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**UW's Sylvester and Pankowski, BSU's Bilic Named
WCHA Women's Players of the Week**

**WCHA Offensive
Player of the Week
Karley Sylvester, F
Wisconsin**

EDINA, Minn. – Wisconsin's Karley Sylvester, a senior from Warroad, Minn., has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 22-28, 2014.

Sylvester 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 the best in the nation for the opening weekend.

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

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

EDINA, Minn. – Bemidji State defenseman Ivana Bilic, a junior from Coquitlam, B.C., has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 22-28, 2014.

Bilic 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**

EDINA, Minn. – Wisconsin forward Annie Pankowski, a freshman from Laguna Hills, Calif., has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for the week of Sept. 22-28, 2014.

Pankowski had a spectacular game against Lindenwood in only her second collegiate contest. She recorded four assists in UW's 6-0 win against Lindenwood, 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