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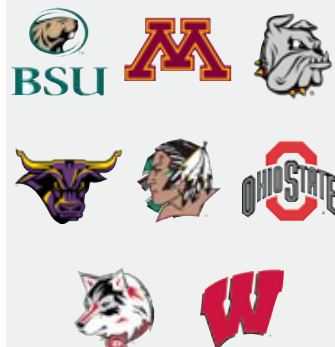
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**Wisconsin, Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota, North Dakota Make up
 Field for 2011 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, March 4-5 at Ridder Arena
 Tickets Still Available for Friday-Saturday Conference Playoff Championship in Minneapolis**

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin, Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota and North Dakota make up the field for this week's 2011 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, set for Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis, Minn. The winner of the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF receives the league's automatic berth into the NCAA Div. 1 tournament.

The No. 1 seeded Badgers (32-2-2) will face-off against No. 4 seed North Dakota (20-12-3) in the playoff championship's first semi-final match up at 4:07 pm CT on Friday. The second semi-final will have No. 2 seed Minnesota Duluth (22-7-3) going up against No. 3 seed Minnesota (25-8-2) at 7:07 pm CT. The WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF championship game will be played on Saturday, March 5, at 7:07 pm CT.

At Eagles' Nest in Verona, Wis., top-ranked and host Wisconsin ran its unbeaten streak to 22 games by sweeping St. Cloud State in two games in first round playoff action. Hilary Knight, Briana Decker and Meghan Decker combined for six goals and seven assists in last Friday's series opener, a 9-3 UW victory. Knight, who has a nation's best 46 goals, then had two goals in a series-clinching 5-1 victory on Saturday.

At AMSOIL Arena In Duluth, No. 6-ranked Minnesota Duluth blanked Minnesota State twice 3-0 and 5-0 to sweep that series 2-0. Elin Holmlov had two goals and senior goalie Kim Martin made 20 saves in the 3-0 victory Friday while sophomore goalie Jennifer Harss had 25 stops in the series-clinching 5-0 shutout on Saturday.

At Ridder Arena in Minneapolis, Jen Schoullis had two goals on Friday as No. 3 Minnesota beat Ohio State 4-2 and then Amanda Kessel had one goal, the game-winner with 3:09 left to play, and an assist as the Golden Gophers edged the Buckeyes 3-2 on Saturday to sweep the series, 2-0.

And at Purpur Arena in Grand Forks, 8th ranked North Dakota defeated Bemidji State in three games. On Sunday, Monique Lamoureux-Kolls netted the winner at 16:00 of overtime to give the Sioux a 3-2 (ot) victory. Bemidji State had forced a deciding third game with a 3-0 victory on Saturday as Zuzana Tomcikova made 22 saves and sophomore forward Sadie Lundquist had a goal and an assist. In game one of the series, North Dakota used two goals from Stephanie Roy to take a 3-2 decision from the Beavers last Friday.

Tickets Available for 2011 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF Championship

Tickets are still available for this week's 2011 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, March 4-5 at Ridder Arena. Three-game session tickets are \$20 for a reserved seat, \$18 for general admission, and \$15 for seniors and youth (age 18 and under). Tickets may be purchased by calling the Gopher Ticket Office at 612 624-8080, 1-800-U-Gopher, or online at Gophersports.com. Single session tickets at \$15, \$12 and \$8 will be available on game days.

2010-11 WCHA Women's Standings

	Conference Only										Overall			
	Pts	GP	W	L	T	SW	Win%	GF-	GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF-	GA
1 Wisconsin!	76	28	24-	2-	2	2	.893	140-	50	36	32- 2- 2	.917	195-	62
2 Minnesota Duluth	57	28	18-	7-	3	0	.696	109-	49	32	22- 7- 3	.734	129-	49
Minnesota	57	28	18-	8-	2	1	.679	100-	52	35	25- 8- 2	.743	123-	58
4 North Dakota	50	28	16-	10-	2	0	.607	96-	79	35	20-12- 3	.614	116-	100
5 Bemidji State	39	28	11-	13-	4	2	.464	53-	71	35	14-17- 4	.457	70-	88
6 Ohio State	30	28	8-	17-	3	3	.339	69-	100	36	14-19- 3	.431	99-	116
7 Minnesota State	22	28	7-	20-	1	0	.268	47-	101	36	8-25- 3	.264	53-	122
8 St. Cloud State	5	28	1-	26-	1	1	.054	23-	135	35	1-33- 1	.043	31-	177

! WCHA regular season champion. Note: Teams are awarded three points for each win in regulation or overtime, and one point for an overtime tie. Conference games tied after 65:00 advance to a three-player shootout with the winning team receiving an extra point in the standings (denoted in the SW column).

WCHA Playoff Results • First Round • Best-of-Three

Results of Friday, Feb. 25: #6 Ohio State 2 at #3 Minnesota 4; #7 Minnesota State 0 at #2 Minnesota Duluth 3; #8 St. Cloud State 3 at #1 Wisconsin 9 (Eagles' Nest, Verona, WI); #5 Bemidji State 2 at #4 North Dakota 3 (Purpur Arena, Grand Forks, ND). **Results of Saturday, Feb. 26:** Ohio State 2 at Minnesota 3 (UM wins series 2-0); Minnesota State 0 at Minnesota Duluth 5 (UMD wins series 2-0); St. Cloud State 1 at Wisconsin 5 (Eagles' Nest, Verona, WI) (UW wins series 2-0); Bemidji State 3 at North Dakota 0 (Purpur Arena, Grand Forks, ND). **Results of Sunday, Feb. 27:** Bemidji State 2 at North Dakota 3 ot (Purpur Arena, Grand Forks, ND) (UND wins series 2-1).