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## SCSU'S NELSON, UM'S RÄTY, UMD'S WILSON NAMED WCHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR DEC. 2

MADISON, Wis. – The Western Collegiate Hockey Association today announced the women's players of the week for Dec. 2, 2009. They are St. Cloud State University forward **Felicia Nelson** on offense, University of Minnesota goaltender **Noora Rätty** on defense, and University of Minnesota Duluth forward **Katie Wilson** as rookie.

### WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK **FELICIA NELSON** SR., F, ST. CLOUD STATE

St. Cloud State University captain Felicia Nelson, a senior forward from St. Paul, Minn., had a career weekend against Brown, posting four points with three goals and an assist – including both game-winners – en route to a Husky sweep over the Thanksgiving holiday in Providence, R.I.

Nelson had two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in St. Cloud State's 5-4 victory over the host Bears last Friday (Nov. 27). Nelson is now tied for second all-time at SCSU with nine game-winning goals.

She also had a goal in the Huskies' 3-2 victory last Saturday (Nov. 28). In addition to her four points in the series, Nelson also fired eight shots on goal.

Through 13 games this season, Nelson has 12 points on eight goals and four assists to rank fourth among in scoring among her teammates.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Emily West, F, UM; Alyssa Wiebe, F, UND; and Malory Deluce, F, UW.

### WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK **NOORA RÄTY** FR., G, MINNESOTA

Noora Rätty, the University of Minnesota's freshman goaltender from Espoo, Finland, had a stellar Thanksgiving weekend in net for the Gophers, holding No. 3-ranked Clarkson scoreless while recording two victories. This marks the second time this 2009-10 season she has won the defensive award (also on Oct. 21).

Last Friday (Nov. 27) in a 4-0 triumph, Rätty kept the No. 2-ranked Golden Gophers in the game early when she made a save from her back and would later have 20 saves in the game.

Rätty then followed with her second shutout of the weekend and fourth of the season last Saturday (Nov. 28) when Clarkson went scoreless on 21 shots. She was named the third and second stars of the game during the weekend series.

Dating back to the 3:03 mark of the first period against Bemidji State on Nov. 21, Rätty has now held opponents scoreless for 176:57 consecutive minutes played. She currently ranks second in the country in goals-against average (0.99) and save percentage (.962) in 12 games played.

Also nominated for the award this week were: Jennifer Harss, G, UMD; Kelly Lewis, D, UND; Ashley Nixon, G, SCSU; and Geena Prough, D, UW.

### WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK **KATIE WILSON** FR., F, MINNESOTA DULUTH

Freshman forward Katie Wilson turned in a five-point weekend – including her first collegiate three-goal hat trick – while helping No. 5-ranked University of Minnesota Duluth to a two-game sweep of Boston College in Chesnut Hill, Mass.

The native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, scored the game-winning goal for UMD in last Friday (Nov. 27) afternoon's contest – just :52 seconds into play. Wilson, who was +2 on the outing, also added an assist on Laura Fridfinnson's third period goal in the Bulldogs' 3-0 win.

Then last Saturday (Nov. 28), Wilson netted the first hat trick of her Minnesota Duluth career by scoring a goal in each period as the Bulldogs skated to a 5-1 win over the host Eagles. The goals, all at even-strength, opened up scoring in each stanza.

With a +2 rating in last Saturday's game as well, Wilson was a +4 in the series overall.

Currently the No. 2 rookie scorer in NCAA Div. 1 ranks, Wilson is averaging 1.11 points per game, and has 20 points (9g, 11a) in 18 games. She is UMD's third leading scorer and ranks ninth in the WCHA in scoring with 12 points (5g, 7a) in 12 league outings.

Also nominated this week were: Mira Jalosuo, D, UM; Mary Loken, F, UND; and Brianna Decker, F, UW.