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## WCHA's Wisconsin, Minnesota, Minnesota Duluth Selected for NCAA Women's Division 1 Championship Tournament Badgers to Host Bulldogs March 12 at Kohl Center; Golden Gophers Hit the Road to Take on Boston College Next Saturday

MADISON, Wis. – Three teams from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, winners of the last 11 women's national championship, have been selected to play in the quarterfinals of the 2011 NCAA Div. 1 Hockey Championships.

No. 1 Wisconsin (34-2-2) will host defending national champion Minnesota Duluth (22-8-3) in the quarterfinal round, the NCAA revealed during Sunday night's selection show. Puck drop is set for 7:00 pm CT Saturday at the Kohl Center. The Badgers went 2-1-1 against UMD this season with the Bulldogs' victory coming on Nov. 28. That marks the last loss for Wisconsin, which has gone 22-0-2 the last 24 games.

Minnesota (26-9-2) will play at No. 3 seed Boston College (23-6-6) at 1:00 pm ET Saturday in the same half of the bracket. BC won the Hockey East playoff championship Sunday.

The Badgers earned the WCHA's automatic berth to the national tournament after winning the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF. UW defeated Minnesota 5-4 in overtime in the championship game.

Meanwhile, Minnesota and Minnesota Duluth received two of the four at-large berths to the national tournament. The Bulldogs fell to UM in the semifinals of the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, 4-2.

The Badgers are making their sixth NCAA national tournament appearance and begin the quest for their fourth national championship after taking home the title in 2009, 2007 and 2006. UW is 11-2-0 in the national tournament for a .846 winning percentage.

The trip to Boston marks the first time Minnesota will travel for an NCAA Regional game. As the NCAA expanded the tournament to eight teams in 2005, Minnesota has made six NCAA regional appearances. Prior to their road trip this weekend, Minnesota hosted the regional game in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The 2011 NCAA Regional marks the second time Minnesota will play Boston College with the first coming on March 14, 2009 in a 4-3 win at Ridder Arena.

The other pairings have Dartmouth (22-11) of Hanover, N.H., at No. 2 Cornell (30-2-1) of Ithaca, N.Y., at 12 noon ET Saturday, and Mercyhurst (29-5) of Erie, Pa., at No. 3 Boston University (25-6-4) at 3:00 pm ET Saturday.

The quarterfinal winners will advance to the 2011 NCAA Women's Frozen Four Friday, March 18 and Sunday, March 20 at Tullio Arena in Erie, Pa. The two semifinal games will be held on Friday and the national title game on Sunday.

In the 10 years of NCAA-sponsored tournaments, WCHA members have won all 10 titles – UMD has five, Wisconsin has three and Minnesota two. UMD defeated Cornell 3-2 (3ot) in the 2010 championship game at Ridder Arena.

## 2010-11 WCHA Women's Standings

|                    | Pts | Conference Only |     |     |   |    |      | Overall |     |    |        |      |     |      |      |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|---|----|------|---------|-----|----|--------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
|                    |     | GP              | W   | L   | T | SW | Win% | GF-     | GA  | GP | Record | Win% | GF- | GA   |      |     |
| 1 Wisconsin !*     | 76  | 28              | 24- | 2-  | 2 | 2  | .893 | 140-    | 50  | 38 | 34-    | 2-   | 2   | .921 | 203- | 66  |
| 2 Minnesota Duluth | 57  | 28              | 18- | 7-  | 3 | 0  | .696 | 109-    | 49  | 33 | 22-    | 8-   | 3   | .712 | 131- | 53  |
| Minnesota          | 57  | 28              | 18- | 8-  | 2 | 1  | .679 | 100-    | 52  | 37 | 26-    | 9-   | 2   | .730 | 131- | 65  |
| 4 North Dakota     | 50  | 28              | 16- | 10- | 2 | 0  | .607 | 96-     | 79  | 36 | 20-    | 13-  | 3   | .597 | 116- | 103 |
| 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. \* WCHA playoff champion. Note: teams are awarded three points for each win in regulation or OT, and one point for an overtime tie. Conference games tied after 65 minutes advance to a three-player shootout with the winning team receiving an extra point in the standings (denoted in the SW column).

## This Week in the WCHA • NCAA Div. 1 Women's Hockey Championship

### NCAA Regional Games for Saturday, March 12

\* Minnesota at Boston College (NC), 1:00 pm ET; \* Minnesota Duluth at Wisconsin (NC), 7:00 pm CT; \* Dartmouth at Cornell (NC), 12:00 pm ET; \* Mercyhurst at Boston University (NC), 3:00 pm ET. \* NCAA Quarterfinal