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December 30, 2000/Weekend Update

Pioneers Extend Unbeaten Streak to 10 Games; Huskies Upset Michigan at GII; Golden Gophers, Badgers; Tigers Also Win Friday Denver, Michigan Tech, Minnesota & Wisconsin Aim for Tournament Championships Saturday Night

MADISON, Wisc. – Four Western Collegiate Hockey Association teams – Denver, Michigan Tech, Minnesota and Wisconsin – take aim at closing out the 2000 calendar year by winning their own tournaments Saturday (Dec. 30) night. Colorado College, meanwhile, looks for a sweep over visiting Harvard.

The Pioneers, having extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games (8-0-2) with a 5-2 win over Air Force Friday evening, face Providence in the championship game of the Wells Fargo Denver Cup at Magness Arena tonight at 7:05 pm MT. A pair of senior forwards – Bjorn Engstrom (2-2=4) and Kelly Popadynetz (1-2=3) – led the DU attack Friday.

Michigan Tech, behind two goals each from forwards Matt Ulwelling and Jarrett Weinberger, upended Michigan, 7-3, Friday night at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit – advancing the Huskies to the Great Lakes Invitational Tournament title game for the first time since 1991. Tech will take on No. 1-ranked Michigan State tonight at 7:30 pm ET.

At the Mariucci Classic Friday, Minnesota rallied behind a pair of goals from center Erik Westrum to post a 3-2 victory over Union College and move the Golden Gophers into the championship game against Lake Superior State tonight at 7:05 pm CT.

At the Bank One Badger Hockey Showdown at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee Friday, Wisconsin erupted for five first period goals – including two from forward Kent Davyduke – to skate past Princeton, 6-3, and vault into tonight's title contest against Boston University at 8:05 pm CT. In the first game, BU tallied three times in the final 7:51 to upend North Dakota, 4-3.

At the Silverado Shootout at the DECC in Duluth, host Minnesota-Duluth finished third after a 2-2 overtime tie with Colgate on Friday.

And in Colorado Springs on Friday, host Colorado College had a goal and an assist from both Justin Morrison and Alex Kim to defeat Harvard, 5-3.

(please see page two for complete results and tonight's schedule)

2000-01 WCHA Standings

	Pts	Conference Only					Overall				
		GP	Record	Win%	GF-	GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF-	GA
1 North Dakota	21	14	10- 3- 1	.750	66-	46	21	13- 4- 4	.714	91-	63
2 Denver	17	14	8- 5- 1	.607	45-	38	19	10- 7- 2	.579	62-	51
3 Colorado College	16	12	8- 4- 0	.667	46-	34	17	12- 4- 1	.735	63-	43
Minnesota	16	12	7- 3- 2	.667	43-	32	18	11- 5- 2	.667	76-	49
St. Cloud State	16	12	8- 4- 0	.667	39-	28	18	13- 4- 1	.750	62-	35
Wisconsin	16	14	8- 6- 0	.571	40-	42	21	12- 9- 0	.571	69-	67
7 MSU-Mankato	10	12	5- 7- 0	.417	38-	39	18	10- 8- 0	.556	62-	57
8 Alaska Anchorage	7	12	3- 8- 1	.292	24-	39	16	5-10- 1	.344	37-	51
9 Michigan Tech	6	14	3-11- 0	.214	34-	54	18	4-13- 1	.250	47-	69
10 Minnesota-Duluth	3	12	1-10- 1	.125	28-	51	20	4-14- 2	.250	58-	84

WCHA Holiday Schedule & Results

Date	Game & Result	Time
Monday/18	Russia Select Team 4 @ St. Cloud State 5 (exh)	
Tuesday/19	Russia Select Team 3 @ MSU, Mankato 5 (exh)	
Thursday/28	Silverado Shootout @ DECC, Duluth (nc) Colgate 0 vs Western Michigan 2 Merrimack 4 vs Minnesota-Duluth 2	
Friday/29	Great Lakes Invitational Tournament @ Joe Louis Arena, Detroit (nc) Michigan State 4 vs Boston College 1 Michigan Tech 7 vs Michigan 3 Silverado Shootout @ DECC, Duluth (nc) Western Michigan 8 vs Merrimack 1 (<i>WMU wins championship</i>) Minnesota-Duluth 2 vs Colgate 2 ot (<i>UMD wins 3rd place</i>) Bank One Badger Hockey Showdown @ Bradley Center, Milwaukee (nc) Boston University 4 vs North Dakota 3 Wisconsin 6 vs Princeton 3 Mariucci Classic @ Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis (nc) Lake Superior State 4 vs Bemidji State 2 Minnesota 3 vs Union College 2 Wells Fargo Denver Cup @ Magness Arena, Denver (nc) Providence 4 vs Ferris State 2 Denver 5 vs Air Force3 Academy 2 Harvard 3 @ Colorado College 5 (nc)	
Saturday/30	Great Lakes Invitational Tournament @ Joe Louis Arena, Detroit (nc) 3rd Place Game: Michigan vs Boston College Championship Game: Michigan Tech vs Michigan State Bank One Badger Hockey Showdown @ Bradley Center, Milwaukee (nc) 3rd Place Game: North Dakota vs Princeton Championship Game: Wisconsin vs Boston University Mariucci Classic @ Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis (nc) 3rd Place Game: Bemidji State vs Union College Championship Game: Minnesota vs Lake Superior State Wells Fargo Denver Cup @ Magness Arena, Denver (nc) 3rd Place Game: Air Force Academy vs Ferris State Championship Game: Denver vs Providence Harvard @ Colorado College (nc)	4:00 pm 7:30 pm 5:05 pm 8:05 pm 4:05 pm 7:05 pm 4:05 pm 7:05 pm 7:05 pm

2001 XCEL ENERGY WCHA FINAL FIVE TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 2001 edition of college hockey's premier conference championship – the Xcel Energy WCHA Final Five – are now on sale. The 2001 Final Five will be held March 15-17 at the 18,064-seat Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Five-game ticket packages are priced at \$95.00 and \$50.00 (for a limited number of endzone seat packages) and may be purchased at the Xcel Energy Center Box Office in St. Paul, by calling Ticketmaster directly at **651 989-5151**, or by visiting Ticketmaster's web site at: **ticketmaster.com**. Exact seat locations will be determined in February. Convenience charges may apply.

Dates and game times for the 2001 Xcel Energy WCHA Final Five are: Thursday, March 15 at 7:05 pm CT; Friday, March 16 at 2:05 pm and 7:05 pm CT; and Saturday, March 17 at 2:05 pm and 7:05 pm CT (championship game).

Home to a record 31 national championship teams since its founding in 1951, the WCHA has a three-year agreement with the Xcel Energy Center and the Minnesota Wild to host the league's playoff championship in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

For additional ticket information on the 2001 Xcel Energy WCHA Final Five, please call: 651 726-8240. For information on group ticket sales, please call: 651 312-3486.

WCHA Statistical Leaders • All Games thru Dec. 29

Point Scoring:

				GP	PPG	G- A- P
1	Jeff Panzer	North Dakota	SR C/W	21	2.19	16-30-46
2	Bryan Lundbohm	North Dakota	JR C	21	1.86	20-19-39
3	Ryan Bayda	North Dakota	SO F	21	1.62	12-22-34
4	Erik Westrum	Minnesota	SR C	18	1.50	13-14-27
	Dany Heatley	Wisconsin	SO LW/RW	20	1.35	12-15-27
6	Peter Sejna	Colorado College	FR LW/C	17	1.41	14-10-24
	Travis Roche	North Dakota	SO D	21	1.14	4-20-24
8	Tom Nelson	Minnesota-Duluth	JR C/W	19	1.21	9-14-23
9	Jordan Leopold	Minnesota	JR D	18	1.22	5-17-22
	Kelly Popadynetz	Denver	SR F	19	1.16	9-13-22
11	Mark Hartigan	St. Cloud State	JR F	17	1.24	12- 9-21
12	Bjorn Engstrom	Denver	SR F	19	1.05	10-10-20
13	Jesse Rooney	MSU-Mankato	SR F	18	1.06	13- 6-19
	Kent Davyduke	Wisconsin	JR C/W	21	0.90	7-12-19
15	Jerry Cunningham	MSU-Mankato	SO F	12	1.50	6-12-18
	Nate Mauer	MSU-Mankato	JR F	16	1.12	6-12-18
	Justin Morrison	Colorado College	SR RW/LW	17	1.06	10- 8-18
	Jeff Taffe	Minnesota	SO C	17	1.06	5-13-18
	John Pohl	Minnesota	JR F	18	1.00	8-10-18
	Chris Paradise	Denver	JR D/F	19	0.95	9- 9-18
	Wes Dorey	North Dakota	SR C/W	21	0.86	5-13-18
22	Alex Kim	Colorado College	JR C/W	17	1.00	5-12-17
	Tim Jackman	MSU-Mankato	FR F	18	0.94	9- 8-17
	Matt Murray	Wisconsin	JR C/W	21	0.81	7-10-17
25	Matt Ulwelling	Michigan Tech	SR C/LW	18	0.89	3-13-16
	Nate Anderson	Minnesota-Duluth	JR C/W	20	0.80	11- 5-16
27	Mark Cullen	Colorado College	JR C/W	8	1.88	8- 7-15
	Tyler Arnason	St. Cloud State	JR F	18	0.83	7- 8-15
	Ben Christopherson	MSU-Mankato	SR D	18	0.83	2-13-15
	Andy Reiersen	Minnesota-Duluth	JR D	20	0.75	5-10-15
31	Joe Motzko	St. Cloud State	SO F	18	0.78	8- 6-14
	Jon Cullen	St. Cloud State	SO F	18	0.78	7- 7-14
	Jon Francisco	Minnesota-Duluth	SO C/W	19	0.74	5- 9-14
34	Paul Cabana	Michigan Tech	JR RW	17	0.76	10- 3-13
	Noah Clarke	Colorado College	SO LW/C	17	0.76	4- 9-13
	Brandon Sampair	St. Cloud State	SR F	17	0.76	3-10-13
	Mark Carlson	Minnesota-Duluth	JR D	20	0.65	5- 8-13
	Judd Medak	Minnesota-Duluth	JR W/C	20	0.65	5- 8-13
	Chad Mazurak	North Dakota	JR D	21	0.62	4- 9-13
	Kevin Spiewak	North Dakota	SO F	21	0.62	2-11-13
41	Tom Preissing	Colorado College	SO RD/LD	12	1.00	3- 9-12
	Matt Weber	Denver	SO F	14	0.86	8- 4-12
	Grant Potulny	Minnesota	FR F	18	0.67	7- 5-12
	Brad Patterson	Michigan Tech	JR C	18	0.67	4- 8-12
	Andy Wheeler	Wisconsin	JR W	18	0.67	3- 9-12
	Keith Anderson	St. Cloud State	SR F	18	0.67	2-10-12
	Jason Notermann	North Dakota	SO F	21	0.57	8- 4-12

Goal Scoring:

				GP	GPG	G
1	Bryan Lundbohm	North Dakota	JR C	21	0.95	20
2	Jeff Panzer	North Dakota	SR C/W	21	0.76	16
3	Peter Sejna	Colorado College	FR LW/C	17	0.82	14
4	Erik Westrum	Minnesota	SR C	18	0.72	13
	Jesse Rooney	MSU-Mankato	SR F	18	0.72	13

Assist Scoring:

				GP	APG	A
1	Jeff Panzer	North Dakota	SR C/W	21	1.43	30
2	Ryan Bayda	North Dakota	SO F	21	1.05	22
3	Travis Roche	North Dakota	SO D	21	0.95	20
4	Bryan Lundbohm	North Dakota	JR C	21	0.90	19
5	Jordan Leopold	Minnesota	JR D	18	0.94	17

Defenseman Scoring:

			GP	PPG	G- A- P	
1	Travis Roche	North Dakota	SO D	21	1.14	4-20-24
2	Jordan Leopold	Minnesota	JR D	18	1.22	5-17-22
3	Chris Paradise	Denver	JR D/F	19	0.95	9- 9-18
4	Ben Christopherson	MSU-Mankato	SR D	18	0.83	2-13-15
	Andy Reiersen	Minnesota-Duluth	JR D	20	0.75	5-10-15
6	Mark Carlson	Minnesota-Duluth	JR D	20	0.65	5- 8-13
	Chad Mazurak	North Dakota	JR D	21	0.62	4- 9-13
8	Tom Preissing	Colorado College	SO RD/LD	12	1.00	3- 9-12
9	Ryan Caldwell	Denver	FR D	17	0.65	1-10-11
	Dylan Mills	Minnesota	SR D	18	0.61	1-10-11
	Aaron Schneckloth	North Dakota	JR D	21	0.52	3- 8-11

Freshman Scoring:

			GP	PPG	G- A- P	
1	Peter Sejna	Colorado College	LW/C	17	1.41	14-10-24
2	Tim Jackman	MSU-Mankato	F	18	0.94	9- 8-17
3	Grant Potulny	Minnesota	F	18	0.67	7- 5-12
4	Troy Riddle	Minnesota	F	17	0.65	9- 2-11
	Brett Engelhardt	Michigan Tech	C/RW	17	0.65	3- 8-11
	Ryan Caldwell	Denver	D	17	0.65	1-10-11
7	Matt Koalska	Minnesota	F	18	0.56	4- 6-10
8	Justin Brown	Michigan Tech	D	18	0.50	2- 7- 9
	Matt Hendricks	St. Cloud State	F/C	18	0.50	2- 7- 9
10	Cole Bassett	MSU-Mankato	F	17	0.41	5- 2- 7
	Lukas Dora	Denver	F	18	0.39	4- 3- 7
	Connor James	Denver	F	19	0.37	2- 5- 7
	Dan Boeser	Wisconsin	D	21	0.33	1- 6- 7

Goals Against Average:

			Minutes	GA	GAA	
1	Scott Meyer	St. Cloud State	SR	929:50	28	1.81
2	Colin Zulianello	Colorado College	SR	459:41	15	1.96
3	Wade Dubielewicz	Denver	SO	786:08	26	1.98
4	Andy Kollar	North Dakota	JR	604:16	26	2.58
5	Adam Hauser	Minnesota	JR	1060:46	47	2.66
6	Chris King	Alaska Anchorage	FR	826:43	37	2.69
7	Eric Pateman	MSU-Mankato	JR	578:31	27	2.80
8	Jeff Sanger	Colorado College	JR	571:43	27	2.83
9	Karl Goehring	North Dakota	SR	675:28	35	3.11
10	Graham Melanson	Wisconsin	SR	1246:26	66	3.18
11	Rob Anderson	Minnesota-Duluth	SO	737:22	42	3.42
12	Todd Kelzenberg	MSU-Mankato	JR	502:31	29	3.46
13	Brian Rogers	Michigan Tech	SO	1009:00	65	3.87
14	Adam Coole	Minnesota-Duluth	FR	410:13	30	4.39

Save Percentage:

			Saves	GA	Pct	
1	Scott Meyer	St. Cloud State	SR	431	28	.939
2	Colin Zulianello	Colorado College	SR	208	15	.933
3	Wade Dubielewicz	Denver	SO	331	26	.927
4	Andy Kollar	North Dakota	JR	276	26	.914
5	Eric Pateman	MSU-Mankato	JR	280	27	.912
6	Todd Kelzenberg	MSU-Mankato	JR	287	29	.908
7	Graham Melanson	Wisconsin	SR	633	66	.906
8	Chris King	Alaska Anchorage	FR	345	37	.903
9	Rob Anderson	Minnesota-Duluth	SO	381	42	.901
10	Adam Hauser	Minnesota	JR	393	47	.893
11	Karl Goehring	North Dakota	SR	291	35	.893
12	Brian Rogers	Michigan Tech	SO	502	65	.885
13	Jeff Sanger	Colorado College	JR	202	27	.882
14	Adam Coole	Minnesota-Duluth	FR	207	30	.873

Winning Percentage:

			W- L- T	Pct	
1	Andy Kollar	North Dakota	JR	8- 1- 1	.850
2	Jeff Sanger	Colorado College	JR	7- 2- 0	.778
3	Scott Meyer	St. Cloud State	SR	11- 3- 1	.767
4	Colin Zulianello	Colorado College	SR	5- 2- 1	.688
5	Adam Hauser	Minnesota	JR	11- 5- 2	.667
	Wade Dubielewicz	Denver	SO	7- 3- 2	.667
	Eric Pateman	MSU-Mankato	JR	6- 3- 0	.667
8	Karl Goehring	North Dakota	SR	5- 3- 3	.591
9	Graham Melanson	Wisconsin	SR	12- 9- 0	.571
10	Todd Kelzenberg	MSU-Mankato	JR	4- 5- 0	.444
11	Chris King	Alaska Anchorage	FR	5- 8- 1	.393
12	Rob Anderson	Minnesota-Duluth	SO	3- 7- 2	.333
13	Brian Rogers	Michigan Tech	SO	4-12- 1	.265
14	Adam Coole	Minnesota-Duluth	FR	1- 6- 0	.143