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WCHA Week Two: Badgers, Bulldogs Renew Rivalry

*#2 Wisconsin and #10 UMD square off to open conference season;
 Five other teams in non-conference action this weekend*

Opening Face-Off

- **Rivalry to Start WCHA Schedule:** Wisconsin and Minnesota Duluth, programs that have combined to win nine women's national championships collide this weekend in a league-opening series at AMSOIL Arena in Duluth. The Badgers were 3-0-1 against the Bulldogs in 2013-14 and have won five of the past six match-ups.
- **Big Weekend and Rud debut at Ridder Arena:** #1 Minnesota hosts a four-team event this weekend, welcoming #4 Boston University, Penn State and St. Cloud State to Ridder Arena. Huskies coach Eric Rud will make his regular season coaching debut over the weekend.

Three Stars

- **Top of the Charts:** Half of the league's teams - four -remain ranked in the top-10 nationally. Minnesota and Wisconsin are 1-2 in both the USCHO.com and USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine polls, while North Dakota ranks 8th/7th and Minnesota Duluth is 10th.
- **Opening Weekend Success:** Bemidji State, Minnesota Duluth and Wisconsin all opened the regular season last weekend, combining to go 5-0-1 in a trio of non-conference road series. The WCHA has gone 36-12-3 (.735) in non-conference play the last two years.
- **First Impressions:** Jim Scanlan made his Division 1 head coaching debut last weekend and promptly guided Bemidji State to the first 2-0-0 start in the program's 16-year history. Scanlan's squad posted an impressive road sweep at Robert Morris, a team picked as the co-favorite in College Hockey America.

2014-15 WCHA Standings

	Pts	Conference Only						Overall								
		GP	W	L	T	SW	Win%	GF-	GA	GP	W	L	T	Win%	GF-	GA
Bemidji State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	2	2-	0-	0	1.00	8-	3
Minnesota	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	0	0-	0-	0	----	0-	0
Minnesota Duluth	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	2	1-	0-	1	.750	7-	4
Minnesota State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	0	0-	0-	0	----	0-	0
North Dakota	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	0	0-	0-	0	----	0-	0
Ohio State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	0	0-	0-	0	----	0-	0
St. Cloud State	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	0	0-	0-	0	----	0-	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0-	0-	0	0	----	0-	0	2	2-	0-	0	1.00	11-	1

(shootout win = 1 additional point)

This Week in the WCHA (all times local)

Games for Friday, Oct. 3: Wisconsin at Minnesota Duluth, 6:07 p.m. CT; New Hampshire at Ohio State, 6:07 p.m. ET (nc); Rensselaer at North Dakota, 7:07 p.m. CT (nc); Vermont at Bemidji State, 7:07 p.m. (nc); Boston University vs. St. Cloud State at Minneapolis, 4:07 p.m. CT (nc); Penn State at Minnesota, 7:07 p.m. CT (nc)

Games for Saturday, Oct. 4: Wisconsin at Minnesota Duluth, 6:07 p.m. CT; New Hampshire at Ohio State, 2:07 pm ET (nc); Vermont at North Dakota, 7:07 p.m. CT (nc); Rensselaer at Bemidji State, 7:07 p.m. (nc); Penn State vs. St. Cloud State, 4:07 p.m. CT (nc); Boston University at Minnesota, 7:07 p.m. CT (nc)



The Week Ahead: Badgers, Bulldogs Renew Rivalry in WCHA Season Opener

#2 Wisconsin and #10 Minnesota Duluth, programs that have combined to win nine women's national championships and teams that are coming off success on the road in the opening weekend of play, collide at AMSOIL Arena in Duluth, Minn. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4 in the opening series of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association season.

This rivalry has produced great teams – the Badgers have won four national championships and the Bulldogs five – and great games. There has been at least one overtime game in 13 of the 15 previous seasons that the teams have met; and, of the 71 games between the two teams, 22 of the contests have gone into extra sessions, including the Nov. 29 game in Duluth last year. The Badgers have taken a 31-29-11 lead in the all-time series by winning five of the past six matchups, including three of the four games last season.

Five other WCHA teams will see non-conference action this weekend:

- New Hampshire visits Ohio State in a Hockey East-WCHA matchup Friday and Saturday.
- Rennselaer plays at #7 North Dakota on Friday and travels to Bemidji State on Saturday.
- Vermont goes to Bemidji State Friday in the first home game for new Beavers' coach Jim Scanlan and the Catamounts play North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D. on Saturday.
- Ridder Arena in Minneapolis hosts a four-team college hockey event this weekend, as well. Eric Rud makes his coaching debut for St. Cloud State against #4 Boston University this Friday afternoon, followed by Penn State against #1 Minnesota. The Gophers host BU Saturday night after St. Cloud plays Penn State in the afternoon.

Minnesota State remains idle until Oct. 10-11 when it opens WCHA play at home against North Dakota.

The Week That Was: WCHA Opens 5-0-1 in Non-Conference Action

The three WCHA teams that opened play in September acquitted themselves well. In three road series, the WCHA went 5-0-1 last weekend in the first games of the new season.

Bemidji State swept Robert Morris by scores of 5-2 and 3-1 in Pittsburgh, Pa.. It is the first 2-0-0 start in the 16-year history for the Beavers. New coach Jim Scanlan saw 11 different players scored at least one point in the series against a team picked as a co-favorite in College Hockey America. Junior Kaitlyn Tougas had a career-high three points in Friday's 5-2 win. She assisted on Bemidji State's first two goals and had a goal of her own. Stephanie Anderson had a goal in each game and freshman Alexis Joyce had two points in the series finale.

Wisconsin won a pair of games at Lindenwood, defeating the Lady Lions, 6-0 and 5-2. Six different players scored for UW

Last Week in the WCHA

Results of Friday, Sept. 26:

Wisconsin 5 at Lindenwood 1 (nc);
Bemidji State 5 at Robert Morris 2 (nc);
Minnesota Duluth 4 at Connecticut 4, OT (nc);
Toronto Aeros 0 at St. Cloud State 3 (ex.)

Results of Saturday, Sept. 27:

Wisconsin 6 at Lindenwood 0 (nc); Bemidji State 3 at Robert Morris 1 (nc);
Minnesota Duluth 3 at Connecticut 0 (nc);
Toronto Aeros 1 at North Dakota 9 (ex.)

Results of Sunday, Sept. 28:

Western Ontario 2 at Ohio State 2 (ex.)

during the series against Lindenwood, and four players scored two or more goals during the series. Senior Katy Joseph scored three times and another senior, Karley Sylvester, enjoyed one of her best weekends at Wisconsin, tallying a goal and an assist on Friday before recording a goal and three assists on Saturday. Her four points on Saturday were the most of her career. Freshman Annie Pankowski had an impressive debut, as she recorded four assists in UW's series finale. Her four assists are tied for the third-most in program history, and are tied for the most by a UW freshman. Junior Jorie Walters made her first career start for Wisconsin on Saturday and stopped all 19 shots she faced to earn her first career win and shutout.

Minnesota Duluth prepared for its series with the Badgers by going to Storrs, Conn and tying and beating Connecticut, 4-4 and 3-0. UMD spotted the Huskies three goals before roaring back to tie Friday. Sophomore centers Lara Stalder and Ashleigh Brykaliuk each had two goals for the Bulldogs. Rookie Michelle Lowenhielm had a goal and an assist Saturday afternoon for a total of three points (1g, 2a) on the weekend. Senior winger Jenna McParland had two assists Friday night, pushing her to 95 career points (43g, 52a) in her attempt to become the 19th player to join UMD's 100 point club.

While three teams had successful weekends in non-conference play, three more WCHA squads played exhibition games. St. Cloud State beat the Toronto Aeros 3-0 in Rud's first game behind the Huskies' bench in St. Cloud, Mn. and North Dakota beat Toronto, 9-1, last Saturday in Grand Forks. Ohio State played to a 2-2 with Western Ontario Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.

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Coaches Pick Defending Champ Minnesota as WCHA Favorite in 2014-15

The coaches from the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association stayed with a familiar choice for the 2014-15 season: Once again, the University of Minnesota is the preseason pick to win the championship of a league that has 14 Division I women's national championships in its 15 years of existence.

Minnesota has advanced to the NCAA championship game in each of the last three seasons and won two titles. The Gophers, who also won the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF playoff championship the last three seasons and are the two-time defending WCHA regular season champions, collected six first place votes and 48 points in the annual poll of the league's eight head coaches.

Wisconsin, another NCAA Frozen Four team last season, placed second in the coaches' poll with 44 points and two first place votes. Minnesota Duluth (34 points) edged out a third national top-ten team from a year ago, North Dakota (33 points), for third place in the coaches' poll.

Ohio State, with 26 points, was selected to finish in fifth place, while Minnesota State was tabbed for sixth. Bemidji State was picked as the seventh place finisher, just ahead of St. Cloud State.

Minnesota junior forward Hannah Brandt, the WCHA Player of the Year last season, was the coaches' unanimous preseason choice for the same honors in 2014-15. Wisconsin freshman forward Annie Pankowski is the head coaches' preseason choice as WCHA Rookie of the Year.

2014-15 WCHA Head Coaches' Preseason Poll

Rank	Team (1st place votes)	Points
1	Minnesota (6)	48
2	Wisconsin (2)	44
3	Minnesota Duluth	34
4	North Dakota	33
5	Ohio State	26
6	Minnesota State	17
7	Bemidji State	13
8	St. Cloud State	9

(note: coaches could not vote for their own teams in the poll and points were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system)

WCHA Preseason Player of the Year (votes)

Hannah Brandt, Jr., F, Minnesota (8)

WCHA Preseason Rookie of the Year (votes)

Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin (6); Baylee Wellhausen, F, Wisconsin and Cara Piazza, F, Minnesota (1)

This Week in the National Polls

USCHO.com Division 1 Women's Poll

Sept. 22, 2014

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Points	Last Poll
1	Minnesota (12)	38-2-1	146	2
2	Wisconsin	28-8-2	117	3
3	Boston College	27-7-3	112	5
4	Harvard (1)	23-7-4	98	7
5	Cornell	24-6-4	94	4
6	Boston University (1)	24-13-1	72	9
7	Clarkson (1)	31-5-5	62	1
8	North Dakota	20-12-4	46	8
9	Mercyhurst	24-9-4	35	6
10	Minnesota Duluth	15-15-6	16	NR
	Quinnipac	22-6-9	16	10

Also receiving votes: Northeastern 8, Robert Morris 2, NIT 1

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

Sept. 30, 2014

Rank	Team, Points (1st place)	Last Wk	Record	Top 10
1	Minnesota, 188 (17)	1	0-0-0	2
2	Wisconsin, 165 (2)	2	2-0-0	2
3	Boston College, 140	3	0-0-0	2
4	Boston University, 129	5	0-0-0	2
5	Harvard, 123	4	0-0-0	2
6	Cornell, 92	6	0-0-0	2
7	North Dakota, 62	8	0-0-0	2
8	Clarkson, 61	7	0-0-0	2
9	Mercyhurst, 45	9	0-0-0	2
10	Minnesota Duluth, 15	n/r	1-0-1	1

Also receiving votes: Northeastern, 13; Quinnipac University, 9; Robert Morris, 4.

A Look Back at 2013-14

- Three WCHA member teams ranked among the nation's top 10 in the final two weekly national polls for 2013-14. In the final USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Women's Division 1 College Hockey Poll, Minnesota was ranked No. 2, Wisconsin was No. 3 and North Dakota was No. 8. And in the season's last USCHO.com Women's Division 1 College Hockey Poll, Minnesota was No. 2, Wisconsin was No. 3 and North Dakota was No. 8.
- The WCHA had a participant in the NCAA championship title game for the 15th straight season. Minnesota (38-2-1), after claiming both the regular season and WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF championships, made its third straight Frozen Four appearance and 10th overall, pushing its unbeaten streak to 26 games (25-0-1) before the loss to Clarkson. The Golden Gophers have a 87-2-1 record over the past three seasons and Minnesota has won five national titles – in 2000, 2004, 2005, 2012 and 2013.
- Wisconsin, which finished 28-8-2 overall, also made another trip to the NCAA Frozen Four, dropping a 5-3 decision to the Gophers in a national semifinal on March 21. The Badgers, who are 17-4 in NCAA post-season play, made their seventh trip to the Frozen Four. Wisconsin has won four NCAA titles – in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2011. Minnesota Duluth has also won five national titles.



WCHA Players of the Week

Wisconsin's Sylvester and Pankowski, Bemidji State's Bilic Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

After helping their respective teams to season-opening, weekend road sweeps, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for Sept. 22-28, 2014 are: Wisconsin senior forward Karley Sylvester (Offensive Player of the Week), Bemidji State junior defenseman Ivana Bilic (Defensive Player of the Week) and Wisconsin freshman forward Annie Pankowski (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Karley Sylvester, Sr., F, Wisconsin

Sylvester, a senior from Warroad, Minn., enjoyed a career weekend for the Badgers, helping Wisconsin defeat Lindenwood 5-1 and 6-0. She recorded a career-high four points and a career-high three assists in Saturday's victory, while tallying a goal and an assist in Wisconsin's Friday night triumph.

Sylvester's average of 3.00 points per contest was tops in the nation for the season's opening weekend.

Also nominated: Stephanie Anderson, F, Bemidji State; Lara Stalder, F Minnesota Duluth

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Ivana Bilic, Jr., D, Bemidji State

Bilic, a junior from Coquitlam, B.C., was strong at both ends of the ice, producing two points off a pair of assists in helping Bemidji State sweep Robert Morris, 5-2 and 3-0, in Pittsburgh. She earned a +4 plus/minus rating and helped the Beavers to their first 2-0-0 start in program history. She set up teammate Alexis Joyce's game-winner Saturday in BSU's 3-1 victory over the Colonials.

Bilic also blocked five shots.

Also nominated: Jorie Walters, G, Wisconsin

WCHA Rookie of the Week Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin

Pankowski, a freshman from Laguna Hills, Calif., had a spectacular game against Lindenwood in only her second collegiate contests. She recorded four assists in UW's 6-0, Saturday afternoon victory, which is tied for the third-most in school history.

The 2014 WCHA Preseason Rookie of the Year, Pankowski also had six shots on goal during the series as the Badgers outscored Lindenwood 11-1 during the two-game set.

Her 2.00 points per game average from the opening weekend is tied for second-best in the nation and tops among freshmen

Also nominated: Alexis Joyce, F, Bemidji State; Michelle Lowenheim, F, Minnesota Duluth

WCHA Team Notebooks



Bemidji State University Beavers

- The Beavers (2-0-0) swept Robert Morris over the weekend by scores of 5-2 and 3-1. It is the first 2-0-0 start in program history.
- With the win in the season opener, the Beavers move to 7-8-2 all-time on opening day. BSU has won its opening tilt in four of the past five seasons (4-0-1).
- BSU improves to 7-3-0 versus Robert Morris all-time.
- The Beavers had a varied offensive attack as 11 different players scored at least one point in the series.
- Junior **Kaitlyn Tougas** had the best individual game on the weekend as she scored a career-high three points in Friday's 5-2 win. Tougas assisted BSU's first two goals and lit the lamp with a goal of her own.
- Five players got their first action for the green and white, all were freshmen: **Ciscely Nelson, Erin Deters, Alexis Joyce, Alex Bond, Emma Terres**.
- One of those freshmen, Deters, made her first collegiate start Saturday and allowed just one goal, while making 29 saves to earn her first collegiate victory.
- Another newcomer, Joyce, recorded two points (1 goal, 1 assist) in her first series as a Beaver. Joyce also led BSU with eight blocked shots in the series.
- Junior **Stephanie Anderson** led the Beavers with two goals on the weekend. The pair of lamp lighters were the sixth and seventh goals of Anderson's BSU career.
- Junior **Ivana Bilic** notched a team-high two assists over the weekend. Bilic, who has 18 career points, is one point shy of entering the top 10 all-time list for scoring by defensemen at BSU.
- Bilic was named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Sept. 22-28.
- Head coach **Jim Scanlan** won his first two games as BSU's bench boss. Scanlan, a former BSU goaltender, replaced Steve Sertich who retired following last season.
- Bemidji State opens its home schedule this weekend with a rare split series against University of Vermont (Oct. 3) and Rensselaer (Oct. 4).



University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

- The No. 1 Golden Gophers enter the 2014-15 season as the league's preseason favorite and sits atop the USCHO.com and USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine preseason national polls.
- Under the direction of head coach **Brad Frost**, Minnesota concluded the 2013-14 season just short of a national championship three-peat with a runner-up finish at the 2014 NCAA Women's Frozen Four and a 38-2-1 overall record, the second-most wins in program history.
- Despite falling short of an NCAA three-peat, the Gophers enjoyed a highly successful and exciting 2013-14 campaign, which included earning the program's sixth WCHA Final Face-off title and eighth WCHA regular season title, playing in the program's first-ever outdoor game in the Hockey City Classic at TCF Bank Stadium and making the program's 10th NCAA Frozen Four appearance.
- The Gophers open the 2014-15 season at home this weekend. Minnesota hosts Penn State at 7 p.m. Friday and faces Boston University at 7 p.m. Saturday.
- Friday's game marks the first-ever meeting between Minnesota and Penn State in women's hockey. The Gophers are 3-0-0 all-time against the Boston University, including victories in the 2014 NCAA quarterfinal round and the 2013 NCAA championship game.
- Minnesota is 95-3-2 in its last 100 games, including an NCAA-record 62-game winning streak (Feb. 28, 2012 through Nov. 17, 2013)
- Minnesota returns 16 players from its 2014 national runner-up team while losing five players from last year's squad. The Gophers also regain 2014 U.S. Olympian **Lee Stecklein**, who missed the 2013-14 season while earning a silver medal with Team USA at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, and add four freshmen to bolster their lineup.
- The Gophers return eight of their top 10 scorers from last season, led by junior **Hannah Brandt** and senior **Rachael Bona**. Brandt and Bona combined for 126 points last season. Brandt led the Gophers and ranked second in the nation with 65 points (23 goals, 42 assists), and Bona had a career-best 61 points (23 goals, 38 assists) as a junior.
- Minnesota also returns All-American defensemen **Rachel Ramsey** (12 goals, 31 assists) and **Milica McMillen** (11 goals, 28 assists), who ranked second and third in the nation for scoring among defensemen in 2013-14. Adding Stecklein and freshman **Sydney Baldwin**, the 2014 Minnesota Ms. Hockey, to the blue line will further strengthen the Gopher defense, which ranked second in the nation and held opponents to just 1.20 goals per game last season.
- Junior goaltender **Amanda Leveille** returns for the Gophers after playing in all 41 games last season. She led the nation with a .945 save percentage and ranked second in the NCAA with a 1.22 goals against average as a sophomore.
- Four freshmen join the Gophers for their rookie seasons this year. Defenseman Baldwin and forwards **Kelly Pannek, Cara Piazza** and **Nina Rodgers** will make their Maroon and Gold debuts in 2014-15.
- Bona and Ramsey have been named Minnesota's captains this season; they will be assisted by fellow senior **Meghan Lorence** and Stecklein, a sophomore.

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University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

- The No. 10 Bulldogs kept their unbeaten streak against the University of Connecticut alive with a 3-0 win and a 4-4 tie against the Huskies in Storrs, Conn last weekend. The Bulldogs are now 7-0-1 all-time against UConn and 20-6-3 against Hockey East opponents.
- The Bulldogs had two players with two goals in Friday night's 4-4 comeback, including sophomore centers **Lara Stalder** and **Ashleigh Brykaliuk**. Rookie **Michelle Lowenhielm** had a goal and an assist Saturday afternoon for a total of three points (1g, 2a) on the weekend.
- Senior winger **Jenna McParland** had two assists Friday night, pushing her to 95 career points (43g, 52a) in her attempt to become the 19th player to join UMD's 100 point club.
- UMD will host No. 2 Wisconsin this weekend at AMSOIL to open up WCHA play.
- The Bulldogs went 0-3-1 against the Badgers last season and are 29-31-11 all-time against the Badgers.



Minnesota State University Mavericks

- The Mavericks open the regular season October 10-11 when they host the University of North Dakota at All Seasons Arena.
- MSU will have to rely on some with this season after bringing in 12 newcomers to replace 11 letter-winners that were lost from last season.
- The Mavericks' 2014-15 roster boasts players from five different countries including the United States, Canada, Germany, Norway and Sweden.
- Senior forward **Kathleen Rogan** returns as the Mavericks top point scorer going 11-10--21 in 36 games played last season.
- Senior defenseman **Shelby Moteyunas** produced three goals and 10 assists last season. Moteyunas led all Maverick blueliners with 54 shots and was second in points with 13 in 2013-14.
- **Eric Means** is coming off one of his best seasons as head coach of the Mavericks. He led the team to a 13-23-1 record which is the most wins in a single season under Means.
- MSU will look to improve upon its scoring opportunities from a season ago in which it averaged just under two goals per game and 27.3 shots per game.
- The Mavericks were picked to finish sixth in the WCHA Head Coaches' Poll for the second-consecutive season earning 17 points.

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University of North Dakota

- No. 8 North Dakota opens its regular season at home Friday when it hosts RPI on Oct. 3 and Vermont on Oct. 4. Puck drop is set for 7:07 (CT) on both nights.
- UND skated past the Toronto Jr. Aeros, 9-1, in an exhibition game on Saturday night at Ralph Engelstad Arena. A four-point night from **Leah Jensen** and two goals each from **Gracen Hirschy** and **Shannon Kaiser** helped power UND to the win.
- Hirschy opened the scoring for North Dakota six minutes into the game, tapping in a pass from Marissa Salo in front of the net. Kaiser quickly made it 2-0 for UND, scoring just 24 seconds later. **Layla Marvin** added a goal on the power play and Kaiser scored her second of the night with under a minute remaining to close out the first period with a 4-0 UND lead.
- **Kayla Gardner** netted the team's fifth goal 2:46 into the second period, catching a stretch pass from **Jordan Hampton** and breaking in alone on Toronto netminder Stephanie Neatby. Less than a minute later, Hirschy tallied her second of the night. **Amy Menke** and **Josefine Jakobsen** also added goals before the end of the frame to give UND an 8-0 lead heading into the final period.
- Jensen scored North Dakota's ninth and final goal midway through the third, and ended the night with one goal and three assists to lead UND in scoring. Besides Jensen, six other North Dakota players had multi-point nights. Hirschy and Jakobsen recorded three points apiece, while Kaiser netted two goals and defensemen Hampton, Hanson, and **Tori Williams** each tallied two assists.
- UND went two-for-three on the power play and successfully killed off all four of Toronto's power plays.
- **Shelby Amsley-Benzie**, **Lexie Shaw**, and Chipman each saw one period of action in net for UND.



Ohio State University Buckeyes

- The Buckeyes begin the regular season Oct. 3-4, with a home series against New Hampshire. The teams will meet Friday at 6:07 p.m. and return the ice Saturday at 2:07 p.m., both games will be held at the OSU Ice Rink.
- Ohio State opened its 2014-15 campaign opened play with a 2-2 overtime draw with Western Ontario in an exhibition matchup at the OSU Ice Rink Sunday afternoon. **Katie Matheny** and **Julia McKinnon** scored in regulation for OSU, which outshot Western 46-21.
- Junior **Kendall Curtis** found the back of the net, fueling the Buckeyes toward victory in the shootout, 1-0 in three rounds.
- Senior **Sara Schmitt** will don the captain's "C" for the Scarlet and Gray during the 2014-15 season, while fellow senior **Kari Schmitt** and **Kara Gust** will be recognized as the team's assistant captains.
- **Nate Handrahan** is entering his fourth season at the helm of the Ohio State women's hockey program. In his first three seasons as a Buckeye, Handrahan has an overall record of 50-48-12.
- Ohio State returns 17 letterwinners from a season ago, including nine forwards, seven defensemen and one goaltender.
- Eight will be welcomed into the Buckeye family as newcomers, four of which will suit up as forwards, two on defense and two in goal.
- On offense, the Buckeyes will be fueled by nine of the top 10 point earners from the 2013-14 campaign.
- With a line of 7-21-28, senior captain Sara Schmitt ranks as Ohio State's top returning point producer, while sophomore standout **Claudia Kepler** led the Buckeyes with 12 goals last season.
- After losing both goaltenders to graduation, the Buckeyes will look to redshirt junior **Stacy Danczak** and newcomers **Alex LaMere** and **Kassidy Sauve** to fill the role.

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St. Cloud State University Huskies

- The Huskies begin regular season play this weekend in Minneapolis at Ridder Arena with a pair of non-conference games. They face Boston University on October 3rd and Penn State University on October 4th. Both games will be played at 4:07pm.
- The Huskies will return home on Oct. 10-11, for a series against Lindenwood University.
- St. Cloud, under new coach **Eric Rud**, opened up the season with a 3-0 exhibition victory over the Toronto Aeros on Sept. 26 in St. Cloud, Minn.
- **Lauren Hespenheide** scored a first period goal, **Kelsey Sealens** added a second period goal and **Jenna Radford** scored in the final period for SCSU.
- The Huskies used three goalies in the shutout.



University of Wisconsin Badgers

- The No. 2 Badgers (2-0-0) travel north to Duluth, Minnesota, to face No. 10 Minnesota Duluth this weekend to kickoff WCHA play.
- The Badgers lead the series against UMD 31-29-11, and have won five of the past six matchups against the Bulldogs, including taking three of the four tilts last year.
- UW's 11 ties against Minnesota Duluth are the most ties against a single opponent. Out of the 71 games between the two teams, 22 of the contests have gone into overtime, including the Nov. 29 game in Duluth last year.
- **Melissa Channell, Emily Clark, Ann-Renee Desbiens, Sarah Nurse** and **Blayre Turnbull** return to the Badger lineup this weekend after spending the past week at Hockey Canada's National Fall Festival. Turnbull was tied for the NCAA lead last year with five short-handed goals, while Desbiens was named the WCHA Goaltending Champion during her freshman campaign
- The Badgers swept Lindenwood last weekend, defeating the Lady Lions 5-1 on Friday and 6-0 on Saturday. The Badgers outshot Lindenwood 102-29 during the two-game series, and their 27 shots in the second period on Saturday were the third-most in program history.
- Six different players scored for UW during the series against Lindenwood, and four players scored two or more goals during the series. In all, 10 players registered points for the Badgers against the Lady Lions.
- **Karley Sylvester** enjoyed one of her best weekends at Wisconsin, tallying a goal and an assist on Friday before recording a goal and three assists on Saturday. Her four points on Saturday were the most of her career.
- Freshman **Annie Pankowski** had an impressive debut, as she recorded four assists in UW's 6-0 win against Lindenwood. Her four assists are tied for the third-most in program history, and are tied for the most by a UW freshman.
- Sylvester was named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Sept. 22-28, while Pankowski garnered Rookie of the Week honors.
- Junior **Jorie Walters** made her first career start for Wisconsin on Saturday and stopped all 19 shots she faced to earn her first career win and shutout.
- With her three points this weekend, Wisconsin senior **Brittany Ammerman** moved into a tie for 18th-place on UW's all-time points list. Ammerman, a 2014 Patty Kazmaier Top-10 Finalist, needs one point to pass former teammate Madison Packer, and two to pass Sharon Cole to move into 17th-place.



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)