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UW-Eau Claire's Kristin Faber Named Top Player

UW-River Falls' Cranston voted Coach of the Year / UW-River Falls leads way with four selections

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The Northern Collegiate Hockey Association announced today that UW-Eau Claire forward **Kristin Faber** (Austin, Minn. / Austin HS) has been voted the 2011 Women's Player of the Year by the league coaches. Faber recorded 23 points in 20 conference games while being a focal point in opponents strategy to beat the Blugolds.

"Kristin has been a dominant player in this league since she started four years ago," said UW-Eau Claire head coach Mike Collins. "She has been a great team leader and she makes everyone around her a better hockey player."

Faber put together a remarkable season as a goal scorer in the NCHA, posting 16 goals in conference play. That total ranks among the best all-time, and it was accomplished while her team ranked seventh in goals for. A significant player in the NCHA points race all year long, her point total of 23 ended up as the third best. Faber had five multi-point games on the season, four of which were multi-goal games. Her top individual statistical performances on the season came when she had a hat trick against rival UW-Stevens Point on January 21st and a two goal, one assist outing against Concordia-Wisconsin on February 4th.

On the national level, Faber was among the highest ranks in goals per game and game-winning goals. Her 20 total goals in 25 games played ranked third in the country through the end of the regular season, and her four game-winners were good for 11th.

The coaches also voted for Coach of Year and UW-River Falls' **Joe Cranston** was the 2011 winner. Cranston guided the Falcons to an undefeated regular season and the greatest win total in school history at 22-0-3. UW-River Falls locked up the regular season NCHA championship with a full weekend remaining on the schedule. This is the 4th Coach of the Year award for Cranston.

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2011 Women's All-NCHA Selections (10-11 season)

				<i>Conference-Only Statistics</i>							
				GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	PP	SH	GWG
FORWARDS											
Kristin Faber 09, 10, #	UW-Eau Claire	Sr	Austin, MN	20	16	7	23	10-20	2	1	2
Sarah Luberda ^ *	Concordia-Wis	Sr	De Pere, WI	20	8	17	25	2-4	1	0	3
Erin Marvin 10	UW-Stevens Point	Jr	Shoreview, MN	20	13	7	20	10-20	3	1	0
Kait Mason	UW-River Falls	Fr	Eagan, MN	20	12	14	26	5-10	2	2	3
Lauren Straus	St. Norbert	Fr	Henderson, NV	14	6	11	17	7-14	2	0	3
Jessica Thompson 09, # *	UW-River Falls	Sr	Shoreview, MN	19	6	13	19	6-12	2	0	0
DEFENSEMEN											
Kayleigh Bell	UW-River Falls	Sr	Stillwater, MN	19	5	7	12	12-24	3	0	1
Lauren Conrad *	UW-River Falls	Sr	Lino Lakes, MN	20	3	11	14	6-12	1	0	1
Allie Pullar *	UW-Superior	Sr	Hibbing, MN	20	2	6	8	3-6	0	0	0
Kelly Salis 10	Adrian	Jr	St. Clair Shores, MI	20	8	5	13	5-10	4	0	1
GOALTENDERS											
				GP	Min	GAA	Sv%	SO	W-L-T		
Kaley Gibson	St. Norbert	Fr	Glendale, AZ	14	844:54	1.70	.945	3	6-6-2		
Emily Michelin	Adrian	Fr	Highland, MI	15	869:38	1.52	.934	5	10-3-2		

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Also announced today were the 2011 All-NCHA selections, and it was league champion UW-River Falls leading the way with four players being voted to the team. Senior forward **Jessica Thompson** (Shoreview, Minn.) was named to her second All-NCHA team, while fellow-forward **Kait Mason** (Eagan, Minn.) achieved the honor in her freshman season. Mason's 26 conference points made her the 2011 NCHA scoring leader. A pair of senior defensemen rounded out this year's group for UW-River Falls: **Kayleigh Bell** (Stillwater, Minn.) and **Lauren Conrad** (Lino Lakes, Minn.).

Other notable selections included junior forward **Erin Marvin** (Shoreview, Minn.) of UW-Stevens Point and **Kelly Salis** (St. Clair Shores, Mich.) of Adrian, both whom were named to their second consecutive All-NCHA teams. And in a year that featured a dozen outstanding freshmen performances, **Lauren Straus** (Henderson, Nev.) and **Kaley Gibson** (Glendale, Ariz.) of St. Norbert, and **Emily Michelin** (Highland, Mich.) of Adrian joined UWRF's Mason as freshmen earning league honors.

For the first time, an All-Rookie team was selected by the NCHA coaches. The inaugural picks were highlighted by Mason, Straus and Michelin, who also were named All-NCHA. St. Norbert had the most selections to the All-Rookie team with two. Joining Straus was defenseman **Emma Agen** (Stockholm, Sweden), who had eight points in 17 games for the Green Knights.

2011 Women's Honorable Mention All-NCHA (10-11 season)

				<i>Conference-Only Statistics</i>							
				GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	PP	SH	GWG
FORWARDS											
Katie Flanagan 10	UW-River Falls	Jr	Roseville, MN	20	8	9	17	3-6	2	1	4
Stacey Kempson	Adrian	Sr	Windsor, ON	18	9	9	18	12-24	1	0	2
Melissa Kravich ^ *	Lake Forest	Sr	Wilmette, IL	17	5	9	14	2-4	1	0	1
Sam Meuwissen	Concordia-Wis	So	Chanhassen, MN	20	9	12	21	5-10	2	0	3
Olivia Rork	Adrian	Jr	Wayne, MI	20	9	9	18	14-28	3	2	1
Chelsey Wierschem	UW-Superior	So	Willmar, MN	18	11	6	17	3-6	4	0	2
DEFENSEMEN											
Emma Agen	St. Norbert	Fr	Stockholm, Sweden	17	1	7	8	12-24	1	0	0
Kelli Johnson	UW-Eau Claire	Sr	Farmington, MN	20	3	5	8	9-18	1	0	0
Bailey Lane	UW-Superior	So	Richmond, MI	20	2	7	9	5-10	0	0	0
Samantha Scheving *	UW-Stevens Point	Jr	Warroad, MN	20	1	5	6	7-14	0	0	0
GOALTENDERS				GP	Min	GAA	Sv%	SO	W-L-T		
Cassi Campbell # ^	UW-River Falls	Sr	Anchorage, AK	9	470:22	1.53	.914	0	7-0-1		
Shanley Peters	UW-Superior	Fr	Gnadenhal, MB	10	613:05	1.37	.937	2	6-1-3		

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2011 NCHA All-Rookie Team (10-11 season)

Inaugural Selections

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Kait Mason	UW-River Falls	Fr	Eagan, MN	20	12	14	26	5-10	2	2	3
Lauren Straus	St. Norbert	Fr	Henderson, NV	14	6	11	17	7-14	2	0	3
Allie Tanzer	UW-Stevens Point	Fr	Chippewa Falls, WI	20	13	6	19	6-12	3	1	4
DEFENSEMEN											
Agen, Emma	St. Norbert	Fr	Stockholm, Sweden	17	1	7	8	12-24	1	0	0
Sheryl Kaskiw	UW-Superior	Fr	Shoal Lake, MB	20	0	8	8	7-14	0	0	0
Emily Larson	UW-Eau Claire	Fr	Bemidji, MN	20	1	5	6	7-14	0	0	0
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