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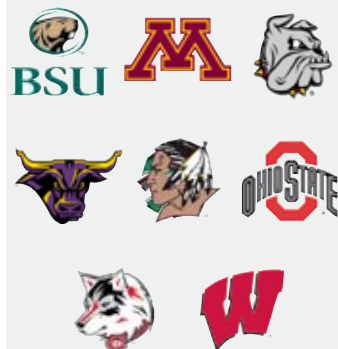
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Minnesota State's Tikkinen & Rogan, North Dakota's Ney Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Nina Tikkinen • Sr., Forward, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University left winger Nina Tikkinen, who produced a four-goal, five-point series as the Mavericks won twice on the road at league rival Ohio State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 17, 2010. This marks the second straight time Tikkinen has earned the league's weekly offensive honor.

A senior from Salo, Finland, Tikkinen tallied two goals and one assist for three points in last Friday's (Nov. 12) 5-3 victory over the host Buckeyes in Columbus. She tied the game at 2-2 in the second period and then again at 3-3 in the third on an unassisted tally, while her assist came on rookie forward Kathleen Rogan's final score of the contest, sealing the win. Then last Saturday (Nov. 13), Tikkinen scored a shorthanded goal to put Minnesota State up 3-0 late in the first period, and broke a 3-3 tie with a game-winning goal with only 3:45 left to give the Mavericks a 4-3 victory and a four-game winning streak.

In addition to her five points in the series, Tikkinen also fired seven shots on goal and earned a +4 plus/minus rating. It also marked her second straight five-point weekend and she now has 11 points (5g, 6a) in 12 games this season.

Also nominated for the award this week was: Erin Cody, F, BSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Stephanie Ney • Jr., Goaltender, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota goaltender Stephanie Ney, who stopped 35 of 36 shots on goal as the visiting Sioux recorded a 1-1 overtime tie at Bemidji State last Saturday, has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 17, 2010. She was previously honored as the league's defensive player of the week on Oct. 13.

A junior from 100 Mile House, B.C., Ney made 35 saves in the conference game against the Beavers on Nov. 13 posting three shutout periods, including one in overtime. With her team trailing 1-0, she stopped all 15 BSU shots on goal in the third period, enabling the Sioux to even the score at 1-1 with a goal at 8:07.

Ney remains unbeaten on the 2010-11 season with a 3-0-2 record, and sports a 1.36 goals-against average and a .946 save percentage. She ranks second among WCHA goaltenders for all games in both goals-against average and saves percentage.

Also nominated for the award this week was: Zuzanna Tomcikova, G, BSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Kathleen Rogan • Fr., Forward, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University forward Kathleen Rogan, who had a goal and three assists for four points as the visiting Mavericks took back-to-back league victories from Ohio State last weekend, is the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 17, 2010. She was previously honored as the league's rookie of the week on Oct. 27.

A freshman from Vancouver, B.C., Rogan had two points in each game on Nov. 12 and 13. Last Friday, she earned an assist on the game-tying goal and then scored the final goal of the contest, sealing a 5-3 victory for MSU. Then last Saturday she added two more assists, the first coming on the Mavericks' opening goal and the second on teammate Nina Tikkinen's game-winner late in the third period that gave her club a 4-3 victory and a sweep of the series. Along with her four scoring points on the weekend, Rogan also had nine shots on goal and finished with a +3 plus/minus rating.

Playing in all 12 games to date, Rogan leads the Minnesota State team in scoring with 14 points (7g, 7a).