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UAA's Allen, FSU's Motte, BSU's Marinaccio Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week **Scott Allen, F** Alaska Anchorage

University of Alaska Anchorage left winger Scott Allen, who recorded his first collegiate three-goal hat trick to help the visiting Seawolves gain a come-from-behind overtime tie at Bemidji State last Saturday, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 19, 2013.

A 6-3, 201-pound junior from Edmonton, Alberta, Allen has eight points in his last four games and 10 points (7g, 3a) in his last seven games. UAA's leading scorer with 11 points in 10 games, he currently shares the league scoring lead in WCHA games with 6-3=9 in six games.

Allen scored the first goal of the game last Saturday (Nov. 16) at 12:40 of the first period to give Alaska Anchorage a 1-0 lead. Then after the Beavers had taken a 3-1 advantage in the second period, Allen notched a power-play goal at 17:50 of the second to bring his team within one and then tied the game and completed his hat trick with another tally at 3:52 of the third period to make it 3-3. UAA then went up 4-3 on an unassisted tally from Matt Bailey before BSU gained the tie at 7:18. Allen, who was named the Second Star of the Game, also put a team-high five shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated this week: Garrett Thompson, F, FSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week **C.J. Motte, G** Ferris State

Veteran Ferris State University goaltender C.J. Motte, who backstopped the league-leading and host Bulldogs to three points with a tie and victory against Bowling Green last weekend, has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 19, 2013.

A 6-0, 190-pound junior from St. Clair, Mich., Motte extended his season-opening unbeaten streak to nine games as Ferris State held onto first place in the WCHA standings and extended their unbeaten streak to seven games overall at 6-0-1. Motte's 8-0-1 mark in nets ranks as the nation's top mark for goaltenders with four or more wins this year.

Motte had 37 saves in the series opener in Big Rapids last Friday (Nov. 15), as the Bulldogs overcame a 3-1 third period deficit to forge a 3-3 (ot) tie. He held the Falcons scoreless on five power-play chances. Then on Saturday (Nov. 16), he turned aside 30 of 32 shots on goal and stopped all four PP chances as FSU came through with a 4-2 triumph, this time after trailing 2-0 in the third. Ferris State gained three points on the weekend despite being outshot in each game.

Also nominated this week: James Hansen, D, BSU; Kevin Kapalka, G, LSSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week **Phillip Marinaccio, F** Bemidji State

Bemidji State University forward Phillip Marinaccio, who helped the Beavers to a conference series victory over Alaska Anchorage last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Nov. 19, 2013.

A 5-10, 185-pound freshman from Nobleton, Ontario, Marinaccio contributed three scoring points with two goals and one assist as the Beavers won 4-1 over the Seawolves last Friday (Nov. 15) and then tied 4-4 in overtime last Saturday (Nov. 16).

All three of Marinaccio's points game in the series finale, earning him First Star of the Game honors. He scored a go ahead goal at 2:39 of the second period to give the Beavers a 2-1 advantage, assisted on teammate Mitch Cain's goal at 7:22 of the second to increase the lead to 3-1, and then notched a game-tying tally at 7:18 of the third after BSU fell behind 4-3. In addition to his three points, he finished the weekend series with four shots on goal and a +1 plus/minus rating.

Marinaccio, who has played in all 12 of Bemidji State's games so far this season as a rookie, has three goals, one assist and four points.

Also nominated this week: Chad McDonald, F, FSU.