

# 1999-2000 WCHA Award Winners

Madison, Wisc. - The University of Wisconsin's **Steve Reinprecht** and the University of Minnesota-Duluth's **Jeff Scissons**, a pair of four-year collegiate standouts, were honored as WCHA Player of the Year and WCHA Student-Athlete of the Year, respectively, to highlight the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's annual post-season awards ceremony held today (March 16) at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

A senior center from Edmonton, Alta., Reinprecht is the captain and top-scorer on the nation's No. 1-ranked team. He is first overall in Div. 1 men's college hockey rankings with 24 goals, 39 assists and 63 points in 34 games through March 15th for a 1.85 points per game average. In addition to his player of the year award, he earned All-WCHA First Team honors. Reinprecht, the 21st player in UW history to play in 150 games and score 150 points (158), is the first Badger to receive the league's top on-ice award since goaltender Duane Derksen in 1991-92 and is the fifth UW player to be so honored since 1979.

Scissons, another senior center and team captain, hails from Saskatoon, Sask. He has accumulated a 3.91 overall grade-point average (4.0 scale) and will finish his academic work in four years while earning a BBA in Finance. A three-time member of the All-WCHA Academic Team, his many service contributions and activities include tutoring his teammates while on road trips, speaking to youth groups, and participating in the UMD Athletic Department's elementary school reading program. On the ice in 1999-2000, Scissons was second in scoring among his Bulldog teammates with 14 goals, 19 assists and 33 points and amassed 128 career scoring points over 153 games at UMD.

Chosen in a vote of conference head coaches as the 1999-2000 WCHA Defensive Player of the Year was the University of Wisconsin's **Jeff Dessner**, an alternate captain for the MacNaughton Cup champs. The junior defenseman from Glenview, Ill., owns the top plus/minus mark in the league at +49 and is tied for third in scoring among conference blueliners with 10 goals, 15 assists and 25 points in 37 games. Dessner also earned All-WCHA First Team honors.

The WCHA Rookie of the Year is high-scoring University of Wisconsin winger **Dany Heatley**, who is also the third straight rookie of the year to earn a spot on the All-WCHA First Team. (Goaltenders Gregg Naumenko of Alaska Anchorage in 1998-99 and Karl Goehring of North Dakota in 1997-98, also earned the double honor.) From Calgary, Alta., Heatley shares the WCHA goal-scoring lead overall with 27 in 35 games and is tied for fourth in points overall with 52 in 35 games. His 27 goals so far are the most in a season by a UW rookie since John Newberry had 30 in 1980-81. Rated the No. 1 prospect in North America by the NHL, Dany is the son of Murray Heatley, an All-WCHA Second Team honoree for Wisconsin in 1970 and 1971.

The 1999-2000 WCHA Coach of the Year honor went to **Don Brose** of first-year conference member Minnesota State University, Mankato. Completing his 30th and final season at the helm of the Mavericks, Brose has guided MSU to a 21-13-4 (.605) overall record, a fourth place finish in the WCHA, and a berth in the Final Five. He owns a 536-326-72 career record and is 10th on the all-time career wins list among NCAA men's hockey coaches.

On the four all-league teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd and Rookie), WCHA regular season champion Wisconsin led the way with seven honorees, North Dakota had six selections, Minnesota had four, St. Cloud State had three, Colorado College had two, and Alaska Anchorage and Minnesota State Mankato had one each. In addition to the previously mentioned Reinprecht, Heatley and Dessner on the All-WCHA First Team, 1999-2000 conference scoring champion and junior **Jeff Panzer** of North Dakota earned a spot on the first team along with junior goaltender **Karl Goehring** of UND and sophomore defenseman **Mike Pudlick** of St. Cloud State. Goehring marks his third all-league honor and he and SCSU's **Scott Meyer** each broke the single season shutout record in the WCHA this winter with six. The previous regular season mark was four.

Named to the All-WCHA Second Team were: **Lee Goren**, F, UND; **John Pohl**, F, UM; **Tyler Arnason**, F, SCSU; **Dylan Mills**, D, UM; **Jordan Leopold**, D, UM; and **Scott Meyer**, G, SCSU. Named to the All-WCHA Third Team were: **Erik Westrum**, F, UM; **Jason Ulmer**, F, UND; **Aaron Fox**, F, MSU; **Paul Manning**, D, CC; **Alex Brooks**, D, UW; and **Graham Melanson**, G, UW.

Named to the All-WCHA Rookie Team were: **Dany Heatley**, F, UW; **Noah Clarke**, F, CC; **Ryan Bayda**, F, UND; **Travis Roche**, D, UND; **Brian Fahey**, D, UW; and **Cory McEachran**, G, UAA.

There were six players on the all-league teams who were repeat honorees. They were: UND's Jeff Panzer, Karl Goehring and Lee Goren, UM's Jordan Leopold, and UW's Jeff Dessner and Graham Melanson from a year ago while two members of the 1998-99 All-WCHA Rookie Team - SCSU's Tyler Arnason and UM's Jordan Leopold - moved on to earn all-league second team honors this season.

Voting for the WCHA's annual awards is done by conference coaches, players, sports information directors and media who cover the league on a regular basis. The ten-member institutions each receive a total of seven ballots. The Defensive Player of the Year is selected by the head coaches while the Student-Athlete of the Year is chosen by institutional representatives. Points for all-league honors are awarded on a 5 (first team vote), 3 (second team vote), 1 (third team vote) basis.

### WCHA Player of the Year

Steve Reinprecht  
Senior, Center  
University of Wisconsin

### WCHA Student- Athlete of the Year

Jeff Scissons  
Senior, Center  
University of Minnesota-Duluth

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Year

Jeff Dessner  
Junior, Defenseman  
University of Wisconsin

### WCHA Rookie of the Year

Dany Heatley  
Freshman, Wing  
University of Wisconsin

### WCHA Coach of the Year

Don Brose  
Minnesota State  
University, Mankato



## 1999-2000 All-WCHA First Team

Pos	Name	Team	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	Pts
F	Steve Reinprecht	Wisconsin	6-0	190	Sr	Edmonton, Alta.	332
F	Jeff Panzer	North Dakota	5-10	160	Jr	Grand Forks, ND	311
F	Dany Heatley	Wisconsin	6-3	200	Fr	Calgary, Alta.	258
D	Jeff Dessner	Wisconsin	6-2	195	Jr	Glenview, IL	276
D	Mike Pudlick	St. Cloud State	6-3	190	So	Blaine, MN	224
G	Karl Goehring	North Dakota	5-7	150	Jr	Apple Valley, MN	196

## 1999-2000 All-WCHA Second Team

Pos	Name	Team	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	Pts
F	Lee Goren	North Dakota	6-2	205	Sr	Winnipeg, Man.	227
F	John Pohl	Minnesota	6-1	186	So	Red Wing, MN	196
F	Tyler Arnason	St. Cloud State	6-1	190	So	Winnipeg, Man.	99
D	Dylan Mills	Minnesota	5-11	212	Jr	Duluth, MN	167
D	Jordon Leopold	Minnesota	6-1	208	So	Golden Valley, MN	106
G	Scott Meyer	St. Cloud State	6-0	185	Jr	White Bear Lake, MN	186

## 1999-2000 All-WCHA Third Team

Pos	Name	Team	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	Pts
F	Erik Westrum	Minnesota	6-0	195	Jr	Apple Valley, MN	97
F	Jason Ulmer	North Dakota	5-10	175	Sr	Wilcox, Sask.	61
F	Aaron Fox	MSU, Mankato	6-1	195	Sr	Hastings, MN	51
D	Paul Manning	Colorado College	6-4	205	Jr	Red Deer, Alta.	82
D	Alex Brooks	Wisconsin	6-2	195	Jr	Madison, WI	71
G	Graham Melanson	Wisconsin	5-10	180	Jr	Plymouth, N.S.	153

## 1999-2000 All-WCHA Rookie Team

Pos	Name	Team	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	Votes
F	Dany Heatley	Wisconsin	6-3	200	Fr	Calgary, Alta.	68
F	Noah Clarke	Colorado College	5-10	175	Fr	LaVerne, CA	58
F	Ryan Bayda	North Dakota	5-11	185	Fr	Saskatoon, Sask.	31
D	Travis Roche	North Dakota	6-1	190	Fr	Whitecourt, Alta.	56
D	Brian Fahey	Wisconsin	6-1	210	Fr	Glenview, IL	35
G	Cory McEachran	Alaska Anchorage	6-2	200	Fr	Thunder Bay, Ont.	47

# 1999-2000 WCHA All-Academic Team

Madison, Wisc. - 84 student-athletes, representing all ten conference member institutions, were honored with selection to the 1999-2000 WCHA All-Academic Team, released March 16th at the annual league awards ceremony. To earn a position on the WCHA All-Academic Team, each player must meet the following criteria: 1) have completed at least one year of residency at present institution prior to the current academic year; 2) have a grade point average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) for the previous two semesters or three quarters, or may qualify if his overall GPA is at least 3.00 for all terms at his present institution; and 3) have competed in at least one-half of his institution's varsity intercollegiate ice hockey games during the current season (goaltenders must have played at least 33% of his team's minutes during the season to be eligible).

## Alaska Anchorage

Steve Cygan, So  
Klage Kaebel\*, Sr  
Eric Lawson, So  
Michael Scott, So  
Chris Sikich\*, Jr  
Regg Simon\*, Jr  
Gregg Zaporzan, So

## Colorado College

Mike Colgan\*, Jr  
Jesse Heerema, So  
Berk Nelson\*, Sr  
Toby Petersen\*, Sr  
Mike Stuart, So  
Shaun Winkler, So

## Denver

Erik Adams, So  
Joe Casey, Sr  
Jesse Cook, So  
Bjorn Engstrom\*, Jr  
David Neale, So  
Jon Newman, Sr  
Chris Paradise, So  
Neil Phippen, Jr  
Kelly Popadynetz, Jr  
Joe Ritson, Sr  
Judd Stauss\*, Jr  
Bryan Vines, Jr  
Stephen Wagner\*, Sr

## Michigan Tech

A.J. Aitken\*, Sr  
Jaron Doetzel, So  
Adrian Fure\*, Jr  
Devin Hartnell\*, Sr  
Tom Kaiman, So  
Jason Moilanen\*, Jr  
Brad Patterson, So  
Jarrett Weinberger\*, Jr

## Minnesota

Mike Lyons\*, Sr  
Nate Miller\*, Sr  
Dylan Mills\*, Jr  
Pat O'Leary, So  
John Pohl, So  
Erik Westrum\*, Jr

## Minnesota-Duluth

Colin Anderson\*, Sr  
Mark Carlson, So  
Ryan Coole\*, Jr  
Jesse Fibiger, Jr  
Mark Gunderson\*, Jr  
Ryan Homstol\*, Jr  
Judd Medak, So  
Ryan Nosan\*, Sr  
Andy Reiersen, So  
Jeff Scissons\*, Sr

## Minnesota St., Mankato

Jon Bushy, Jr  
Ben Christopherson, Jr  
Andy Fermoyle, Sr  
Andy Hedlund, So  
Todd Kelzenberg, So  
Ryan Schrick, Sr  
Ryan Severson, Jr

## North Dakota

Peter Armbrust, Sr  
Mike Commodore\*, Jr  
Wes Dorey, Jr  
Karl Goehring\*, Jr  
Lee Goren\*, Sr  
Trevor Hammer\*, Jr  
Bryan Lundbohm, So  
Chad Mazurak, So  
Tim O'Connell, Sr  
Jeff Panzer\*, Jr  
Aaron Schneekloth, So  
Jason Ulmer\*, Sr

## St. Cloud State

Keith Anderson, Jr  
Jon Cullen, So/Fr  
Tom Lund, Sr  
Scott Meyer, Jr  
Brandon Sampair\*, Jr  
Peter Torsson\*, Jr  
Duvie Westcott, So

## Wisconsin

Dan Bjornlie\*, Sr  
Kent Davyduke, So  
Kevin Granato\*, Jr  
Dustin Kuk, Sr  
Graham Melanson\*, Jr  
Niki Siren, Sr  
Rob Vega, So  
Andy Wheeler, So

• denotes repeat honoree from 1998-99

## Two WCHA Players Were Finalists for Hobey Baker Award

Madison, Wisc. - Forwards **Jeff Panzer** of the University of North Dakota and **Steve Reinprecht** of the University of Wisconsin were among the top ten finalists for the 1999-2000 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given each year to the top college hockey player in the U.S. The award ultimately went to Boston College defenseman Mike Mottau, who was honored in a formal announcement on April 7th in Providence, RI.

Panzer, who will lead his Fighting Sioux into the NCAA Frozen Four, was the 1999-2000 conference scoring champion (based on league games only) and was named to both the West All-American and All-WCHA first teams.

Reinprecht, who led the Badgers to the No. 1 ranking for more than two months and finished as the nation's leading scorer overall with 66 points, was named WCHA Player of the Year, and was both an West All-American and All-WCHA first team honoree.

In addition to Panzer and Reinprecht, the other eight finalists for the 1999-2000 Hobey Baker award were: Mike Comrie, F, Michigan; Ty Conklin, G, New Hampshire; Jeff Farkas, F, Boston College; Brian Gionta, F, Boston College; Shawn Horcoff, F, Michigan State; Joel Laing, G, RPI; Andy McDonald, F, Colgate; and Mike Mottau, D, Boston College.

## Seven WCHA Players Honored as All-Americans

Madison, Wisc. - Seven outstanding Western Collegiate Hockey Association players, representing the league's top three teams in the final conference standings this season, earned 1999-2000 Jofa University Division All-American honors as selected by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) and released on April 6th at the NCAA Div. 1 Men's Ice Hockey Championship (Frozen Four) in Providence, R.I.

Four WCHA players were named to the West All-American First Team and three were chosen to the West All-American Second Team. 1999-2000 Jofa All-American West First Team choices were forwards **Jeff Panzer** of the University of North Dakota and **Steve Reinprecht** of the University of Wisconsin, defenseman **Jeff Dessner** of the University of Wisconsin, and goaltender **Karl Goehring** of the University of North Dakota. West All-American Second Team honorees were forward **Lee Goren** of North Dakota, forward **Dany Heatley** of Wisconsin, and defenseman **Mike Pudlick** of St. Cloud State University.

Panzer and Reinprecht are also both 2000 Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalists (to be awarded on Friday, April 7th in Providence) and both were All-WCHA First Team selections. Panzer won the WCHA's regular season scoring title with 14 goals, 30 assists and 44 points in 28 games. Reinprecht, who recently signed a pro contract with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, earned the 1999-2000 WCHA Player of the Year award and is still currently the top scoring player in Div. 1 men's ice hockey overall this season with 26 goals, 40 assists and 66 points in 36 games.

Dessner was the 1999-2000 WCHA Defensive Player of the Year, earned All-WCHA First Team honors, and owned the top plus/minus mark in the conference at +49.

Goehring, meanwhile, won this season's WCHA goaltending title with a 1.79 goals-against average in league play, was an All-WCHA First Team honoree, and set a new conference single season record along with Scott Meyer of SCSU by posting six shutouts.

The WCHA's three Second Team All-American selections - Goren, Heatley and Pudlick - have also all enjoyed banner years. Goren is the top goal scorer overall among league players with 31 tallies in 41 games through April 5 and was an All-WCHA Second Team choice. Heatley was the 1999-2000 WCHA Rookie of the Year and was an All-WCHA First Team selection after posting 28 goals, 28 assists and 56 points in 37 games. And Pudlick, who also just signed a pro contract with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, was an All-WCHA First Team choice after tying for the scoring lead among conference defensemen this winter.

## 1999-2000 Jofa West All-American First Team

Pos.	Name	Year	Team	Hometown
G	Karl Goehring	Jr	North Dakota	Apple Valley, MN
D	Jeff Dessner	Jr	Wisconsin	Glenview, IL
D	Jeff Jilson	So	Michigan	N. Smithfield, RI
F	Jeff Panzer	Jr	North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND
F	Steve Reinprecht	Sr	Wisconsin	Calgary, Alta.
F	Shawn Horcoff	Sr	Michigan State	Castlegar, BC

## 1999-2000 Jofa West All-American Second Team

Pos.	Name	Year	Team	Hometown
G	Jayme Platt	Jr	Lake Superior State	Redmond, WA
D	Mike Pudlick	So	St. Cloud State	Blaine, MN
D	Mike Weaver	Sr	Michigan State	Bramalea, Ont.
F	Lee Goren	Sr	North Dakota	Winnipeg, Man.
F	Dany Heatley	Fr	Wisconsin	Calgary, Alta.
F	Mike Comrie	So	Michigan	Edmonton, Alta.

## 1999-2000 Jofa East All-American First Team

Pos.	Name	Year	Team	Hometown
G	Joel Laing	Sr	RPI	Maryfield, Sask.
D	Justin Harney	Sr	St. Lawrence	Hopkinton, MA
D	Mike Mottau	Sr	Boston College	Avon, MA
F	Brian Gionta	Jr	Boston College	Rochester, NY
F	Andy McDonald	Sr	Colgate	Strathroy, Ont.
F	Jeff Farkas	Sr	Boston College	Williamsville, NY

## 1999-2000 Jofa East All-American Second Team

Pos.	Name	Year	Team	Hometown
G	Ty Conklin	Jr	New Hampshire	Anchorage, AK
D	Chris Dymant	So	Boston University	Reading, MA
D	Brian Pothier	Sr	RPI	New Bedford, MA
F	Brandon Dietrich	So	St. Lawrence	Waterloo, Ont.
F	Cory Larose	Sr	Maine	Campbellton, NB
F	Brad Tapper	Jr	RPI	Scarborough, Ont.

# WCHA Players of the Week

## Offensive

10/18 Steve Reinprecht, C, UW  
 10/25 Dustin Kuk, LW, UW  
 11/1 Jon Newman, LW, DU  
 11/8 Jason Ulmer, C, UND  
 11/15 K.J. Voorhees, RW, CC  
 11/22 John Pohl, C, UM  
 11/29 Brandon Sampair, RW, SCSU  
 12/6 Jeff Panzer, C, UND  
 12/13 Joe Ritson, RW, DU  
 1/3 Steve Reinprecht, C, UW  
 1/10 Jeff Scissons, C, UMD  
 1/17 David Hukalo, LW, UW  
     John Pohl, LW, UM  
 1/24 Justin Morrison, W, CC  
 1/31 Lee Goren, RW, UND  
 2/7 Noah Clarke, C, CC  
 2/14 Mark Rycroft, LW, DU  
 2/21 Dany Heatley, W, UW  
 2/28 Jesse Rooney, F, MSU  
 3/6 Mark Hartigan, LW, SCSU

## Defensive

10/18 Stephen Wagner, G, DU  
 10/25 Adam Hauser, G, UM  
 11/1 Eric Pateman, G, MSU  
 11/8 Matt Williams, D, UAA  
 11/15 Karl Goehring, G, UND  
 11/22 Paul Manning, D, CC  
 11/29 Jason Moilanen, G, MTU  
 12/6 Graham Melanson, G, UW  
 12/13 Todd George, D, MSU  
 1/3 Adam Hauser, G, UM  
 1/10 Karl Goehring, G, UND  
 1/17 Graham Melanson, G, UW  
 1/24 Mike Pudlick, D, SCSU  
 1/31 Scott Meyer, G, SCSU  
 2/7 Scott Meyer, G, SCSU  
 2/14 Graham Melanson, G, UW  
 2/21 Eric Pateman, G, MSU  
 2/28 Mike Colgan, D, CC  
 3/6 Jeff Dessner, D, UW

## Rookie

10/18 Ryan Malone, F, SCSU  
 10/25 Jon Francisco, C, UMD  
 11/1 Joe Motzko, RW, SCSU  
 11/8 Cory McEachran, G, UAA  
 11/15 Dany Heatley, RW, UW  
 11/22 Shawn Roed, LW, UM  
 11/29 Chris Purslow, W, SCSU  
 12/6 Brad Winchester, C, UW  
 12/13 Corey Strachan, G, UAA  
 1/3 Drew Otten, RW, UMD  
 1/10 Dany Heatley, RW, UW  
 1/17 Corey Strachan, G, UAA  
 1/24 B.J. Abel, F, MSU  
 1/31 Travis Roche, D, UND  
 2/7 Ryan Malone, LW, SCSU  
 2/14 Dany Heatley, RW, UW  
 2/21 Jeff Taffe, W, UM  
 2/28 Kevin Doell, W, DU  
 3/6 Greg Barber, LW, DU

# In the News

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## **29th Annual Grand Forks Herald WCHA Coaches Poll** **Coaches Again Tab North Dakota as Pre-Season Favorite**

Madison, Wisc. - The University of North Dakota, winners of a record-tying three consecutive WCHA regular season championships, has been selected as the pre-season favorite to capture the 1999-2000 MacNaughton Cup in the *29th Annual Grand Forks Herald WCHA Coaches Poll* released today and conducted by sportswriter Virg Foss.

Coach Dean Blais' Fighting Sioux, who look to become the first team in the league's 48-year history to win four straight titles, received five first place votes from the ten head coaches and 77 points to outdistance Colorado College with four first place votes and 74 points. Between them, North Dakota and Colorado College have won the last six MacNaughton Cups.

A tight race throughout the ranks is predicted by the head coaches for 1999-2000, as Wisconsin (1 first place vote, 61 points) and Minnesota (60 points) were close for third and fourth place, St. Cloud State (46 points) and 1999 WCHA Playoff Champion Denver (43 points) were picked for fifth and sixth, Minnesota-Duluth and Minnesota State, Mankato tied for seventh with 30 points, Michigan Tech (16 points) was ninth, and Alaska Anchorage (13 points) was 10th.

Selected as the WCHA's Pre-Season Most Valuable Player in the poll was North Dakota junior goaltender **Karl Goehring** (Apple Valley, Minn.), who received three votes from the head coaches. Goehring, a second team All-WCHA pick in 1998-99, was 22-5-2 overall with a 2.40 goals-against average and .914 saves percentage last winter.

Chosen as the WCHA's Pre-Season Rookie of the Year was University of Wisconsin freshman forward **Dany Heatley** (Calgary, Alta.), who received five votes.

## **29th Annual Grand Forks Herald** **WCHA Coaches Poll**

*(1st place votes and total points.  
Points are based on 9 for first, 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1)*

Place	Team (1st place votes)	Pts
1	North Dakota (5)	77
2	Colorado College (4)	74
3	Wisconsin (1)	61
4	Minnesota	60
5	St. Cloud State	46
6	Denver	43
7	Minnesota-Duluth	30
	Minnesota State, Mankato	30
9	Michigan Tech	16
10	Alaska Anchorage	13

### **Coaches' Pre-Season Most Valuable Player (votes)**

Karl Goehring, Jr, G, North Dakota (3)  
 Jeff Panzer, Jr, F, North Dakota (2)  
 Toby Petersen, Sr, F, Colorado College (2)  
 Steve Reinprecht, Sr, F, Wisconsin (2)  
 Jeff Scissons, Sr, F, Minnesota-Duluth (1)

### **Coaches' Pre-Season Rookie of the Year (votes)**

Dany Heatley, F, Wisconsin (5)  
 Jeff Taffe, F, Minnesota (2)  
 Noah Clarke, F, Colorado College (1)  
 Tom Preissing, D, Colorado College (1)

## **WCHA Teams Post .594** **Non-Conference Winning** **Percentage in 1999-2000**

The ten members of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association combined to post an impressive 46-31-3 overall record and .594 winning percentage over 80 games against non-conference opponents during the 1999-2000 campaign.

Following, by team, are each school's non-conference records in 1999-2000.

*(note: records do not include non-conference tournament games vs other WCHA teams)*

Team	W-L-T	Pct.
North Dakota	9-1-0	.900
Wisconsin	5-2-1	.688
Alaska Anchorage	4-2-0	.667
Minnesota-Duluth	4-2-0	.667
Denver	6-3-1	.650
St. Cloud State	4-3-0	.571
MSU, Mankato	4-3-1	.563
Minnesota	4-4-0	.500
Colorado College	4-5-0	.444
Michigan Tech	2-6-0	.250
<b>WCHA Totals</b>	<b>46-31-3</b>	<b>.594</b>

## WCHA Attendance Tops 1,000,000 Mark for 7th Straight Year

The 1999-2000 season saw the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and its member institutions combine to draw 1,238,211 fans to 209 home games - the seventh consecutive season the league has surpassed the one million mark.

The WCHA is still the only college hockey conference in history to draw in excess of 1,000,000 home fans in a single season.

## UND's Jeff Panzer and Karl Goehring Win Individual WCHA Titles

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**Karl Goehring**, a junior goaltender from Apple Valley, Minn., won his second WCHA goaltending crown in the last three years with a 1.79 goals-against average. He also ranked second in saves percentage at .928 and owned a 12-4-4 record in conference games. Goehring also won the title as a freshman in 1997-98 with a 2.23 GAA.

## UW's Steve Reinprecht Wins National Scoring Title

University of Wisconsin senior center **Steve Reinprecht**, who was named the 1999-2000 WCHA Player of the Year, finished the season as the top scorer in NCAA Div. 1 college hockey ranks.

From Edmonton, Alta., Reinprecht had 26 goals, 40 assists, and 66 points in 37 games for a 1.78 points per game average.

## 2000 NSP WCHA Final Five Draws Nearly 50,000

The 2000 NSP WCHA Final Five Playoff Championship tournament, held March 16, 17 and 18 at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., drew a total of 49,717 fans.

That was the largest turnout for the league's post-season tournament since 56,707 attended the 1997 Final Five at the Civic Center in St. Paul, Minn.

## Two WCHA Coaches Picked by Team USA

University of North Dakota head coach **Dean Blais** and University of Wisconsin assistant coach **Mark Johnson** have been named to the coaching staff of the 2000 U.S. National Team, which will compete in the 2000 IIHF Pool A Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia from April 28-May 14.

Blais, who led the Fighting Sioux to the 2000 NCAA Championship, and Johnson will assist U.S. head coach **Lou Vairo**, who also served as the bench boss for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team.

## Nine Players with WCHA Ties Picked for 2000 Team USA

Nine players with current and former ties to the Western Collegiate Hockey Association were named to the 23-man roster for the 2000 United States National Team, which was set to compete in the 2000 IIHF World Championship April 29-May 14 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

They are goaltenders **Karl Goehring** (UND) and **Damian Rhodes** (MTU/Atlanta - NHL), defenseman **Ben Clymer** (UM/Tampa Bay - NHL), and forwards **Jason Blake** (UND/Los Angeles - NHL), **Darby Hendrickson** (UM/Vancouver - NHL), **Jeff Nielsen** (UM/Anaheim - NHL), **Mike Peluso** (UMD/Portland - AHL), **Derek Plante** (UMD/Chicago - NHL) and **Chris Tancill** (UW/EV Zug - Swiss National League).

Four other individuals with WCHA ties were among the staff for Team USA. They were: Team Leader **Jim Johannson** (UW), Assistant Coaches **Dean Blais** (UND) and **Mark Johnson** (UW), and USA Hockey Executive Director **Doug Palazzari** (CC).

The USA is a member of Pool A - Group D for the World Championship, along with Switzerland, Russia and France. The USA schedule is as follows: April 29 vs Switzerland; May 1 vs Russia; and May 3 vs France. The Qualifying Round is May 5-9, the Quarterfinal Round is May 11, the Semifinal Round in May 12, and the Medal Round in May 14.

## Don Brose, Jeff Sauer Named Finalists for Div. 1 Men's College Coach of the Year

Madison, Wisc. - Two Western Collegiate Hockey Association head coaches - **Don Brose** of Minnesota State University, Mankato and **Jeff Sauer** of the University of Wisconsin - were among the ten finalists for University Division Coach of the Year honors, announced on March 24th by the American Hockey Coaches Association. The award ultimately went to Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence University.

Brose, who recently announced his retirement after 30 years at MSU, was chosen as the WCHA Coach of the Year for 1999-2000 after guiding the first-year WCHA-member Mavericks to a fourth place regular season finish, a berth in last week's NSP WCHA Final Five, and a 21-14-4 overall record.

Sauer, in his 29th year overall as a head coach in the WCHA and 18th at Wisconsin, has guided this season's Badgers to the nation's No. 1-ranking over the past two months, the conference's regular season championship and MacNaughton Cup, and a college hockey-best 31-8-1 overall record heading into the NCAA tournament. Sauer is the winningest coach in WCHA history with 617 victories (through March 24).

Brose and Sauer join eight other finalists for the Spencer Penrose Trophy, which will be presented on Saturday, April 29th, at the annual AHCA convention in Naples, Fla. The finalists' ballot is made up of the top two vote-getters in each league's coach of the year balloting and the final vote will take place after the conclusion of the NCAA Div. 1 Ice Hockey Championships.

In addition to Brose and Sauer, the other eight finalists for the 1999-2000 University Division Coach of the Year award were: **Scott Borek**, Lake Superior State; **Shaun Hannah**, Sacred Heart; **Mike Kemp**, Nebraska-Omaha; **Blaise MacDonald**, Niagara;

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Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence; Jack Parker, Boston Univ.; Richard Umile, New Hampshire; and Don Vaughan, Colgate.

## MSU's Don Brose Announces Retirement

Feb., 2000 - Don Brose, head men's hockey coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato since 1969 and currently the 10th winningest coach in the history of NCAA men's ice hockey with 533 victories (thru Feb. 20), announced in late February, 2000 that he would retire upon the completion of his contract this June.

"I'm going to turn 60 in the spring," said Brose. "I've been at MSU for 35 years. I've been the head coach 30 years. I want to be selfish for me and my family for a change. I want to go out hunting. I want to say when I'm going to get up and all that good stuff.

"I could have had early retirement at age 57, but I wanted to keep going and see this program through to the WCHA. And you think of the wonder things that are out there for you when you retire."

Brose, who played a key role in the Mavericks' acceptance as a full-time member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association beginning this season, has compiled a 30-year collegiate coaching record of 533-332-72 and a .607 career winning percentage over 937 games at Mankato. Here in 1999-2000, he has MSU at 18-12-2 (.594) overall and in fourth place in the WCHA with a 14-9-1 record heading into the final two weeks of the regular season.

A 1962 graduate of Concordia College, Brose earned his master's degree in physical education from the University of Maryland in 1964 while coaching freshman baseball. He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of four children - Jennifer, Heidi, Tim and Jeff.

## UMD's Mike Sertich Announces Retirement

*(release courtesy of UMD SID Office)*

Feb., 2000 - Mike Sertich, who has taken the University of Minnesota-Duluth hockey

program to unprecedented heights the past two decades, will resign from his position as the Bulldogs' head coach at the conclusion of the 1999-2000 season and assume other administrative duties within the UMD Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"It's been a great run," said Sertich, 53. "We set a standard for this program which no one had ever come close to reaching. That's something I'm very proud of."

Sertich, the all-time leader in coaching victories at UMD, is winding down his 18th season with the Bulldogs and has amassed an overall record of 347-324-44 (.516 winning percentage). He has also guided UMD to all three of its Western Collegiate Hockey Association regular season titles (1984, 1985, 1993), to both of its league playoff championships (1984, 1985) and to each of its four NCAA playoff berths (1983-85, 1993). In 1984, Sertich's Bulldogs lost to Bowling Green State in four overtimes in the historic NCAA title game and went on to take third place honors at the national event the following year. The recipient of the 1984 Spencer-Penrose Award (American Hockey Coaches Association NCAA Div. 1 Coach of the Year), Sertich not only holds the distinction of being one of just two four-time winners of the WCHA's Coach of the Year award (1983-85 and 1993), but he's the only individual to ever to be bestowed with that honor three years in a row.

During his 18-year tenure, three Bulldogs have been bestowed with the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, eight have attained All-American honors and 18 have gone on to play in the NHL.

Born and raised in Virginia, Minn., Sertich lettered three years as a defenseman at UMD and concluded his collegiate playing days in 1968-69 by being selected the Bulldogs' Most Improved Player. He earned his B.S. in physical education from UMD in 1969.

"Mike Sertich has provided the leadership and spark to establish the Bulldogs as a national college hockey power," said UMD Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Bob Corran. "We are extremely appreciative of Mike's service and dedication to UMD. His contributions to our hockey program over the past 18 years will never be forgotten, or overshadowed."

## WCHA Welcomes Two New Head Coaches for 2000-2001

Replacing two longtime, successful coaches in Minnesota-Duluth's Mike Sertich and Minnesota State, Mankato's Don Brose cer-

tainly won't be easy, but the two individuals selected to replace those two retiring 'legends' are held in very high esteem among their college hockey coaching peers.

The Bulldogs will welcome longtime North Dakota assistant coach and former WCHA standout **Scott Sandelin** behind the bench for 2000-2001 while the Mavericks have elevated longtime assistant coach **Troy Jutting** to the head coaching slot.

## Six WCHA Players Named to Team USA for North American College Hockey Championship

Madison, Wisc. - Six Western Collegiate Hockey Association seniors were named by the American Hockey Coaches Association to the preliminary Team USA Roster for the fourth annual North American College Hockey Championships against Team Canada. The two all-star games were played on Saturday, April 15 at the Palace of Auburn Hills (MI) and Sunday, April 16 at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton, Ont.

The six conference players chosen to Team USA so far are forwards **Lee Goren** and **Jason Ulmer** of the University of North Dakota, **Nate Miller** of the University of Minnesota, **Jeff Scissons** of the University of Minnesota-Duluth and **Toby Petersen** of Colorado College, and defenseman **Dan Peters** of Colorado College.

A total of 12 forwards, five defensemen and two goalies were recognized. A sixth defenseman remains to be named and an alternate list of seven players were also named to address any late dropouts due to professional signings and to fill the final defense spot.

Named to the alternate list from the WCHA was forward **Dustin Kuk** of the University of Wisconsin.

Other college seniors named to the preliminary roster were forwards Mike Souza, New Hampshire; Ben Simon, Notre Dame; Chris Heron, Boston Univ.; Steve Aronson, St. Thomas; Darryl Campbell, Colgate; Cory Larose, Maine; and Eric Meloche, Ohio State; defensemen Robert Ek, Maine; Mike Weaver, Michigan State; Justin Harney, St. Lawrence; and Mike Jones, Bowling Green; and goaltenders Greg Gardner, Niagara and Shep Harder, Colgate. Other alternates named were goaltender David Halmson, Williams; defensemen Mike Mottau, Boston College and Sean Peach, Michigan; and

forwards Marc Bellemare, Norwich, and Doug Stienstra, Cornell.

## Heatley Leader of Draft-Day Pack

Toronto, Ont. (Jan. 11, 2000) - Left wing **Dany Heatley** of the University of Wisconsin is the top-ranked skater in the mid-season rankings of draft eligible players for the 2000 NHL Entry Draft.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound WCHA freshman is the first U.S. collegiate player to top the mid-season rankings. Heatley ranks second in team scoring with 28 points (16-12-28 in 20 games), third in the league.

Born in Germany and raised in Calgary, he competed for Canada in the recently completed 2000 World Junior Championships in Sweden, tallying four points (2-2-4 in seven games).

The mid-season ranking is compiled by the NHL's Central Scouting Service and features the top 224 skaters in North America, top 30 North American goaltenders, as well as the top 100 European players and top nine European goaltenders.

Rostislav Klesla, a defenseman for the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League is the No. 2-rated player. The 6-foot-2, 198-pound native of the Czech Republic ranks fifth in team scoring with 19 points (7-12-19 in 38 games).

Several of the top rated Canadian Hockey League players will be showcased in the 2000 Top Prospects Game on Feb. 2 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. The 2000 NHL Entry Draft will take place in Calgary, June 24-25.

The top five positions are rounded out by center Scott Hartnell of the WHL's Prince Albert Raiders; Nikita Alexeev, a right wing with the Erie Otters (OHL), and defenseman Brooks Orpik of Boston College. Orpik, a native of San Francisco, is the top rated U.S.-born prospect. Orpik performed for the United States at the 2000 World Junior Championships in Sweden.

Brent Krahn of the WHL's Calgary Hitmen is the No. 1-ranked goaltender in North America. He is followed by Rick Dipietro of Boston University and Ryan Ashaber of the OHL's Windsor Spitfires.

The top-rated European talent is Vaclav Nedorost of the Czech Republic. The 6-foot-1, 176-pound center helped the Czech team capture the gold medal at the World Junior Championships this year. He is followed by left wing Marian Gaborik of

## WCHA Hosted Norway's Valerenga IF Team in December

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association hosted another in a long line of international team tours in December, 1999 when Norway's Valerenga Ishockey AS visited the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota.

A member of the SkodaAuto European Hockey League, Valerenga won their 20th national championship in 1998-99 and has dominated Norwegian ice hockey for the last 40 years. Valerenga IF was founded in 1913. Some of the other familiar teams who play in the same league are Mannheim (WCHA All-Stars opponent at 1998-99 Kolin Cup), MoDo, Sparta and Lillehammer.

Valerenga defeated Wisconsin, 6-3, at the Kohl Center on Tuesday, December 14th and defeated Minnesota, 7-5, at Mariucci Arena on Wednesday, December 15th.

"We are certainly pleased to continue the WCHA's long-standing tradition of hosting international hockey teams," said Commissioner Bruce McLeod in announcing the tour. "Valerenga will be a tremendously talented team and will provide an extremely entertaining and skilled game to our WCHA hockey fans in both Wisconsin and Minnesota." McLeod led the first-ever overseas tour by a collegiate hockey all-star team a year ago when the WCHA All-Stars played in the Kolin Cup in Switzerland.

### Valerenga IF Team Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Birthdate	Nationality
20	Roger Bruvang	G	10/10/80	Norway
21	Erik Tveten	W	08/05/72	Norway
22	Hans Abrahamsson	C	10/31/69	Sweden
23	Lubos Sikela	D	07/10/67	Norway
24	Rune Fjeldstad	W	12/23/71	Norway
25	Jan Fagerli	D	09/22/66	Norway
26	Niklas Hendriksson	D	06/71	Sweden
27	Patric Englund	C	06/03/70	Sweden
28	Johan Brummer	W	03/06/68	Sweden
29	Tommy Edlund	D	08/15/78	Norway
30	Erik Ryman	D	06/10/72	Sweden
31	Tommy Lund	G	10/15/80	Norway
32	Christian Thygesen	W	07/02/82	Norway
33	Oystein Olsen	W	01/11/69	Norway
34	Niklas Barklund	W	06/10/73	Sweden
35	Atie Olsen	D	01/29/72	Norway
36	Niklas Gallstedt	D	02/07/67	Sweden
37	Mareus Rath	W	05/27/70	Norway
38	Bard Sorlie	D	04/04/77	Norway
40	Ake Lilljebjorn	G	09/23/62	Sweden
42	Magnus Hermansson	W	10/23/76	Sweden
43	Tom-Ivar Thompson	W	10/26/77	Norway
44	Kenneth Larsen	W	04/12/76	Norway
45	Andre Hoibyhagen	D	03/16/81	Norway
46	Kjell Nygard	W	01/04/78	Norway
47	Kim Frydenberg	W	06/28/81	Norway
48	Morten Ask	C	05/14/80	Norway

**Head Coach:** Roy Johansen. **Assistant Coach:** Knut J. Stubdal. **General Manager:** Hakan Sodergren. **Team Leader:** Odd Kolsrud. **Physiotherapists:** Lars Erik Borgesen, Terje Claussen. **Doctor:** Morten Berner.

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Slovakia (Trencin) and three Russian natives, defenseman Ilja Nikulin and left wing Alexei Smirnov of Dynamo/Tver of the Russian Senior league, and left wing Alexander Frolov (Yaroslavl 2).

The OHL is well represented in the 2000 Mid-Term Rankings with 11 prospects ranked in the first round. The WHL follows with nine and the U.S. Collegiate system with eight first round prospects.

In addition to 15 Canadian-born players ranked in the first round, there are seven U.S.-born players: Orpik, #9 center **Jeff Taffe** of the University of Minnesota (WCHA), #11 defenseman Ron Hainsey of University of Mass-Lowell (Hockey East), #14 center Brett Nowak of Harvard (ECAC), #25 center R.J. Umberger of the U.S. Under-18 team, #26 center Andy Hilbert of the University of Michigan (CCHA), and #29 defenseman **Matt Demarchi** of the University of Minnesota (WCHA).

## Annual WCHA Awards Ceremony Held March 16th Program Included Announcement of Hobey Baker 10 Finalists

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association's annual post-season individual awards ceremony and press conference was held on Thursday, March 16 at 4:00 pm CT at the Marriott City Center in downtown Minneapolis.

The program, which honored the league's individual award winners for 1999-2000, was open to the public and kicked-off the 2000 NSP WCHA Final Five at Target Center.

For the second straight year, the WCHA was also pleased to welcome the official announcement of the Hobey Baker Award's Ten Finalists.

## WCHA Provides Live Internet Audio Broadcasts of 2000 Final Five

For the first time in 1999-2000, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association provided college hockey fans with live internet radio broadcasts of the 2000 NSP WCHA Final Five at Target Center in Minneapolis.

Both semi-final games on Friday, March 17 as well as the championship game on Saturday night were available at [www.wcha.com](http://www.wcha.com) on Saturday, March 18.

Handling the audio broadcast(s) will be Jack Swanson (former UW play-by-play announcer) and Jim Rich, the producer and voice of the conference's weekly radio show - *This Week in the WCHA*.

The WCHA's official home on the internet is part of [www.fansonly.com](http://www.fansonly.com), the largest provider of collegiate athletic web sites.

## Teams For the Better

Four Western Collegiate Hockey Association teams surpassed their conference point totals of a year ago in 1999-2000.

In order of improvement, they were:

- 1) Wisconsin (+17, 46 points in 1999-2000 vs 29 in '98-99);
- 2) St. Cloud State (+15, 35 vs 20);
- 3) Minnesota-Duluth (+8, 20 vs 12); and
- 4) Minnesota (+2, 28 vs 26).

## Wisconsin Head Coach Jeff Sauer Wins 600th Game

University of Wisconsin Head Coach **Jeff Sauer** won his 600th career game as a college hockey coach on Friday, December 10 when the Badgers defeated Alaska Anchorage, 5-2.

Sauer, the winningest coach in conference history, became just the fifth coach in college hockey history to reach that plateau.

## CC's Toby Petersen, UMD's Jeff Scissons Nominated for Annual Hockey Humanitarian Award

A pair of Western Collegiate Hockey Association senior forwards - Colorado College's **Toby Petersen** and the University of Minnesota-Duluth's **Jeff Scissons** - were among 15 nominees for the 5th annual Hockey Humanitarian Award, presented to 'college hockey's finest citizen'. The distinguished award honors scholarship, character, and community service. The award ultimately went to Maine's James Leger.

Other nominees for the 1999-2000 award were: Mike Keough, Air Force; Colette Christa Bredin, Cornell; Rory Murray, Fairfield; Damon Whitten, Michigan State; Sara Decosta, Providence; Pete Gardiner, RPI; Joshua Ralph, St. Michaels; Jay Woodcroft, Alabama-Huntsville; Ryan Rein heller, Alaska-Fairbanks; James Leger, Maine; Craig Brown, UMass-Lowell; Jason Redenius, W. Michigan; and Juliana Schantz, Yale.

Former University of Wisconsin student-athlete **Erik Raygor** was honored with the Hockey Humanitarian Award in 1998.

## WCHA Well Represented at 2000 World Junior Championship

Six conference players - including repeat U.S. team selections **Matt Doman** (F, University of Wisconsin) and **Jordon Leopold** (D, University of Minnesota) - were named to rosters for the 2000 IIHF World Junior Championship, held between Dec. 25, 1999 and Jan. 4, 2000 in Skelleftea and Umea, Sweden. (Note: Doman missed the tournament due to injury.)

Also named to the U.S. National Junior Team from the WCHA were Colorado College defenseman **Mike Stuart**, Minnesota forward **Jeff Taffe**, and Wisconsin forward **Brad Winchester**. Conference players named to the 2000 Canadian National Junior Team were Wisconsin forward **Dany Heatley** and Denver forward **Matt Pettinger**.

2000 IIHF World Junior Championship Group A: Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Slovakia, USA  
Group B: Kazakhstan; Russia; Sweden; Switzerland; Ukraine

U.S. Schedule: Dec. 26 vs Czech Republic; Dec. 28 vs Slovakia; Dec. 29 vs Finland; Dec. 31 vs Canada. Canada Schedule: Dec. 25 vs Finland; Dec. 28 vs Czech Republic; Dec. 29 vs Slovakia; Dec. 31 vs USA. Quarterfinal Round: Jan. 1. Semifinal Round: Jan. 3. Gold/Bronze Medal Games: Jan. 4.

## Denver Records 1,000 Collegiate Hockey Victory

The University of Denver won the 1,000th game of the program's 50-year history this year, enabling the Pioneers to become the fourth Western Collegiate Hockey Association school to reach that plateau.

## Michigan Tech Also Marks 1,000th Collegiate Victory

The Michigan Tech University hockey program joined Denver in 1999-2000 in notching their 1,000th all-time collegiate hockey victory when the Huskies defeated Lake Superior State, 5-4, in the GLI Tournament on Dec. 30.

## WCHA Stars Among Century's Greatest Sports Figures

Thirteen (13) former Western Collegiate Hockey Association stars were named among the lists of 50 greatest sports figures of the century in their respective home states in the Dec. 27-Jan. 3 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

Following are conference alumni named among their home state's greatest sports figures of the century with conference team, rank among the their state's top 50, and the comments on each in *Sports Illustrated*.

Alaska: Steve MacSwain, F, Univ. of Minnesota (19th - HS hockey scoring champ);

Brian Swanson, F, Colorado College (23rd - Colorado College hockey star).

Minnesota: Neal Broten, F, Univ. of Minnesota (4th - 1981 Hobey Baker winner); Herb Brooks, coach, Univ. of Minnesota (8th - Coach of Miracle on Ice); John Mayasich, F, Univ. of Minnesota (17th - Minnesota hockey All-America); Reed Larson, D, Univ. of Minnesota (22nd - Gophers, Red Wings defenseman); Mike Ramsey, D, Univ. of Minnesota (30th - NHL defenseman for 18 years); John Mariucci, coach, Univ. of Minnesota (34th - Longtime Minnesota hockey coach); Paul Holmgren, F, Univ. of Minnesota (37th - Winger for Flyers in 1980s); John McCartan, G, Univ. of Minnesota (41st - 1960 Olympic hockey goalie).

North Dakota: Jeff Panzer, F, Univ. of North Dakota (38th - North Dakota hockey star).

Wisconsin: Mark Johnson, F, Univ. of Wisconsin (22nd - Hockey All-America at Wisconsin); Bob Johnson, coach, Univ. of Wisconsin (46th - Coach won NAAs and Stanley Cup).

## North Dakota and Minnesota Capture Holiday Tournaments

Over the Christmas-New Year's holiday period of 1999-2000, both the University of North Dakota and University of Minnesota captured tournament titles.

The Fighting Sioux won the 1999 Badger Hockey Showdown in Milwaukee while the Golden Gophers claimed their own 1999 Mariucci Classic.

## WCHA Players on 1999-2000 Holiday All-Tournament Teams

Silverado Shootout @ DECC, Duluth, MN  
F - Carl Corazzini, Boston University; Phil Lewandowski, Ferris State; Jeff Scissons, Minnesota-Duluth; D - Mark Carlson, Minnesota-Duluth; Jim Fahey, Northeastern; G - Phil Osaer, Ferris State. MVP - Chris Kunitz, F, Ferris State.

Bank One Badger Hockey Showdown @ Bradley Center, Milwaukee, WI  
F - Allan Carr, Nebraska-Omaha; Lee Goren, North Dakota; Steve Reinprecht, Wisconsin; D - Jeff Dessner, Wisconsin; Aaron Schneekloth, North Dakota; G - Graham

Melanson, Wisconsin. MVP - Lee Goren, F, North Dakota.

Dodge Mariucci Classic @ Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, MN  
F - Erik Westrum, Minnesota; John Pohl, Minnesota; J.P. Vigier, N. Michigan; D - Sean Connelly, N. Michigan; Jimmy Jackson, N. Michigan; G - Adam Hauser, Minnesota. MVP - Adam Hauser, G, Minnesota.

Great Lakes Invitational @ Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, MI  
F - Jarrett Weinberger, Michigan Tech; Shawn Horcoff, Michigan State; Mark Kosich, Michigan; D - Dave Huntzicker, Michigan; Mike Weaver, Michigan State; G - Joe Blackburn, Michigan State. MVP - Shawn Horcoff, F, Michigan State.

Norwest Denver Cup @ Magness Arena, Denver, CO  
F - Dan Kerluke, Maine; Toby Petersen, Colorado College; Kelly Popadynetz, Denver. D - Chris Paradise, Denver; A.J. Begg, Maine. G - Jeff Sanger, Colorado College. MVP - Cory Larose, F, Maine.

## Wisconsin and WCHA Alum Curtis Joseph Earns Starting Job in NHL All-Star Game

Former University of Wisconsin standout Curtis Joseph was named as the starting goaltender for the North American team in the 2000 NHL All-Star Game, held in Toronto on Feb. 6th.

Joseph, who was the WCHA's Most Valuable Player in 1988-89, is the ninth conference player to earn NHL All-Star honors and is one of nearly 300 WCHA alumni who have played in the National Hockey League since the league's founding in 1951.

## Univ. of Minnesota Hosted NCAA West Regional

The University of Minnesota successfully hosted the 2000 NCAA Hockey West Regional, held March 24th and 25th at Mariucci Arena.

WCHA teams competing in the West Regional were MacNaughton Cup champion University of Wisconsin and WCHA Final Five champion University of North Dakota.

# 51 WCHA Alumni in the NHL

Madison, Wisc. - Fifty-one (51) Western Collegiate Hockey Association alumni were members of 1999-2000 National Hockey League team rosters. The list includes Dallas forward **Brett Hull**, who scored his 600th NHL goal in Jan, 2000; Detroit defenseman **Chris Chelios**, who played in his 10th NHL All-Star Game on Feb. 6th in Toronto and has one of the NHL's top plus/minus ratings; Maple Leafs' goalkeeper **Curtis Joseph**, who was the starter for the North American team for the 2000 NHL All-Star Game; New York Rangers' netminder **Mike Richter**, who made his third NHL All-Star appearance; and Nashville forward **Greg Johnson**, who was one of his team's top scorers.

Among those currently classified as 'rookies' in the NHL were forwards **Jason Blake** (UND/LA Kings), **Paul Comrie** (DU/Edmonton Oilers), **Ryan Johnson** (UND/Florida), **Antti Laaksonen** (DU/Boston), **Jarkko Ruutu** (MTU/Vancouver), and **Andre Savage** (MTU/Boston), and defensemen **Brian Rafalski** (UW/New Jersey); **Ben Clymer** (UM/Tampa Bay); and **Dave Tanabe** (UW/Carolina). After the 1999-2000 WCHA season, Wisconsin forward **Steve Reinprecht** - the WCHA Player of the Year - and St. Cloud State defenseman **Mike Pudlick** (All-WCHA First Team) both signed with the Los Angeles Kings. And former Minnesota hockey coach **Herb Brooks**, meanwhile, took over the #1 bench duties for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The list of WCHA alumni who have played in the NHL over the past 48 years has reached nearly 300 and includes 58 players who have played more than 500 NHL games, 55 who have totalled more than 200 NHL points, eight goaltenders who have logged more than 10,000 NHL minutes, and seven netminders who have won more than 100 NHL games. Among the retired alums are Tony Esposito, Bill Masterton, Red Berenson, Glenn Anderson, Billy Hay, Peter McNab, Reed Larson, Keith Magnuson, Lou Nanne, Dave Christian, Glenn 'Chico' Resch, Curt Giles, Neal Broten and Mark Johnson.

## WCHA ALUMNI IN THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE IN 1999-2000

### FORWARDS & DEFENSEMEN PLAYER NAME (former WCHA team)

ANAHEIM  
Matt Cullen, F (SCSU)  
Jeff Nielsen, F (UM)  
Tony Hrkac, F (UND)

ATLANTA  
Ed Ward, F (NMU)

BOSTON  
Andre Savage, F (MTU)  
Antti Laaksonen, F (DU)  
Landon Wilson, F (UND)

BUFFALO  
Erik Rasmussen, F (UM)  
James Patrick, D (UND)  
Dixon Ward, F (UND)

CAROLINA  
Sean Hill, D (UW)  
Paul Ranheim, F (UW)  
David Tanabe, D (UW)

CHICAGO  
Doug Zmolek, D (UM)

COLORADO  
Shjon Podein, F (UMD)

DALLAS  
Brett Hull, F (UMD)  
Derek Plante, F (UMD)

DETROIT  
Chris Chelios, D (UW)

EDMONTON  
Paul Comrie, F (DU)

FLORIDA  
Scott Mellanby, F (UW)  
Mark Parrish, F (SCSU)  
Bret Hedican, D (SCSU)  
Ryan Johnson, F (UND)  
Lance Pitlick, D (UM)

LOS ANGELES  
Jason Blake, F (UND)  
Craig Johnson, F (UM)  
Mike Pudlick, D (SCSU)  
Steve Reinprecht, F (UW)

MONTREAL  
Barry Richter, D (UW)

NASHVILLE  
Greg Johnson, F (UND)

NEW JERSEY  
Randy McKay, F (MTU)  
Brian Rafalski, D (UW)  
Brad Bombardir, D (UND)

OTTAWA  
Kevin Dineen, F (DU)

PHOENIX  
Dallas Drake, F (NMU)

PITTSBURGH  
Brad Werenka, D (NMU)  
Tom Chorske, F (UM)

SAN JOSE  
Gary Suter, D (UW)  
Tony Granato, F (UW)  
Andy Sutton, D (MTU)

TAMPA BAY  
Ben Clymer, D (UM)  
Chris McAlpine, D (UM)

TORONTO  
Garry Valk, F (UND)  
Greg Andrusak, D (UMD)

VANCOUVER  
Murray Baron, D (UND)  
Jarkko Ruutu, F (MTU)  
Trent Klatt, F (UM)

### GOALTENDERS Player Name (former WCHA Team)

Ed Befour (UND)  
Curtis Joseph (UW)  
Mike Richter (UW)  
Damian Rhodes (MTU)

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# Where WCHA Players Come From

	UAA	CC	DU	MTU	UM	UMD	MSU	UND	SCS	UW	Total
<b>U.S.</b>											
AK	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
AZ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CA	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
CO	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
IL	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	8
MI	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
MN	9	9	3	5	27	18	20	9	19	6	125
MO	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ND	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	8
NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
UT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WA	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WI	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9	15
<b>14 States</b>											<b>191</b>
<b>CANADA</b>											
ALTA	2	3	3	9	0	0	3	6	0	5	31
BC	2	0	6	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	15
MAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	7
NS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ONT	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
SASK	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	0	1	12
<b>6 Prov.</b>											<b>77</b>
<b>OTHER</b>											
Czech	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sweden	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<b>3 other countries</b>										<b>5</b>	

## 1999-2000 WCHA SUMMARY

U.S. Players = 191 (70%)  
 Canadian Players = 77 (28.2%)  
 European Players = 5 (1.8%)  
 Single Largest Source: Minnesota = 125 (45.7%)

# Final Team Notebooks

## Alaska Anchorage

- The University of Alaska Anchorage closed out its 1999-2000 season with a 15-18-3 overall record...the 15 wins are the most for the Seawolves since they went 15-19-2 overall in 1993-94, their first season in the WCHA.
- The 85 goals the Seawolves put up this season are the most since they scored 86 in the 1996-97 season.
- Freshman F Joe Garvin scored the last Seawolf goal of the season in the final game against MSU, Mankato...Garvin also scored UAA's first goal of the season on only his second shift as a Seawolf in UAA's season-opening win over Niagara (4-0, 10/9/99).
- Senior C Klage Kaebel took the second penalty of his career the second-to-the-last game of the season vs MSU, Mankato...his streak of games played without taking a penalty ended at 85...Kaebel finished his 123-game UAA career with just two minor penalties.
- The 1999-2000 Seawolves averaged just 8.2 minutes of penalties per game - fewest in the nation.
- Sophomore C Steve Cygan led the team in scoring in 1999-2000 with 14 goals, 13 assists, and 27 points...however, he was held scoreless in the final eight games of the season - his longest such streak of the season.
- The Seawolves are still winless (0-16-0) in WCHA first round playoff games.
- The UAA penalty-killing unit allowed just 14 opponent power-play goals this season to set a new team record for fewest allowed (previous record: 16, 1997-98).
- The Seawolves, one of the youngest teams in college hockey, will lose only four seniors - Mark Filipenko, Klage Kaebel, Chris Pont and Matt Williams...they are scheduled to return 77% (156 of 203 points) of their scoring, 71% (60 of 85) of their goals, and their entire goaltending crew for the 2000-01 season.
- Head Coach Dean Talafous has recorded a 43-84-17 overall record and a 33-66-16 WCHA record in his four years at the Seawolf helm...over the last two seasons, he posted a 28-36-8 overall record and a 21-27-8 record.

## Colorado College

- Freshman F Noah Clarke, who was involved in a team-leading seven game-winning goals this season, is just the fourth freshman ever to lead the team in scoring, following in the footsteps of Jim Warner (1974-75), Dave Delich (1975-76) and Jay McNeill (1992-93)...Clarke, who finished the season with 37

points (17g, 20a) overall, scored three GWGs and assisted on four others.

- All four of F Trent Clark's goals this season came with the Tigers skating shorthanded, and he had a hand in five of the team's six SHGs overall.
- Colorado College held its opponent scoreless on the power-play in 22 of 39 games for the season...the Tigers scored at least one PPG in 23 outings.
- Senior F and team captain Toby Petersen ended his career tied for 41st place on CC's all-time scoring list with 128 (59g, 69a) career points.
- Including a 1-2-0 record in games that included an empty-net goal in the final minute, the Tigers were 4-12-0 in one-goal decisions this season...that includes a 1-2-3 mark in overtime games.
- With a goal in Game 1 of CC's first-round WCHA playoff series against Minnesota, senior F Aaron Karpan wound up scoring eight of his 24 career tallies in post-season games.
- The Tigers scored three or more goals in a single period 13 times, and were 9-1-0 in games that they did it...CC scored twice in less than two minutes on 14 occasions, twice in less than a minute six times, and in the opening :95 seconds of a game on six more occasions.
- While scoring 25.4% fewer goals than they did in 1998-99 (126 compared to 169), Colorado College gave up an average of 2.62 per game compared to 2.64 the previous season...that includes four empty-net goals when, taken into consideration, gives goalies Jeff Sanger and Colin Zulianello a combined goals-against average of 2.49 per game...the team GAA was 2.57 in 1998-99.
- The Tigers, who have won at least 18 games overall in eight of the last nine seasons, lost more (10) at home than on the road (8) in 1999-00...CC owns a record of 34-16-3 (.670) in 53 all-time appearances at the Colorado Springs World Arena since the facility opened midway through the 1997-98 season.

## Denver

- The Pioneers, who finished the 1999-2000 campaign with a 16-23-2 overall mark, have alternated between 20-win and 20 loss seasons since posting a 24-13-4 record in 1996-97.
- Denver was one of two teams to beat national champion North Dakota twice this season (Wisconsin was the other) and the Pioneers became the first team since 1996 to beat the Fighting Sioux twice on their home

ice in the same season.

- Denver won the 1,000th game of the program's 50-year history this year...the Pioneers are the fourth WCHA school to reach that plateau.
- Junior W Mark Rycroft finished the season ranked fourth on the team in scoring with 17-17-34 despite scoring just three points in the Pioneers' first 15 games...Rycroft led the team and ranked tied for fifth among NCAA Div. 1 players in game-winning goals...15 of Rycroft's 51 career goals have been game-winners.
- The Pioneers had two players join the school's century club in 1999-2000...Mark Rycroft picked up his 100th career point in a 6-1 win vs Michigan Tech on March 3 while senior F Jon Newman reached the 100-point plateau with an assist in Denver's season finale at North Dakota.
- Senior W Joe Casey finished the season with 20 scoring points, nearly tripling his previous career output...Casey closed the season with at least one point in nine of the Pioneers' last 12 games and scored five or more points during that span.
- Junior C Kelly Popadynetz, who led DU in scoring, doubled his output from 1998-99 with 15-25-40...the Calgary, Alberta, product led Denver in PPGs and power-play points and never went more than two consecutive games without recording at least one point.
- Junior C Bjorn Engstrom scored 30 points for the second straight year with 12-18-30 while extending his consecutive games played streak to 120.
- Senior G Stephen Wagner finished his career as the Pioneers' all-time leader in games played by a netminder (124)...he also ranks second among DU goaltenders in shutouts (seven) and is tied for third on the school's all-time wins list (59).
- DU had a league-high 13 players receive WCHA All-Academic honors, marking the 11th time since its inception in 1985 that Denver had more representatives on the league's all-academic team than any other member institution.
- Over the last six years, 72 Pioneers have earned WCHA All-Academic Team recognition...no other team in the conference has placed more than 55 student-athletes on the all-academic team during that same time span.

## Michigan Tech

- Junior F Jarrett Weinberger finished the 1999-2000 season as Michigan Tech's leading point-getter...Weinberger, who made the

team as a walk-on his first season, had career-high totals of 10 goals, nine assists, and 19 total points in 1999-2000.

- Junior F Matt Ulwelling, who paced the team in points in 1998-99, finished second on the club in points this season with 6-12-18.
- Junior F Jarrett Weinberger and sophomore F Paul Cabana tied for the team lead in goals scored with 10, while junior F Matt Ulwelling and junior D Clint Way tied for the team lead in assists with 12.
- Michigan Tech beat Lake Superior State twice during the season...LSSU, incidentally, finished third in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.
- Michigan Tech completed its 1999-2000 season by scoring four goals at top-ranked Wisconsin in the WCHA Playoffs on March 11...that marked the most times the Huskies lit the lamp in 12 games.
- Michigan Tech will return two of its three goaltenders and six of its eight defensemen next year.
- The Huskies lost 89 player games due to injury in 1999-2000 and another 11 due to illness.
- Junior D Quinton Krueger missed the last 10 games of the season due to injury.
- MTU was shutout a school-record nine times during the 1999-2000 season.
- While MTU was the most penalized team in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in 1999-2000, the Huskies had more penalties than their opponent in just 17 of the team's 38 games.
- The Huskies had eight players on the 1999-2000 WCHA All-Academic Team, led by junior F Jarrett Weinberger, who owns a 3.95 cumulative GPA in pre-medicine.
- Senior forward Devin Hartnell gained the Merv Youngs Award as the team's most valuable player for 1999-2000.
- Michigan Tech opened its \$2 million Peter J. Grant Hockey Educational Center in 1999-2000, giving the Huskies as fine of hockey support facilities as any team in the country.

## Minnesota

- The University of Minnesota was unbeaten in 14 games during the 1999-2000 season when outscoring its opponent in 5-on-5 situations (13-0-1).
- Minnesota was 10-5-0 when taking more penalties than its opponent, and just 10-14-2 when being whistled for the same or fewer infractions than the opposition.
- Over the Golden Gophers' final 11 games, the team that had more shots on goal has won 10 times.
- The Golden Gophers improved their WCHA first-round playoff record to 25-3-0 since the current best-of-three format was adopted with their series sweep at Colorado College.
- Minnesota played nine overtime games this season (3-4-2), which tied for the fourth

most in school history.

- The Golden Gophers were 17-5-0 against non-NCAA tournament teams in the 1999-2000 campaign, but only 3-15-2 against teams who ultimately made it to the national tournament.
- Minnesota has played 11 of the last 12 NCAA champions in the year of the respective team's national title.
- Minnesota finished the 1999-2000 season by winning seven of its last eight road games...the only loss during that streak came to St. Cloud State in a contest the Golden Gophers led in the final minute of regulation.
- The Golden Gophers won 11 of 14 games between Christmas, 1999 and when starting G Adam Hauser was knocked from the lineup with mononucleosis...two of the three games Minnesota lost during that stretch were one-goal setbacks.
- Minnesota led the WCHA in power-play efficiency in both conference games only and all games.

## Minnesota-Duluth

- Senior Colin Anderson became the first wing to lead the Bulldogs in scoring in five years by finishing the 1999-2000 season with 18 goals and 22 assists for 40 points (all career-highs).
- The Bulldogs had never won three road games in one year against the same WCHA opponent until upending St. Cloud State, 5-4, on March 3.
- Senior C and team captain Jeff Scissons, who never missed a game as a Bulldog, skated in his school-record 153rd consecutive outing in the 1999-2000 season finale at St. Cloud State...the previous UMD ironman mark was 150 games in a row set by W Joe Ciccarello (1992-96)...Scissons, the 1999-2000 WCHA Student Athlete of the Year award winner, also eclipsed the 30-point mark for a third straight year this winter with 14-19-33.
- Jeff Scissons and Colin Anderson were two of a school-record 10 Bulldogs (of a possible 17 eligible players) to earn WCHA All-Academic Team honors in 1999-2000.
- UMD scored 36.6% of its goals this season (34 of 93) on the power-play — the second highest figure since the school began keeping that statistic in 1973-74...the 1976-77 Bulldogs recorded 37.8% of their total goals with the extra man.
- Senior Brant Nicklin closed out his playing days at UMD sporting the best career saves percentage figure (.896) as well as the second best goals-against mark (3.40) in club history...Nicklin also ranks first among all-time Bulldogs in shutouts (eight) and appearances (137), is second in saves (3,880 — 20 stops shy of the school record which has stood for 22 years), and third in victories (55)...Nicklin also holds UMD standards for consecutive games played (76), consecutive

starts (76), shutouts in a single season (five in 1997-98) and saves percentage in a single season (.901 in 1997-98).

- The Bulldogs have not swept a home series in over two years (Jan. 16-17, 1998 vs SCSU) but have posted four road sweeps during that time (two vs MTU and one each vs Denver and St. Cloud State).
- UMD was a respectable 9-11-0 on the road in 1999-2000.
- Colin Anderson, junior RW Derek Derow, sophomore D Mark Carlson, Andy Reierson, sophomore C Tom Nelson and junior D Craig Pierce were the only veterans who established personal highs for scoring this past winter.
- Sophomore Mark Carlson topped all WCHA defenseman in power-play goals with four in league play this past winter and was fourth in scoring among Bulldog blueliners (18 points).
- Since the start of the 1996-97 season, UMD is 42-6-3 when leading after two periods of play, but the Bulldogs went just 7-3-0 in that situation this season...when they've have trailed at the second intermission during that same time span, the Bulldogs are 5-62-4 — including a 3-16-0 mark in 1999-2000.
- UMD, which held a lead for 515.5 of a possible 2,227 minutes this season (23.1%), was outscored 58-32 in the third period this winter (43-18 in WCHA games).
- This year marked the first time since the 1979-80 season UMD did not register at least one tie.
- The Bulldogs' offensive output this winter (2.51 goals per game) was the lowest in team history.

## MSU, Mankato

- MSU made its third WCHA play-off appearance in 1999-00 and after defeating Alaska Anchorage in the first round, made its first first Final Five appearance...in three seasons of WCHA post-season action the Mavericks own a 3-5-0 record.
- MSU went 8-2-2 in the last 12 games of the season and with an overall record of 21-13-4 hit the 20-win mark for the 11th time in the 31-year history of the program...the last time MSU had at least 20 wins in a season was in 1994-95 (20-13-0)...the last time MSU had more than 20 wins was in 1990-91 when the record was 23-7-6.
- Head coach Don Brose (Concordia '62), who retired upon the conclusion of the 1999-2000 season, built a 536-327-72 career record in his 30 seasons at the MSU hockey helm...the St. Louis Park, Minn., native ranks 10th on the all-time NCAA men's college hockey career wins list.
- Replacing Brose as the Mavericks' head coach is longtime MSU assistant Troy Jutting.
- Senior C Aaron Fox, who led the Mavericks

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in scoring with 12 goals and 38 assists for 50 points, tied for sixth in league scoring (7-27-34, 1.21 ppg) and was named All-WCHA Third Team...Fox completed his career with 107 assists to rank fourth all-time at MSU...the Hastings, Minn., native had 164 career points to tie for eighth on MSU's all-time list...the 1999-2000 asst captain ranked second in the WCHA in assists per game (27 in 28 games, 0.96) and had 14 multi-point games during the course of the season.

- Sophomore G Eric Pateman, a two-time WCHA Defensive Player of the Week during the season, started every game but one this past year and his 38 games played this season tied the school goaltender single-season record while his 21 wins rank third...the McAuley, Man., native established school career shutout (6) and assists by a goaltender (6) records during the course of the season...his career GAA (2.74) and SV% (.912) also rank first on MSU all-time lists and his four shutouts this season also established a school mark.

- Senior F Tim Wolfe, who completed the WCHA regular season tied for seventh in the league with 14 goals in 28 games, has played in 149 games in his career to rank tied for second all-time at MSU...Wolfe's 65 career goals rank 12th all-time at MSU and his team-leading 20 goals this season is a career-high.

- For the season MSU, owned a 12-0-1 record when leading after two periods, was 16-4-2 when scoring first, and 13-2-1 when leading after one period...the Mavericks were 8-8-3 in the first night of a two-game series and 13-5-1 in the next night's rematch.

- The Mavericks killed off 52 of 58 power-play opportunities in the last 13 games of the season...MSU scored at least one power-play goal in the last seven games of the season and as a team the Mavericks led the WCHA this year with seven shorthanded goals.

- A record number of 77,137 fans attended MSU men's hockey games - an average of 3,506 fans per contest in 1999-2000...the 10,075 fans in two games with North Dakota established a school two-game record and the 5,144 on Feb. 25 against the Sioux also established a single-game mark.

- MSU owns a 52-26-13 all-time record in the four-year-old Midwest Wireless Civic Center (4,704) and are 36-17-9 in the last 62 games there...MSU finished 11-7-4 at home this year.

- The Mavericks owned an 11-7-4 home record this year and built the mark in two different uniforms...MSU was 6-6-3 in the traditional home white sweater and fashioned a 5-1-1 mark in the new gold 'third' sweater...not included in the total is the WCHA Final Five loss to Minnesota in which the Mavericks wore the gold sweater.

- MSU owns a 23-35-7 record against WCHA

teams since reclassifying to NCAA Div. 1 status in 1995-96...with the exception of St. Cloud State, MSU has at least one win over every league member since 1995-96.

- MSU's 15 wins in league action is the most ever by a team in its first year of WCHA participation...the previous high for first-year wins was 14 by Alaska Anchorage (1993-94) and Northern Michigan (1984-85)...MSU accomplished the feat in 28 conference games compared to 32 games for UAA and 34 for NMU.

## North Dakota

- North Dakota defeated Maine, 2-0, on Thursday, April 6 in Providence to advance to the NCAA title game against Boston College...UND then defeated BC, 4-2, on Saturday, April 8th to win its seventh NCAA Division 1 hockey championship.

- UND finished 31-8-5 overall and 17-6-5 in the WCHA (second place)...North Dakota won the Broadmoor Trophy at the WCHA Final Five with a 5-3 win over Wisconsin...UND has now won the trophy in 1982, 1987, 1997 and 2000...it was North Dakota's seventh WCHA Playoff Championship title.

- In six seasons, Head Coach Dean Blais has compiled a 161-68-14 overall record and a 113-54-13 WCHA mark...this was the fourth season in a row that Blais has led the Sioux to a 30-win season and two of those seasons resulted in a NCAA Championship.

- Junior Karl Goehring won his second WCHA goaltending crown in the last three years with a 1.79 GAA in conference play...he also ranked second in saves percentage at .928 and owned a 12-4-4 record in conference games...Goehring also won the title as a freshman in 1997-98 with a 2.23 GAA...Goehring finished the season 19-6-4 overall with a 1.89 GAA and a .927 SV%...the 1.89 GAA puts Goehring second in the single season category at UND...the .927 SV% ties Goehring with Bob Peters (1957-58) for the number one spot in that single season category...he earned his 64th career victory on April 8th with a 4-2 win over Boston College...he broke Darren Jensen's (1979-82) school record for career wins of 54 on Jan. 21, 2000 vs Minnesota...career shutout #12 on April 6 vs Maine (2-0) moved Goehring into second place on the WCHA's all-time overall shutouts list...DU's Gerry Powers (1966-69) holds the record with 13...with 88 career appearances, Goehring is tied for fourth place with Mike Curran (1965-68)...the 10 career shutouts in league play move Goehring ahead of DU's Powers (1966-69), who had eight.

- Junior F Jeff Panzer was named a Hobey Baker Top Ten Finalist on Mar. 16...Panzer won the WCHA scoring title in 1999-2000 with 14 goals and 30 assists for 44 points in 28 league games...Panzer had multiple-point games 18 times...his high was five points -

once vs UMD and once vs MTU.

- Panzer and junior G Karl Goehring were named 1999-2000 Jofa University Division All-Americans, while senior F Lee Goren was named a second team All-American.

- Forwards Lee Goren and Jeff Panzer led the Fighting Sioux in scoring with 63 points each...Panzer had four PPGs and one game-winner while Goren had seven PPGs, seven GWGs (team leader) and one hat trick.

- Senior F Jason Ulmer finished the season with 57 points, third on the team...he had four PPGs, one SHG, and one hat trick.

- Fifth on the team in scoring was sophomore F Bryan Lundbohm with 44 points...he had a team-leading eight PPGs along with four GWGs.

- F Lee Goren had two points or more in 19 of his 44 games this season...11 times it was a three-point game and eight times it was a two-point effort.

- Sophomore G Andy Kollar was 11-2-1 this season with a 2.66 GAA and a .909 saves percentage...the .909 SV% ranks him ninth on the UND saves percentage list for a single season...the 2.66 GAA puts Kollar 11th on the UND single season list.

- Notes from the NCAA Tournament: Senior F Lee Goren was named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team and was also the Most Outstanding Player...also named to the NCAA All-Tournament team were F Bryan Lundbohm, D Mike Commodore, and G Karl Goehring...1999-2000 is the fourth year in a row that North Dakota has advanced to at least the quarterfinal round of the NCAA tournament...UND has won two titles in their last four appearances at the tournament...overall UND now has 16 tournament appearances, and the Sioux have won seven NCAA titles (1959, 1963, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2000) and had three runner-up finishes...the seven titles is second only to Michigan's nine...UND now has a 28-11-0 all-time NCAA tournament record...under Dean Blais the last four years, North Dakota has a 6-2-0 record at the NCAA tournament...against Maine, it was the freshman and sophomores that came up big with the scoring...sophomore Bryan Lundbohm scored a PPG, assisted by sophomore Aaron Schneekloth...it was Lundbohm's 22nd goal of the season and he completed the season with 44 points (22-22), which was fourth on the team overall...freshman F Kevin Spiewak scored the only other goal in the game shorthanded, assisted by freshman Jason Notermann...the goal was Spiewak's eighth of the season (8-8-16)...Spiewak also had two of UND's five SHGs this season...vs Boston College, junior Mike Commodore scored his fifth goal of the season, assisted by Lundbohm and Tim Skarperud...senior Lee Goren scored one of his two goals of the game (assisted by Ryan Bayda) to tie the game at 2-2...senior Jason Ulmer scored the GWG (assisted by Goren)...finally, Goren sealed the game with a 19:14 ENG...in three NCAA tournament

games, Lundbohm had four points (1-3), Goren had four (3-1), and Panzer had three (0-3).

## St. Cloud State

- No. 6 seed St. Cloud State University fell to No. 3 seed Boston Univ., 5-3, in the first round of the NCAA East Regional of the 2000 NCAA Div. 1 Men's Ice Hockey Championship on Saturday, March 25 at the Pepsi Arena in Albany...the Huskies made their second ever appearance in the NCAA tournament...SCSU's first appearance was in 1989 as an Independent...the Huskies lost to Lake Superior State in a two-game series, 6-3 and 4-2, that year.
- SCSU completed its 13th season as an NCAA Div. 1 program in 1999-2000 with a 23-14-3 overall record...the Huskies finished the WCHA regular season in sole possession of third place with a 16-9-3 league mark.
- The 1999-2000 season marked the 10th year for the Huskies as a member of the WCHA...during that span, SCSU has six upper division finishes.
- Head Coach Craig Dahl completed his 13th season with the Huskies and his 19th as a collegiate coach...Dahl, the 1997-98 WCHA Coach of the Year, is the winningest coach in Husky hockey with a 13-year won-loss record of 229-233-37 at SCSU...he has an 19-year mark of 305-321-39...Dahl won his 300th game as a collegiate coach on Feb. 19th.
- St. Cloud State made its fifth straight WCHA Final Five appearance in 1999-2000 and sixth in the last seven years...SCSU went 1-1 at the Final Five...the Huskies lost to North Dakota, 7-3, in the semifinals and defeated Minnesota, 6-4, in the third place game...SCSU is now 3-8-0 overall in Final Five games.
- Junior G Scott Meyer set SCSU records for shutouts in a season with seven and career shutouts with seven...the previous record of six was held by Brian Leitza, who set the mark over a four-year career...Meyer also set single season records for best goals-against average and best saves percentage...he had a season- and career-high 44 saves vs North Dakota on Feb. 4...Meyer posted 20 wins on the season and started 31 straight games...he had a 20-8-3 record with a 2.37 GAA and a .920 SV%...he led the WCHA in saves percentage and winning percentage and was second in GAA...Meyer was named All-WCHA Second Team.
- Sophomore C Tyler Arnason led the Huskies in overall scoring in 1999-2000 with 19 goals and a team-high 30 assists and 49 points...he is only the eighth Husky to gain 49 or more points in a single season...he led the team in shorthanded goals with two...he ranked eighth in WCHA scoring and was named to the All-WCHA Second Team.
- Sophomore D Mike Pudlick was the first Husky to be named First Team All-WCHA

since the 1992-93 season and is only the third Husky to be named first team...he ranked first in the WCHA in defenseman scoring...he played in all 40 games, scoring eight goals, including four on the power-play and assisting on 22...Pudlick was also named Second Team All-American, becoming only the third Husky to earn All-American honors since the program began competing in NCAA Division 1...he joins forwards Fred Knipscheer (1992-93) and Mark Parrish (1996-97) as SCSU Div. 1 All-Americans.

- The Huskies' 23 wins marks the seventh 20-win season in Husky hockey history...it also ties the season record for wins, which the Huskies posted in 1996-97...that year, SCSU was 23-13-4 and finished third in the WCHA with an 18-10-4 record.
- The Huskies' longest winning streak of the season was seven games...the longest unbeaten streak was ten games...SCSU's longest losing streak was five games - at the start of the WCHA season.
- The 1999-2000 Huskies had four players - Tyler Arnason (19-30-49), Nate DiCasmirro (19-24-43), Mark Hartigan (22-20-42) and Brandon Sampair (18-24-42) - with 40 or more points this season...the last time SCSU had four players with 40 or more points in a single season was in 1996-97 with Matt Cullen (15-30-45), Dave Paradise (19-24-43), Sacha Molin (18-25-43) and Mark Parrish (27-15-42).
- The Huskies set or tied nine single season records in 1999-2000...SCSU tied the single season record for victories with 23...the original mark was set in 1996-97...the Huskies also tied to record for most times shutout in a season with two...SCSU set new marks for consecutive wins in a season with seven (old mark was established in 1993-94) and the longest unbeaten streak of ten games (set in 1994-95 and 1997-98)...SCSU also established a new mark for shutout wins in a season with seven (the old mark of four was set in 1993-94)...SCSU set a new mark for winning percentage at .612 (old mark .575), most assists with 255 (old mark 245), most points with 411 (old mark 409), and fewest goals allowed of 103 (old mark 122).
- Two Huskies established new individual records during the season...junior G Scott Meyer set three new season marks for best GAA of 2.37 (previous mark of 2.97 was held by Dean Weasler), best SV% of .920 (old mark of .910 held by Jason Jiskra), and most shutouts with seven (old mark of three held by Grant Sjerven and Dean Weasler)...Meyer also surpassed the career record for shutouts with seven (old mark of six held by Brian Leitza, 1995-98)...junior RW Brandon Sampair set a new mark for most assists in a game by a forward with five against Minnesota on March 18.
- The Huskies were 14-6-1 at home in 1999-2000...SCSU has a 121-68-19 all-time record at the National Hockey Center.

## Wisconsin

- The Badgers finished the 1999-2000 season with a 31-9-1 record and tied North Dakota for the most wins in college hockey.
- Senior C Steve Reinprecht finished his senior year as the nation's leading scorer with 26-40-66 in 37 games for a 1.78 points-per-game average.
- Wisconsin had three players named All-America, the most for a UW team since 1988...C Steve Reinprecht and D Jeff Dessner were both named to the West All-America First Team and rookie F Dany Heatley was voted to the second team...Reinprecht is the first UW forward named to the first team since Gary Shuchuk in 1990.
- The Badgers were defeated just nine times in 1999-2000, tying this year's team for the second fewest losses in UW history...in WCHA play, Wisconsin tied a Badger record for fewest losses, suffering just five defeats against league competition.
- Junior netminder Graham Melanson tied Duane Derksen (1989-90) for the most wins by a goaltender in a season with 31 in 1999-2000...Melanson's 31 wins also moved him into third place on the all-time victory list with 59...Melanson also was credited with four shutouts to tie Terry Kleisinger (1981-82) for the most during a single season...Melanson now has six career blankings to tie him for second (with Bob Vroman and Derksen) all time at Wisconsin.
- Rookie F Dany Heatley (28-28-56) became the highest scoring UW freshman since John Newberry in 1980-81...Newberry put up 30-32-62 in his freshman season...Heatley's 28 goals and 56 points are the third most by a UW freshman in school history.
- Head Coach Jeff Sauer won his 600th career game during the 1999-2000 season, becoming just the fifth coach in NCAA history to win 600 games...Sauer completed his 18th year at the University of Wisconsin with a 451-272-38 record...his 29-year collegiate coaching mark is now 616-498-49.
- Five players completed their Badger eligibility with the end of the 1999-2000 season...they were D Dan Bjornlie, Dan Guenther, F Dustin Kuk, C Steve Reinprecht and F Niki Siren.
- Wisconsin made the school's 17th appearance in the NCAA tournament and the 10th under Head Coach Jeff Sauer.
- Wisconsin won the school's third regular season WCHA championship and took home the coveted MacNaughton Cup for the first time since the 1989-90 season.

# Final WCHA Player Statistics

## All Games

Point	Scoring:			GP	PPG	G- A- P
1	Steve Reinprecht	Wisconsin	SR C	37	1.78	26-40-66
2	Lee Goren	North Dakota	SR W	44	1.43	34-29-63
	Jeff Panzer	North Dakota	JR C	44	1.43	19-44-63
4	John Pohl	Minnesota	SO C	41	1.44	18-41-59
5	Jason Ulmer	North Dakota	SR C	44	1.30	18-39-57
6	Dany Heatley	Wisconsin	FR W/C	38	1.47	28-28-56
7	Erik Westrum	Minnesota	JR C/D	39	1.36	27-26-53
8	Aaron Fox	MSU-Mankato	SR C	39	1.28	12-38-50
9	Tyler Arnason	St. Cloud	SO F	39	1.26	19-30-49
10	Bryan Lundbohm	North Dakota	SO C	44	1.00	22-22-44
11	Nate DiCasmirro	St. Cloud	SO F	40	1.07	19-24-43
12	Mark Hartigan	St. Cloud	SO F	37	1.14	22-20-42
	Brandon Sampair	St. Cloud	JR F	40	1.05	18-24-42
14	Colin Anderson	Minn-Duluth	SR W	37	1.08	18-22-40
	Kelly Popadynetz	Denver	JR F	41	0.98	15-25-40
	Ryan Bayda	North Dakota	FR F	44	0.91	17-23-40
17	Dustin Kuk	Wisconsin	SR LW/RW	39	1.00	17-22-39
	David Hukalo	Wisconsin	SO RW/LW	41	0.95	15-24-39
19	Noah Clarke	Colorado Coll.	FR LW/F	39	0.95	17-20-37
	Jon Newman	Denver	SR C	41	0.90	14-23-37
21	Nate Miller	Minnesota	SR F	41	0.85	16-19-35
22	Joe Ritson	Denver	SR F/D	40	0.85	20-14-34
	Mark Rycroft	Denver	JR F	41	0.83	17-17-34
24	Toby Petersen	Colorado Coll.	SR C/LW	37	0.89	14-19-33
	Jeff Scissons	Minn-Duluth	SR C	37	0.89	14-19-33
26	Aaron Miskovich	Minnesota	JR F	41	0.78	16-16-32
27	Mark Cullen	Colorado Coll.	SO C/LW	37	0.84	11-20-31
28	Ryan Malone	St. Cloud	FR F	38	0.79	9-21-30
	Mike Pudlick	St. Cloud	SO D	40	0.75	8-22-30
	Bjorn Engstrom	Denver	JR F	41	0.73	12-18-30
31	Dylan Mills	Minnesota	JR D	40	0.72	8-21-29
	Kevin Granato	Wisconsin	JR C/LW	41	0.71	10-19-29
33	Wes Dorey	North Dakota	JR C/W	39	0.72	15-13-28
	Travis Roche	North Dakota	FR D	42	0.67	6-22-28
35	Steve Cygan	Alask-Anchorage	SO F	35	0.77	14-13-27
	Derek Derow	Minn-Duluth	JR W	37	0.73	10-17-27
	T.J. Guidarelli	MSU-Mankato	JR C	39	0.69	11-16-27
	Jeff Dessner	Wisconsin	JR LD/RD	40	0.68	11-16-27
39	Mark Carlson	Minn-Duluth	SO D	37	0.70	7-19-26
	Justin Morrison	Colorado Coll.	JR RW/LW	38	0.68	7-19-26
	Tim Wolfe	MSU-Mankato	SR RW	39	0.67	20- 6-26
	Jesse Heerema	Colorado Coll.	SO LW/RW	39	0.67	12-14-26
43	Jesse Rooney	MSU-Mankato	JR C	37	0.68	19- 6-25
	Peter Holoien	MSU-Mankato	JR C/F	37	0.68	2-23-25
45	K.J. Voorhees	Colorado Coll.	SR RW/LW	36	0.67	16- 8-24
	Joe Motzko	St. Cloud	FR F	36	0.67	9-15-24
	Ryan Schrick	MSU-Mankato	SR LW	39	0.62	8-16-24
	Jordan Leopold	Minnesota	SO D	39	0.62	6-18-24
49	Mike Scott	Alask-Anchorage	SO F	35	0.66	8-15-23
	Paul Manning	Colorado Coll.	JR LD/RD	39	0.59	6-17-23
	Kevin Doell	Denver	FR C	40	0.57	8-15-23
	Chris Paradise	Denver	SO D	40	0.57	4-19-23
53	B.J. Abel	MSU-Mankato	FR F	38	0.58	5-17-22
	Todd George	MSU-Mankato	SR RD/LD	39	0.56	6-16-22
	Brad DeFauw	North Dakota	SR W	43	0.51	13- 9-22
56	Tim Skarperud	North Dakota	FR F	37	0.57	11-10-21
57	Gregg Zaporzan	Alask-Anchorage	SO F	33	0.61	8-12-20
	Joe Casey	Denver	SR F	38	0.53	12- 8-20
	Jeff Taffe	Minnesota	FR F	39	0.51	10-10-20
	Mike Colgan	Colorado Coll.	JR LD/RD	39	0.51	4-16-20

61	Drew Otten	Minn-Duluth	FR W	36	0.53	9-10-19
	Duvie Westcott	St. Cloud	SO D	36	0.53	1-18-19
	Jarrett Weinberger	Michigan Tech.	JR C	37	0.51	10- 9-19
	Dave Spehar	Minnesota	SR F	39	0.49	9-10-19
	Tyler Baines	MSU-Mankato	JR LW	39	0.49	5-14-19
	Keith Anderson	St. Cloud	JR F	40	0.47	12- 7-19
	Dan Bjornlie	Wisconsin	SR LD/C	40	0.47	7-12-19
68	Brad Winchester	Wisconsin	FR W/C	33	0.55	9- 9-18
	Tom Preissing	Colorado Coll.	FR RD/LD	36	0.50	4-14-18
	Matt Ulwelling	Michigan Tech.	JR LW/C	38	0.47	6-12-18
71	Aaron Schneekloth	North Dakota	SO D	34	0.50	3-14-17
	Brian Fahey	Wisconsin	FR D	41	0.41	6-11-17
73	Jon Cullen	St. Cloud	FR F	29	0.55	5-11-16
	Cam Kryway	Colorado Coll.	SR LW/RW	34	0.47	9- 7-16
	Matt Hussey	Wisconsin	SO LW	35	0.46	5-11-16
	Kevin Spiewak	North Dakota	FR F	38	0.42	8- 8-16
	Jason Noterman	North Dakota	FR F	39	0.41	7- 9-16
	Geno Parrish	St. Cloud	SR D	40	0.40	3-13-16
79	Chad Mazurak	North Dakota	SO D	25	0.60	5-10-15
	Jerry Cunningham	MSU-Mankato	FR F	30	0.50	6- 9-15
	Tom Nelson	Minn-Duluth	SO W/C	33	0.45	4-11-15
	Reggie Simon	Alask-Anchorage	JR F	36	0.42	5-10-15
	Paul Cabana	Michigan Tech.	SO RW	37	0.41	10- 5-15
	Andy Reierson	Minn-Duluth	SO D	37	0.41	4-11-15
	Lee Brooks	St. Cloud	SO F	39	0.38	8- 7-15
	Ben Christopherson	MSU-Mankato	JR RD/LD	39	0.38	3-12-15
	Greg Barber	Denver	FR F	40	0.38	7- 8-15
	Ryan Hale	North Dakota	FR F	40	0.38	4-11-15
89	Klage Kaebel	Alask-Anchorage	SR F	27	0.52	7- 7-14
	Dan Welch	Minnesota	FR F	36	0.39	6- 8-14
	Brad Mueller	Michigan Tech.	SR RW	38	0.37	9- 5-14
	Alex Brooks	Wisconsin	JR RD/LD	41	0.34	4-10-14
	Jesse Cook	Denver	SO D	41	0.34	2-12-14
94	Matt Doman	Wisconsin	SO RW	22	0.59	1-12-13
	Chris Pont	Alask-Anchorage	SR C	33	0.39	9- 4-13
	J.J. Hartmann	Denver	FR F	35	0.37	6- 7-13
	Clint Way	Michigan Tech.	JR D	36	0.36	1-12-13
	Andy Wheeler	Wisconsin	SO LW	40	0.33	4- 9-13
99	Josh Kern	MSU-Mankato	SO F	21	0.57	7- 5-12
	Trevor Hammer	North Dakota	JR D	32	0.38	2-10-12
	Ben Tharp	Minnesota	FR D	32	0.38	0-12-12
	Tab Lardner	Michigan Tech.	JR C	34	0.35	7- 5-12
	Ritchie Larson	St. Cloud	SR D/F	35	0.34	4- 8-12
	Matt Murray	Wisconsin	SO C/LW	36	0.33	5- 7-12
	Dave Hergert	Wisconsin	SO RW	36	0.33	5- 7-12
	Mike Commodore	North Dakota	JR D	38	0.32	5- 7-12
	Stuart Senden	Minnesota	JR F	40	0.30	7- 5-12
108	Chris Purslow	St. Cloud	FR F	14	0.79	7- 4-11
	Kent Davyduke	Wisconsin	SO C/W	30	0.37	4- 7-11
	Matt Williams	Alask-Anchorage	SR D	31	0.35	6- 5-11
	Jon Francisco	Minn-Duluth	FR C	35	0.31	4- 7-11
	Petr Chytka	Alask-Anchorage	FR F	36	0.31	5- 6-11
	Judd Stauss	Denver	JR D	37	0.30	4- 7-11
	Trent Clark	Colorado Coll.	SO RW/LW	38	0.29	4- 7-11
	Peter Armbrust	North Dakota	SR W	43	0.26	1-10-11
116	Dan Peters	Colorado Coll.	SR D	27	0.37	2- 8-10
	Devin Hartnell	Michigan Tech.	SR RW	28	0.36	6- 4-10
	Joe Cullen	Colorado Coll.	FR C/LW	29	0.34	4- 6-10
	Brad Patterson	Michigan Tech.	SO C	33	0.30	1- 9-10
	Riley Nelson	Michigan Tech.	SR C	36	0.28	2- 8-10
	Jesse Fibiger	Minn-Duluth	JR D	37	0.27	4- 6-10
	Mat Snesrud	Michigan Tech.	JR D	38	0.26	3- 7-10
	Niki Siren	Wisconsin	SR LW/C	40	0.25	4- 6-10
	Aaron MacKenzie	Denver	FR D	40	0.25	1- 9-10
125	Shawn Roed	Minnesota	FR F	12	0.75	3- 6- 9
	David Neale	Denver	SO C	31	0.29	3- 6- 9
	Bryce Wallnutt	Denver	SR W	32	0.28	5- 4- 9
	Matt Shasby	Alask-Anchorage	FR D	32	0.28	1- 8- 9
	Ian Petersen	Colorado Coll.	SR LW/RW	35	0.26	5- 4- 9
	Corey Hessler	Alask-Anchorage	SO D	35	0.26	2- 7- 9
	Jeff Keiver	Michigan Tech.	FR LW	37	0.24	4- 5- 9
	Nick Angell	Minnesota	SO D	37	0.24	3- 6- 9
	Tim O'Connell	North Dakota	SR D	38	0.24	0- 9- 9