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## MSU'S YOUNG, SCSU'S NIXON, UM'S BOZEK NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR NOV. 25

MADISON, Wis. – The Western Collegiate Hockey Association today announced the women's players of the week for Nov. 25-30, 2009. They are Minnesota State University, Mankato forward **Ashley Young** on offense, St. Cloud State University goaltender **Ashley Nixon** on defense, and University of Minnesota defenseman **Megan Bozek** as rookie.

### WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **ASHLEY YOUNG SR., F, MINNESOTA STATE**

Minnesota State University forward Ashley Young, a sophomore from South Saint Paul, Minn., finished the Nov. 21-22 weekend with two key points, both in last Saturday night's 3-2 conference road win over Western Collegiate Hockey Association rival and No. 5-ranked Minnesota Duluth.

Young earned her first point of the game on Kala Buganski's game-tying goal at 15:34 of the second period. Young later buried the game-winner for the visiting Mavericks at 19:26 of the third period – with only :34 seconds left in the game.

Through 12 games played this season, Young currently owns a team-high 12 points on four goals and eight assists. Over her four-year Minnesota State career, she has 64 points in 100 games played.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Erin Cody, F, BSU; Kelli Blankenship, F, UM; Melissa Feste, F, OSU; and Brooke Ammerman, F, UW.

### WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **ASHLEY NIXON JR., G, ST. CLOUD STATE**

St. Cloud State University goaltender Ashley Nixon, a junior from Blaine, Minn., was sensational in net against the No. 6-ranked Wisconsin Badgers, stopping 93-of-97 shots on goal to gain the Huskies a series split last weekend in the National Hockey Center.

Nixon, who earned First Star of the Game honors on both Nov. 20 and 21, had a series saves percentage of .959, posted three shutout periods and blanked Wisconsin on all seven of its power-play chances.

She made 54 saves last Saturday afternoon, including 21 in the second period and 23 in the third, to lead the host Huskies to a 4-2 win over the Badgers. Last Friday afternoon, she stopped 39 of 41 shots on goal as SCSU suffered a one-goal, 2-1 defeat vs UW.

On the season, Nixon owns a 4-5-0 record overall, a 2.88 goals-against average, and a .921 saves percentage.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Zuzana Tomcikova, G, BSU; Jaime Rasmussen, D, UMD; and Alli Altmann, G, MSU.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

#### **MEGAN BOZEK FR., D, MINNESOTA**

The University of Minnesota's Megan Bozek, a freshman defenseman from Buffalo Grove, Ill., led the Gopher scoring charge in the their WCHA series sweep over visiting Bemidji State last weekend. She scored a goal and three assists.

Last Friday (Nov. 20), Bozek tallied an assist on the third period game-winning goal and held a +2 plus-minus rating in Minnesota's 4-2 win over the Beavers.

Last Saturday (Nov. 21) was a career night for the rookie blueliner, as she contributed on all three goals in the Golden Gophers' 3-2 victory over BSU. Bozek scored her first collegiate goal, unassisted, on the power-play at 13:27 of the first period to tie the game at 1-1. She later set up Emily West's game-winning, power-play goal at 5:23 in the second period to give UM a 2-1 lead and then assisted on Terra Rasmussen's insurance goal at 18:39 in the third for the win.

A member of the Gopher penalty-kill unit, Bozek also helped hold the Beavers scoreless in nine power-play attempts. She had eight shots and a +2 rating on the weekend.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Sadie Lundquist, F, BSU; Vanessa Thibault, F, UMD; Lauren Smith, F, MSU; and Brianna Decker, F, UW.