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2017 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF SINGLE-SESSION TICKETS NOW ON SALE

*Wisconsin vs. North Dakota and Minnesota vs. Minnesota Duluth are the March 4 semifinals;
March 5 championship game winner earns automatic NCAA Tournament bid*

EDINA, Minn. – Feb. 27, 2017 – A stellar four-team field, including three programs ranked in the top-four nationally, will compete for the women’s Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) playoff championship at the [2017 WCHA Final Face-Off](#), set for March 4 and 5 at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis. Single-session tickets are now available for the premier conference tournament in women’s college hockey, which this year includes nationally top-ranked Wisconsin, No. 2 Minnesota Duluth, No. 3 Minnesota; and, a fourth perennial power in North Dakota.

Event: [2017 WCHA Final Face-Off](#)

Date: **Saturday, March 4 Semifinals**

- Wisconsin vs. North Dakota, 2:07 p.m. CT
- Minnesota vs. Minnesota Duluth, 5:07 p.m. CT

Sunday, March 5 Championship Game

- Semifinal #1 winner vs. Semifinal #2 winner, 2:07 p.m. CT

3-Game Packages: \$35 – Reserved Chairback seating
\$25 – General Admission (Adult)
\$20 – General Admission (Seniors/Students/Youth)
\$10 – General Admission (Groups of 10+)

Single-Session Packages: \$20 – Reserved Chairback seating
\$15 – General Admission (Adult)
\$12 – General Admission (Seniors/Students/Youth)
\$10 – General Admission (Groups of 10+)

Details: Ticket packages for the [2017 WCHA Final Face-Off](#) are available for purchase directly through the Gopher Sales & Service Department; in-person at Mariucci Arena (during regular office hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT, Monday-Friday), via phone at 612-624-8080 (Option 2) or online [here](#). Certain fees may apply.

Tournament top-seed Wisconsin (29-2-4), which has been ranked No. 1 since the preseason and repeated as WCHA regular season champions, will begin its quest for a third-straight Final Face-Off crown against fourth-seeded North Dakota (16-5-6) in the first semifinal at 2:07 p.m. CT on Saturday, March 4. Two-time defending national champion Minnesota (25-6-5), the Final Face-Off second seed, will play third-seeded Minnesota Duluth (24-5-5) in the second semifinal at 5:07 p.m. CT.

The two semifinal winners will play Sunday, March 5 at 2:07 p.m. CT for the WCHA playoff championship and the league's automatic bid into the 2017 National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

The Badgers are playing in their seventh-straight WCHA Final Face-Off following a quarterfinal-round sweep of Minnesota State, while the Gophers are making their 18th-consecutive appearance in the semifinals after outlasting Bemidji State in three games. The Fighting Hawks are back for the seventh-straight year after winning the final two games of their series with Ohio State, including an overtime thriller in the decisive Game 3. The Bulldogs swept St. Cloud State to return to the WCHA playoff championship for the second-straight year and 17th time overall.

Wisconsin and Minnesota share the WCHA record with six league playoff championships apiece, while Minnesota Duluth has won the other five. North Dakota is seeking its first WCHA Final Face-Off title.

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 16 national championships in 17 years since its inception in 1999, while producing six Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 86 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). For more information, visit www.wcha.com.

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