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Grossmann voted player of the year, All-NCHA team announced

Saint Paul, Minn. (February 26, 2009) – UW-Stevens Point senior forward Nicole Grossmann (Lindstrom, Minn. / Chisago Lakes), having been named to the All-NCHA team her previous three seasons, added a fourth All-NCHA selection today, plus something she hadn't yet won: Women's Player of the Year.

The coaches voted Grossmann the league's top player for many reasons, including her 16 goals and 28 points on the season. Her 16 goals ranked second in the NCHA while her 28 points were good for a co-conference scoring title with All-NCHA teammate Jessica Thompson (Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View) of UW-River Falls. Grossmann buried four power play goals this season and recorded one hat trick on November 25th against visiting Augsburg.

Grossmann is from Lindstrom, Minnesota, about 35 miles north of St. Paul. She played previously at Chisago Lakes High School in the Minnesota State High School League, lettering six times and qualifying for the state tournament in 2004.

The coaches also voted for Coach of the Year, selecting **UW-River Falls' Joe Cranston as the 2009 winner**. Cranston led the Falcons to the NCHA regular season title with a 17-5-3 overall record and a #7 national ranking through February 24th. This is the second Coach of the Year award for Cranston, whom previously won the award in 2007.

Other highlights from the 2009 All-NCHA team include a fourth selection for UW-Superior goalie Rikki Nespor. She posted a 1.69 goals against average in 780 minutes this year. Dana Carothers of UW-Stevens Point was voted to her second All-NCHA team in as many years. Carothers lit the lamp 16 times, including seven times on the power play. Jodi Holland of UW-Superior earned her first selection thanks in part to leading the NCHA in goals with 19, and Concordia-Wisconsin defenseman Bradi Jonasson became the first ever Falcon to be voted onto the team. Jonasson and UW-River Falls defenseman Amanda Ryder were the only freshmen selected.

2009 Women's All-NCHA Selections (08-09 season)

FORWARDS

Name	School	Yr	Hometown	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	PP	SH	GWG
Dana Carothers 08	UW-Stevens Point	So	Burnsville, MN	25	16	7	23	20-40	7	0	3
Kristin Faber #	UW-Eau Claire	So	Austin, MN	24	13	12	25	21-42	6	0	1
<u>Nicole Grossmann 06, 07, 08</u>	<u>UW-Stevens Point</u>	<u>Sr</u>	<u>Lindstrom, MN</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>9-18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Jodi Holland	UW-Superior	Jr	Rochester, MN	23	19	7	26	5-10	7	1	4
Stefanie Schmitz *	UW-River Falls	Jr	Farmington, MN	25	12	14	26	7-14	5	0	2
Jessica Thompson #	UW-River Falls	So	Shoreview, MN	25	8	20	28	7-14	4	0	0

DEFENSEMEN

Courtney Bean	Lake Forest	Jr	Peoria, IL	25	4	16	20	16-32	3	0	1
<u>Rachael Graves</u>	<u>UW-Stevens Point</u>	<u>Sr</u>	<u>Bemidji, MN</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14-36</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Bradi Jonasson	Concordia-Wisconsin	Fr	Bloomington, MN	24	5	6	11	7-14	1	0	0
Amanda Ryder	UW-River Falls	Fr	Menomonie, WI	22	4	3	7	27-54	1	0	0

GOALTENDERS

				GP	Min	GAA	Sv%	SO	W-L-T
Rikki Nespor 06, 07, 08	UW-Superior	Sr	Stonewall, MB	19	780:09	1.69	.936	2	8-4-1
d'Andra Phillips	UW-Stevens Point	Jr	Swartz Creek, MI	21	1190:31	1.31	.951	5	11-4-6

08 All-NCHA year | * 2007 Honorable Mention | # 2008 Honorable Mention

2009 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nicole Grossmann, UW-Stevens Point

2009 COACH OF THE YEAR

Joe Cranston, UW-River Falls

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2008-09 Women's Honorable Mention All-NCHA

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Name	School	Yr	Hometown	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	PP	SH	GWG
Jamie Briski	UW-River Falls	So	Chisholm, MN	25	13	7	20	10-20	2	1	3
Beth Dittrich	UW-Eau Claire	Jr	Roseville, MN	25	8	9	17	6-12	2	0	3
Lauren Havard 06	UW-Eau Claire	Sr	San Angelo, TX	22	8	13	21	17-34	2	0	2
Kim Herring	Lake Forest	Fr	Dover, NH	20	11	5	16	1-2	6	0	1
Melissa Kravich	Lake Forest	So	Wilmette, IL	25	7	19	26	4-8	5	0	1
Sarah Luberda	Concordia-Wisconsin	So	De Pere, WI	25	10	13	23	7-14	5	0	1
Abby Sunderman	UW-River Falls	Jr	LeSueur, MN	25	15	10	25	14-28	1	1	1

DEFENSEMEN

Jamie Sauer	Lake Forest	Jr	Eagle River, WI	25	2	8	10	12-24	2	0	0
Bailey Vikstrom	UW-River Falls	So	Burnsville, MN	25	1	5	6	7-14	1	0	1

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Cassi Campbell #	UW-River Falls	So	Anchorage, AK	14	815:08	1.84	.932	3	10-2-2
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08 All-NCHA year

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2008-09 Women's Standings - FINAL

	W	L	T	PTS
1 7 UW-River Falls (17-5-3)	15	2	1	31
2 UW-Superior (16-7-2)	12	4	2	26
3 10 UW-Stevens Pt. (14-5-6)	11	4	3	25
4 UW-Eau Claire (12-10-3)	7	9	2	16
5 Lake Forest (11-13-1)	7	10	1	15
6 Concordia-Wis. (6-16-3)	4	11	3	11
Finlandia (1-24-0)	1	17	0	2

1 *Clinched playoff berth*

1st and 2nd seeds receive first round bye

8 *Indicates uscho.com national ranking*