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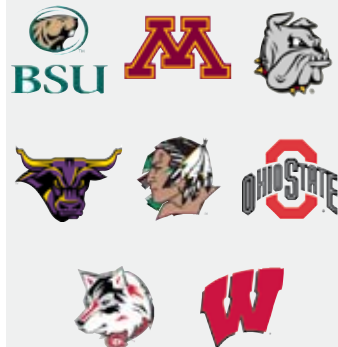
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Wisconsin's Duggan, Minnesota Duluth's Larocque, St. Cloud State's Mott Named WCHA Women's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Meghan Duggan • Senior, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin right winger, Meghan Duggan, who led the host Badgers with five goals, including both game-winners, and six points in a two-game conference sweep of No. 8 North Dakota last weekend, has been named the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 16, 2011.

A senior captain from Danvers, Mass., Duggan's five tallies including three power-play goals and both game-winners, as top-ranked Wisconsin improved to 28-2-2 and stretched its unbeaten streak to 18 games (16-0-2). Duggan also fired 12 shots on goal in the series and finished with a +2 plus/minus rating. In last Friday's (Feb. 11) 5-0 shutout victory over the Sioux, Duggan recorded her first three-goal hat trick of the season and second as a Badger. Her three goals included the game-winner on the power-play at 6:58 of the first period. In last Sunday's (Feb. 13) 8-4 victory, she added two more power-play goals, including the game-winner at 13:09 of the second period, and also assisted on the Badgers' final goal of the game at 7:13 of the third.

With her six-point series, Duggan is one point from tying the UW program record for career points as her total currently stands at 217 points. She is also one goal shy of becoming the second Badger all-time to reach 100 career goals. Duggan ranks second in the nation this season with 66 points and 2.06 points per game, is fourth in the country with 30 goals and second with 36 assists. In special teams play, she is second with 11 power-play goals, and tied for third with three shorthanded tallies. She leads the WCHA in points (66), assists (36), power-play points (22), power-play goals (11) and shorthanded goals (3).

Also nominated this week: Sarah Erickson, F, UM; Elin Holmlöv, F, UMD.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Jocelyne Larocque • Senior, Defenseman, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran defenseman Jocelyne Larocque, who was a force at both ends of the ice as the University of Minnesota Duluth posted back-to-back league road victories at Ohio State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 16, 2011.

A senior from Ste. Anne, Manitoba, registered six points over the weekend (1g, 5a) to become the first defenseman in UMD program history to reach the 100-career point plateau, helped hold OSU to just two even-strength goals, and earned a +6 plus/minus rating as the defending national champion Bulldogs improved to 18-7-3 overall. She has also climbed into the No. 5 spot all-time among WCHA defensemen in scoring and No. 8 all-time in assists at UMD.

In a 5-2 Bulldogs' victory last Friday (Feb. 11), Larocque assisted on two goals and was a +4. Then on Saturday (Feb. 12), Larocque enjoyed a career night, as she tied her career best for points in a game with four. She had two assists in the second period, including one on the game-winning goal, scored her sixth goal of the season at 12:05 of the third, and added a third assist on UMD's final goal. With that assist, she reached the 100-point milestone to become just the 14 player in UMD history to reach that mark.

Larocque leads the WCHA in scoring from the blueline this season with 24 points (6g, 18a) in 26 games.

Also nominated this week: Noora Rätty, G, UM; Ashley Nixon, G, SCSU; Alex Rigsby, G, UW.

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Molli Mott • Freshman, Forward, St. Cloud State University

MADISON, Wis. – St. Cloud State University left winger Molli Mott, who scored her first collegiate game-winning goal while on the penalty-kill to help the host Huskies' to their first win of the season in a 2-0 shutout over league rival Minnesota State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Feb. 16, 2011.

A freshman from Colorado Springs, Colo., Mott scored an unassisted, shorthanded goal at 6:45 of the second period last Friday (Feb. 11) that held up as the eventual game-winner as St. Cloud State snapped a 31-game winless streak. The unassisted goal was the fifth tally of Mott's rookie campaign and second in as many games. The goal also marked the first shorthanded score of the season for the Husky squad. Mott completed the weekend series split eight shots on net and was even on the plus/minus.

Also nominated this week: Amanda Kessel, F, UM; Madison Packer, F, UW.