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Minnesota State University
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Ohio State University
St. Cloud State University
University of Wisconsin

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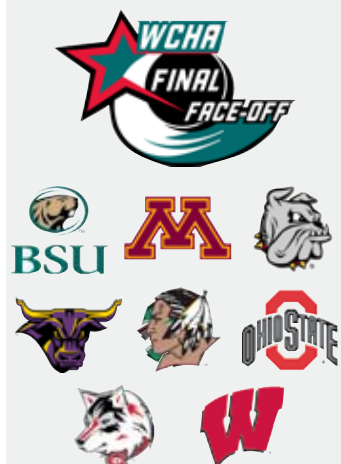
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OSU'S BONHOMME LEADS 2007-08 WCHA AWARD WINNERS GARNERS WCHA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS; UND'S HANSON NAMED TURFER WCHA OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR; UMD'S IRWIN IS ROOKIE OF YEAR; FROST NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

MADISON, Wisc. – Ohio State senior defenseman Tessa Bonhomme won two individual awards and leads the Western Collegiate Hockey Association women's all-conference team, it was announced Wednesday (March 5). Bonhomme, a senior from Sudbury, Ont., was named the WCHA Player of the Year and was chosen WCHA Defensive Player of the Year in a vote of the eight league coaches.

The Buckeyes' captain was also named to the all-conference first team. She was the top scoring defenseman in the league with 12 goals and 24 assists for 36 points in 28 WCHA games. Only Haley Irwin, Minnesota Duluth's freshman who won the scoring championship with 43 points and Minnesota's Gigi Marvin who had 38 points scored more than Bonhomme.

Irwin, a Thunder Bay, Ontario native who helped lead Minnesota Duluth to the WCHA title, Marvin, a junior, and Ohio State senior Erin Keys and Wisconsin's Meghan Duggan were voted the 2007-08 all-league forwards. (Keys and Duggan tied for third among voters) while Minnesota junior Rachael Drazan and Bonhomme are the All-WCHA defenseman and Wisconsin junior Jessie Vetter and Minnesota Duluth's Kim Martin tied in the vote for all-league goalie. Irwin, who was also voted rookie of the year, had 18 goals and 25 assists and helped UMD to its third conference championship.

Marvin, a forward from Warroad, Minn., led the conference in goals with 26 goals and joins Vetter and Bonhomme as repeaters on the first team all-league team. Marvin was the WCHA rookie of the year in 2005-06.

Keys, a senior from St. Paul, Minn., scored 18 goals and had 34 points for the Buckeyes while Duggan, the rookie of the year last season, had 15 goals and 29 points in an injury-plagued season for the third place Badgers.

Drazan, a junior from Orono, Minn., had 10 goals, 17 assists for 27 points and joins Bonhomme, the second all-time career scoring leader for WCHA defenseman, as an all-league defender.

Vetter, from Cottage Grove, Wis., and Martin, a sophomore from Stockholm, Sweden, tied for first team all-league goalie honors. Vetter won the statistical award of 2007-08 WCHA Goaltending Champion. She had a 1.38 goals-against average and a save percentage of .928, in addition to a 19-5-2 record in league play. Martin had the league's best save percentage (.946). She also posted a 1.48 goals-against average and posted a 21-4-0 record.

Martin, Bonhomme and Marvin were also recently named a top 10 candidate for the 2008 Patty Kazmaier Award.

North Dakota's Casie Hanson has been named the Turfer WCHA Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year. A junior from St. Peter, Minn. Hanson is an alternate captain for the Fighting Sioux and finished fourth as the "Defensive Player of the Year" in a vote of league coaches. She scored seven goals with six assists for 13 points. Hanson is a two-time All-WCHA Academic Team member who has amassed a 3.96 grade point average while competing in two varsity sports. Hanson, a physical education major, also is an all-American and academic all-American in softball at UND.

The WCHA Coach of the Year is Minnesota's Brad Frost. Frost, in his first season with the Golden Gophers, led the team to a 27-5-4 overall record heading into the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF and a 21-5-2 record in conference play. The Gophers lost just once in their last 24 games and finished in second place in the WCHA.

The conference head coaches, assistant coaches and sports information directors vote for the WCHA award winners. The WCHA Defensive Player of the Year Award was chosen by the head coaches, while the Turfer WCHA Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year was selected by the institutional faculty representatives.

2008 WOMEN'S AWARDS CON'T

2007-08 ALL-WCHA FIRST TEAM

Forwards: Gigi Marvin, Jr., Minnesota
Haley Irwin, Fr., Minnesota Duluth
Erin Keys, Sr., Ohio State (tie)
Meghan Duggan, So., Wisconsin (tie)

Defense: Tessa Bonhomme, Sr., Ohio State
Rachael Drazan, Jr., Minnesota

Goaltender: Kim Martin, So., Minnesota Duluth (tie)
Jessie Vetter, Jr., Wisconsin (tie)

2007-08 ALL-WCHA SECOND TEAM

Forwards: Erica McKenzie, Sr., Minnesota
Erika Lawler, Jr., Wisconsin

Defense: Lisa Chesson, Sr., Ohio State
Anya Miller, Sr., Minnesota

Goaltender:

2007-08 ALL-WCHA THIRD TEAM

Forwards: Bobbi Ross, Sr., Minnesota
Jinelle Zaugg, Sr., Wisconsin
Saara Tuominen, So., Minnesota Duluth

Defense: Jocelyne Larocque, Fr., Minnesota Duluth
Melanie Gagnon, Jr., Minnesota

Goaltender: Emily Brookshaw, Sr., Bemidji State

2007-08 ALL-WCHA ROOKIE TEAM

Forwards: Hilary Knight, Fr., Wisconsin
Haley Irwin, Fr., Minnesota Duluth
Mallory Deluce, Fr., Wisconsin

Defense: Jocelyne Larocque, Fr., Minnesota Duluth
Shannon Reilly, Fr., Ohio State

Goaltender: Jenny Lura, Fr., Minnesota

2007-08 WCHA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tessa Bonhomme, Sr., D, Ohio State

2007-08 TURFER WCHA OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Casie Hanson, Jr., F, North Dakota

WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tessa Bonhomme, Sr., D, Ohio State

2007-08 WCHA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Haley Irwin, Fr., F, Minnesota Duluth

2007-08 WCHA COACH OF THE YEAR

Brad Frost, Minnesota

2007-08 WCHA GOALTENDING CHAMPION

Jessie Vetter, Jr., G, Wisconsin

2007-08 WCHA SCORING CHAMPION

Haley Irwin, Fr., F, Minnesota Duluth

2008 WOMEN'S AWARDS CON'T

2007-08 ALL-WCHA ACADEMIC TEAM

Must have completed one year of eligibility at present institution, prior to the current academic year. Have a grade-point average of at least 3.0 for the previous two semesters or three quarters.

Bemidji State University: *Haley Balcom, Sr.; Jennifer Bauer, So.; Wendy Bergh, Jr.; *Emily Brookshaw, Sr.; *Brooke Collins, Jr.; Frances Dorr, So.; *Tara Hiscock, Sr.; Kailee Jaeger, So.; *Lisa Kissick, Jr.; *Jaime LeDuc, Sr.; *Jessica Pullar, Sr.; Jessica Ptachick, So.; *Monica Rawlings, Jr.

University of Minnesota: Kelli Blankenship, So.; Rachael Drazan, Jr.; Melanie Gagon, Jr.; Whitney Graft, Sr.; Jamie Horton, So.; *Gigi Marvin, Jr.; Michelle Maunu, So.; *Erica McKenzie, Sr.; *Anya Miller, Sr.; *Bobbi Ross, Sr.; *Dagney Willey, Jr.; Alexandra Zebro, So.

University of Minnesota Duluth: Emmanuelle Blais, So.; *Karine DeMeule, Sr.; *Tawni Mattila, Jr.; Sarah Murray, So.; Heidi Pelttari, So.; Jaime Rasmussen, So.; *Myriam Trepanier, Jr.

Minnesota State University, Mankato: Kala Buganski, So.; *Kristina Bunker, Sr.; Ida Clark, So.; *Jodi Helminen, Sr.; *Jenna Hewitt, So.; *Britni Kehler, Sr.; Brittany Mackley, Sr.; *Lindsay Macy, Sr.; Kathleen Rosso, So.; Holly Snyder, So.; *Amanda Stohr, Sr.; *Andreean Thibault, Sr.; *Ashley Young, So.

University of North Dakota: Andrea Cook, So.; Cassandra Flanagan, So.; *Casie Hanson, Jr.; Jodi Holland, So.; *Alyssa Johnson, Jr.; Brittany Kirkham, So.; Ashley Lynch, So.; Samantha Turner, So.; Alexandra Williams, So.

Ohio State University: *Olivia Antognoli, Jr.; *Liana Bonanno, Jr.; Rachel Davis, So.; *Jody Heywood, Sr.; *Megan Hostasek, Jr.; *Erin Keys, Sr.; Raelyn LaRocque, So.; *Whitney Miller, Jr.; *Mallory Peckels, Sr.; Kristin Smith, So/Fr.

St. Cloud State University: *Laura Fast, Sr.; Jenaca Fredheim, So.; Danielle Hirsch, So.; Caitlin Hogan, So.; *Abby Krause, Sr.; *Marie-Michel Lemieux, Sr.; Kelly Meierhofer, So.; *Michelle Moen, Jr.; Kendall Newell, Sr.; *Samantha Nixon, Jr.; Meaghan Pezon, So.; Holly Roberts, So.; *Brita Schroeder, Jr.

University of Wisconsin: *Rachel Bible, Jr.; Maria Evans, So/Fr.; *Angie Keseley, Jr.; Emily Morris, Sr.; Mikka Nordby, Sr.; *Jessie Vetter, Jr.

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