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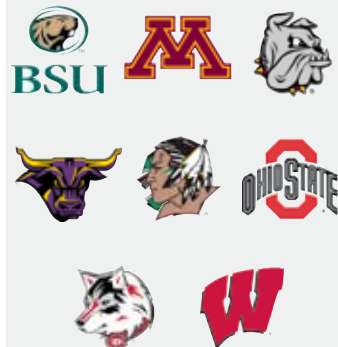
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UND's Lamoureux, UM's Schleper & Rätty, MSU's Rogan Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week

Jocelyne Lamoureux • Jr., F, University of North Dakota

Anne Schleper • Jr., D, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of juniors who each produced six scoring points last weekend – University of North Dakota forward Jocelyne Lamoureux and University of Minnesota defenseman Anne Schleper – have been honored as WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week for Oct. 27, 2010.

Schleper scored six points (1g, 5a), including four on the power-play, and fired 14 shots on goal to lead the Golden Gophers to a WCHA sweep over St. Cloud State in her hometown of St. Cloud, Minn. Last Friday (Oct. 22), Schleper tied a career-high four points when she contributed on four of UM's five goals in a 5-0 victory over the Huskies. She had the first assist on Sarah Davis' game-winning power-play goal and scored an even-strength goal in the first period, and then followed with an assist on both second period goals. In last Saturday's (Oct. 23) contest, Schleper assisted on two of Minnesota's three power-play goals in a 3-0 win over SCSU.

Tied for second on the team with seven points (2g, 5a), Schleper is the first defenseman to earn the league's weekly offensive honor since UMD's Jocelyne Larocque on Jan. 28, 2009 and the first since at least 2003-04.

Lamoureux, a center from Grand Forks, N.D., had six points (4g, 2a) and 17 shots on goal in North Dakota's WCHA series split at Minnesota State on Oct. 22-23. She had one goal and one assist in last Friday's 4-2 loss before producing a three-goal hat trick and one assist in last Saturday's 5-1 UND victory. In addition, she scored the game-winning goal, had two power-play tallies, and fired 12 shots on goal. The hat trick was the first by a Sioux player since Cami Wooster in 2005.

Through eight games this season, Lamoureux now has 12 points on seven goals and five assists.

Also nominated: Jessica Wong, F, UMD; Natalie Spooner, F, OSU; and Brianna Decker, F, UW.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Noora Rätty • So., G, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – After a week hiatus, University of Minnesota goaltender Noora Rätty returned between the pipes and played to perfection, holding host St. Cloud State scoreless on the weekend as the Golden Gophers swept their league series, 5-0 and 3-0. As a result, she is the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Oct. 27, 2010.

Playing the full 120:00 minutes on the Oct. 22-23 weekend, Rätty, a sophomore from Espoo, Finland, had 32 saves – 14 in the 5-0 win last Friday and 18 in the 3-0 win last Saturday – while recording the back-to-back shutouts. In addition, she also blanked the Huskies on all eight of their series power-play chances.

In four games this season, Rätty has yet to allow a goal, holding a 1.000 save percentage and a 0.00 goals-against average.

Also nominated: Stephanie Ney, G, UND; Ashley Nixon, G, SCSU; and Stefanie McKeough, D, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Kathleen Rogan • Fr., F, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Kathleen Rogan, a freshman forward at Minnesota State University, is this week's (Oct. 27, 2010) WCHA Rookie of the Week after she notched a three-goal hat trick to help the Mavericks to a 4-2 league victory over No. 6-ranked North Dakota last Friday night in Mankato, Minn.

From Vancouver, B.C., Rogan's first goal of the game knotted things up in the first period while her second tally – a shorthander – gave MSU a 2-1 lead at 5:29 of the second period. Her third goal of the night, another unassisted breakaway goal at 16:47 of the third, put MSU up 4-2 and sealed the win. The hat trick marks the first for an MSU player since Ashley Young vs Bemidji State in 2008. Rogan also finished the weekend with a +2 plus/minus rating and a team-high nine shots.

Also nominated: Sarah Davis, F, UM; Jamie Kenyon, F, UMD; Kayla Berg, F, UND; and Lisa Steffes, G, OSU.