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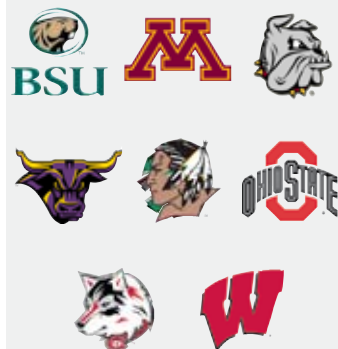
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Wisconsin's Ammerman and Rigsby, Minnesota's Kessel Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Brooke Ammerman • Junior, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin forward Brooke Ammerman, who led her team with six scoring points and was named the No. 1 star of both games as the Badgers swept league rival St. Cloud State on the road last weekend, is the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 15, 2010.

A junior center from River Vale, N.J., Ammerman tallied three goals and three assists, with three of her six points coming on the power-play. She recorded her second three-goal hat trick of the season and added one assist for four points in last Saturday's (Dec. 11) 6-1 win over the host Huskies. Her hat trick included two power-play goals and the game-winner. Ammerman also picked up two assists in last Friday's (Dec. 10) 5-0 shutout victory. She set up Madison Packer's goal at 10:02 of the first period to give UW the 2-0 lead and followed up with another helper just 2:34 later.

With her two power-play goals, Ammerman is now tied for the national lead with six power-play goals on the season. She finished the weekend with 16 shots on goal, including a team-high 10 in Saturday's game, and earned a +4 plus/minus rating. Her six points tied her career-high for a single series.

Through 18 games played this season, Ammerman has produced 24 points on 10 goals and 14 assists.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Emily Erickson, F, BSU; Kelly Terry, F, UM; Jocelyne Lamoureux, F, UND.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Alex Rigsby • Freshman, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – Alex Rigsby, a freshman goaltender at the University of Wisconsin, has been named the WCHA Women's Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 15, 2010 after she earned her third collegiate shutout in a conference road victory at St. Cloud State last weekend.

A freshman from Delafield, Wis., Rigsby improved her won-loss record to 11-1-0 and made 22 saves to earn her third career shutout in the visiting Badgers' 5-0 win over St. Cloud State last Friday (Dec. 10). Rigsby stopped SCSU's lone shot on the power-play as the Badgers held the Huskies to 0-for-1 with the man-advantage.

At 11-1-0 on the 2010-11 season, Rigsby's .917 winning percentage tops the WCHA and is fourth in the nation. She also ranks third in the WCHA with a 1.86 goals-against average and is fifth in the league with a .919 save percentage.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Megan Bozek, F, UM; Stephanie Ney, G, UND.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Amanda Kessel • Freshman, Forward, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Amanda Kessel, who set up a career-high four goals in a conference victory over visiting Ohio State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Women's Rookie of the Week for Dec. 15, 2010.

A freshman left winger from Madison, Wis, Kessel earned four assists and a +4 plus/minus rating in last Friday's (Dec. 10) 6-0 league win over No. 10 Ohio State. All four of her assists were the first setups en route to a goal. Her first helper came on teammate Sarah Erickson's game-winning goal at 8:38 in the first period. She then added the single assist to Jen Schoullis' goal at 1:24 in the second period and followed up with two more assists in the third on goals from Anne Schelper at 15:37 and Schoullis again at 19:18. In addition to her four points in the series sweep (UM also won 2-1 in overtime last Sunday), Kessel fired 14 shots on goal.

Kessel finishes the first half of the season with 20 points on six goals and a team-best (tied) 14 assists for 20 points to rank second in scoring on her team and second in scoring among league rookies overall.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Madison Packer, F, UW.