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UMN'S CAMERANESI, UND'S AMSLEY-BENZIE AND BSU'S JOYCE NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF FEB. 13-16, 2015

EDINA, Minn. – Feb. 17, 2015 – After leading their teams to a trio of important league sweeps, the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for games of Feb. 13-16, 2015 are: Minnesota sophomore forward **Dani Cameranesi** (Offensive Player of the Week), North Dakota junior goaltender **Shelby Amsley-Benzie** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Bemidji State freshman defenseman **Alexis Joyce** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Dani Cameranesi, So., F, Minnesota (Plymouth, Minn.)

Cameranesi led Minnesota with three points in a home sweep of Minnesota Duluth that clinched the Gophers' third straight WCHA regular season title. The sophomore from Plymouth, Minn. registered two assists in Friday's 7-1 win, before scoring the game-winning goal in Saturday's 2-0, championship-clinching victory. Cameranesi, who has surpassed her freshman year point total, ranks fourth in the nation with 51 points, third with 32 assists and tied for third with six game-winning goals. In WCHA play, she ranks second with 39 points, 15 goals, 24 assists and a +31 on-ice rating in 25 league games.

Also nominated: Danielle Gagne, Sr., F, Ohio State; Josefine Jakobsen, Sr., F, North Dakota; Abby Ness, Sr., F, St. Cloud State; Kaitlyn Tougas, Jr., F, Bemidji State; Blayre Turnbull, Sr., F, Wisconsin

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Shelby Amsley-Benzie, Jr., G, North Dakota (Warroad, Minn.)

Amsley-Benzie recorded her second pair of back-to-back shutouts, blanking St. Cloud State by scores of 4-0 and 2-0 for a weekend sweep that vaulted North Dakota into third place in the WCHA standings. The junior from Warroad, Minn. made a total of 38 saves between the two games and helped UND go a perfect nine-for-nine on the penalty kill. Amsley-Benzie, who has set UND's records for career wins (47), career shutouts (12) and single-season blankings (7), leads the nation with a .953 save percentage this season. Since Jan. 1, she has been even better, pacing all NCAA netminders with a .972 save mark, 0.72 goals against average and six shutouts.

Also nominated: Ivana Bilic, Jr., D, Bemidji State; Stacy Danczak, Jr., G, Ohio State; Rachel Ramsey, Sr., D, Minnesota

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Alexis Joyce, D, Bemidji State (Lakeville, Minn.)

Joyce led Bemidji State with three points as the Beavers pulled within one point of fourth place – and home ice for the WCHA playoffs – following a road sweep at Minnesota State. The freshman from Lakeville, Minn. recorded all of her points Friday, recording a trio of assists to spark a 4-0 Bemidji State victory. She also finished the weekend with a team-best five blocked shots. Joyce leads the Beavers' freshman class – and all WCHA rookie defensemen – with 16 points on four goals and 12 assists. She also ranks second nationally with 106 blocked shots.

2015 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF

Tickets for the premiere league championship in women's college hockey - the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF - are on sale now. The 2015 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, which will determine the league's playoff champion and recipient of its automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, will be held March 7 and 8 at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D. All-tournament packages or single-session tickets can be purchased at the Ralph Engelstad Arena box office, Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, by calling 800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com.

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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