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University of Alabama in Huntsville

University of Alaska Anchorage

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## BGSU's DeSalvo and Freibergs, FSU's Schempp Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Dan DeSalvo, F Bowling Green

Bowling Green centerman Dan DeSalvo, who had points in all three of his team's games last week and led all league players with four points overall, has been named the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for November 5, 2013.

A 5-8, 170-pound junior from Rolling Meadows, Ill., DeSalvo had one goal, three assists, four points and 10 shots on goal as the Falcons went 2-1-0 against Ohio State and Alaska Anchorage.

He started the week off last Tuesday (Oct. 29) night at Ohio State with the game-opening tally in the first period and five shots on goal in a 5-3 loss. Then in back-to-back WCHA victories over visiting Alaska Anchorage last Friday (Nov. 1) and Saturday (Nov. 2) at the BGSU Ice Arena, DeSalvo earned one of the three star awards both nights. He had two assists, three shots and was the Second Star in the 6-1 series-opening victory and then drew an assist, his 60th collegiate point, on teammate Brent Tate's first period game-winner and was the Third star in a 1-0 win in game two.

The two victories over UAA enabled Bowling Green to launch their first season in the WCHA with a 2-0 conference mark.

Also nominated: Justin Buzzeo, F, FSU; Stephan Vigier, F, NMU.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Ralfs Freibergs, D Bowling Green

Bowling Green defenseman Ralfs Freibergs, who played a key role at both ends of the ice in three games against Ohio State and Alaska Anchorage last week, has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for November 5, 2013.

A 5-11, 190-pound sophomore from Riga, Latvia, Freibergs helped the Falcons kill 14 of 15 opponent power-play opportunities during the week while drawing three assists. In a 6-1 league win over visiting Alaska Anchorage last Friday (Nov. 1) night, he had two assists and earned a +1 plus/minus rating and then came back on Saturday (Nov. 2) with an assist on teammate Brent Tate's game-winning goal and another +1 rating as Bowling Green completed the sweep over the Seawolves with a 1-0 triumph.

Freibergs played a vital role in the defensive end for the Falcons in all three contests, helping hold the three opponents to a combined total of 64 shots on goal. Through eight games this season, he is tied for second among league defensemen with seven points (7a) in eight games.

Also nominated: CJ Motte, G, FSU; Mathias Dahlstrom, G, NMU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Kyle Schempp, F Ferris State

Ferris State left winger Kyle Schempp, who helped boost the Bulldogs' to a two-game conference road sweep at Alabama Huntsville last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for November 5, 2013.

A 6-0, 178-pound freshman from Saginaw, Mich., Schempp tallied a goal in each game of the series and also added an assist to share team-high scoring honors with three points. In last Friday's (Nov. 1) series-opening 5-0 triumph, he had an assist on teammate Dominic Panetta's first period game-winner and then added his own power-play goal, earning him First Star of the Game honors. Then in game two on Saturday (Nov. 2), Schempp delivered a key second period goal that tied the game at 2-2 as the visiting Bulldogs staged a 3-2 come-from-behind victory to gain a sweep in their first-ever WCHA series. Named the Second Star of the Game, his third period tying goal came just :19 seconds after UAH had taken a 2-1 lead.

In addition to his three points in the series, Schempp had seven shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. The two wins vaulted Ferris State into the national top 20 rankings this week, coming in at No. 19.

Also nominated: Jared Linnell, F, Alaska; Bob Kinne, F, BSU; Alex Globke, F, LSSU; Mathias Dahlstrom, G, NMU.