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MINNESOTA'S BRANDT AND McMILLEN, AND WISCONSIN'S WELLHAUSEN NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF OCT. 24-26, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Oct. 28, 2014 – After helping their teams to a pair of league sweeps last weekend, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Oct. 24-26, 2014 are: Minnesota junior forward **Hannah Brandt** (Offensive Player of the Week), Minnesota junior defenseman **Milica McMillen** (Defensive Player of the Week), and Wisconsin freshman forward **Baylee Wellhausen** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Hannah Brandt, Jr., F, Minnesota

Brandt, a junior from Vadnais Heights, Minn., led the Gophers with seven points on two goals and five assists in Minnesota's home sweep of then-No. 9/8 North Dakota. She picked up a pair of assists in Friday's 5-2 win before contributing to all five Gopher goals in Saturday's 5-0 win, scoring two goals and setting up the other three. All told, Brandt was +5 for the series, was on the ice for nine of Minnesota's 10 goals, had a .609 winning percentage in the face-off circle and blocked two shots. Through eight games, the reigning WCHA Player of the Year leads the nation with 18 points, 2.25 points per game and nine goals.

Also nominated: Kristin Huber, Jr., F, Bemidji State; Meghan Huertas, Sr., F, Minnesota Duluth.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Milica McMillen, Jr., D, Minnesota

McMillen, a junior from Saint Paul, Minn. registered four points on three goals and one assist in the Gophers' sweep of North Dakota. She was on the ice for six of Minnesota's 10 goals in the series, while blocking five shots on the defensive end as the Gophers limited UND to two goals over the two games. McMillen leads the NCAA with five power-play goals this season, while she is tied for the national lead for scoring among defensemen with nine points (6 goals, 3 assists).

Also nominated: Brittni Mowat, So., G, Bemidji State

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Baylee Wellhausen, F, Wisconsin

Wellhausen, a freshman from Williams Bay, Wis., scored the game-winning goal last Friday night in the Badgers' 2-1 victory at Bemidji State. On Saturday, she assisted on Emily Clark's goal that gave Wisconsin a 2-1 lead it would not relinquish en route to a 4-3 victory and series sweep over the Beavers. Wellhausen finished the weekend with a +2 rating and a shooting percentage of .333, helping Wisconsin run its winning streak in true road games to 15 straight contests.

Also nominated: Kelly Pannek, F, Minnesota; Nicole Schammel, F, Minnesota State

About Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 14 national championships in 15 years since its inception in 1999, while producing six Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 70 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and international team members. The eight-team Division 1 conference consists of: Bemidji State University (Beavers), the University of Minnesota (Golden Gophers), the University of Minnesota Duluth (Bulldogs), Minnesota State University (Mavericks), the University of North Dakota, Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers).

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