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**MINNESOTA'S LORENCE, BEMIDJI STATE'S MOWAT AND
WISCONSIN'S PANKOWSKI
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF NOV. 13-15, 2014**

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 19, 2014 – After helping their teams to a trio of league series sweeps, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) women's Players of the Week for games of Nov. 13-15, 2014 are: Minnesota senior forward **Meghan Lorence** (Offensive Player of the Week), Bemidji State sophomore goaltender **Brittni Mowat** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Wisconsin freshman forward **Annie Pankowski** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Meghan Lorence, Sr., F, Minnesota (Mounds View, Minn.)

Lorence, a senior from Mounds View, Minn., led Minnesota with four goals – including a game-winner, a power-play strike and a short-handed goal in the Gophers' road sweep at Ohio State. The senior from Mounds View, Minn. was on the ice for all four Minnesota goals in a 4-2 Friday victory, while scoring the game-winner. Lorence registered her first career hat trick on Saturday and was the difference in a 5-3 triumph. She finished with a +3 rating for the series, while her power-play goal was Lorence's fourth of the year (tied for second nationally).

Also nominated: Ashleigh Brykaliuk, So., F, Minnesota Duluth; Taylor Kuehl, Sr., F, Ohio State; Kaitlyn Tougas, Jr., F, Bemidji State; Blayre Turnbull, Sr., F, Wisconsin

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Brittni Mowat, So., G, Bemidji State (Glenboro, Manitoba)

Mowat backstopped a Beavers' defense that allowed just two goals in their series sweep over then-No. 10 North Dakota, a pair of victories that vaulted Bemidji State into the national rankings. The sophomore from Glenboro, Manitoba stopped 57-of-59 shots (.966 save percentage) in BSU's 4-1 and 2-1 victories. Mowat leads the WCHA and ranks fourth nationally with a .949 save percentage, while her 1.61 goals against average is ninth in the country.

Also nominated: Milica McMillen, Jr., D, Minnesota; Jorie Walters, Jr., G, Wisconsin

WCHA Rookie of the Week**Annie Pankowski, F, Wisconsin (Laguna Hills, Calif.)**

Pankowski, a freshman from Laguna Hills, Calif., notched her first collegiate hat trick in an 8-2 victory over Minnesota State on Thursday and completed a five-point series with a goal and an assist in Friday's 8-0 triumph. In her freshman season, Pankowski has six goals and 18 points – second-most on the nation's No. 3 team. Her 12 assists lead all NCAA rookies and ranks fourth nationally overall.

Also nominated: Ciscely Nelson, F, Bemidji 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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