun/22	2015 NCAA Women's Frozen Four	
	@ Ridder Arena, Minneapolis, MN	
	National Championship Game	TBA pm CT

Key

Home games face-off at either :07 or :37 after the hour (WCHA) conference; (NC) non-conference; (EX) exhibition

Team Arenas (Capacity)

- Bemidji State University • Sanford Center (4,373)
- University of Minnesota • Ridder Arena (3,400)
- University of Minnesota Duluth • AMSOIL Arena (6,600)
- Minnesota State University • All Seasons Arena (750)
- University of North Dakota • Ralph Engelstad Arena (11,634)
- Ohio State University • OSU Ice Rink (800)
- St. Cloud State University • Herb Brooks National Hockey Center (5,371)
- University of Wisconsin • LaBahn Arena (2,273)