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FSU's Robertson, UAH's Misuraca, BSU's Wilkins Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Matt Robertson, F Ferris State

Ferris State University forward Matt Robertson, who extended his goal-scoring streak to seven consecutive games while leading the No. 4-ranked Bulldogs to a two-game road sweep at Lake Superior State last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 10, 2013.

A 6-0, 175-pound sophomore left wing from Rohnert Park, Calif., Robertson scored goals in both games, including a game-winner, had an assist and earned a +3 plus/minus rating as league-leading Ferris State stretched their nation-leading unbeaten streak to 13 games (11-0-2).

He had a key second-period goal in the Bulldogs' 5-3 series-opening triumph against the No. 14-ranked Lakers last Friday night (Dec. 6) in Sault Ste. Marie to help seal the victory. He then scored the game-winner for the Bulldogs on Saturday (Dec. 7) evening in a 3-1 triumph as FSU extended its lead atop the WCHA standings.

In addition to his three points, Robertson also had three shots on goal and blocked two shots in the series. He has produced 10 scoring points (8g, 2a) in 12 games played.

The Bulldogs, in their first season as a member of the WCHA, are unbeaten in league play at 10-0-2 and are 13-2-2 overall.

Also nominated: Colton Beck, F, Alaska; C.J. Eick, F, MTU; Zach Lehrke, F, MSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Frank Misuraca, D Alabama Huntsville

University of Alabama in Huntsville defenseman Frank Misuraca, who led the visiting Chargers to their first-ever WCHA victory last Saturday at Bowling Green, is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 10, 2013.

A 5-11, 195-pound sophomore from Clinton Township, Mich., Misuraca was named the First Star of the Game after scoring one of the most exciting goals of the season and one the most notable in UAH hockey history last Saturday night (Dec. 7). He notched the game-winner with just :03.4 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Chargers a 4-3 road victory over the Falcons. It was both the first victory of the season for UAH as well as their initial conference win as a first-year member of the WCHA.

In addition to his winning goal, Misuraca assisted on the Chargers' first goal to tie the game at 1-1 and played a solid defensive game on the blueline, helping keep BGSU scoreless the entire third period and overtime. He had four blocked shots in the series, three shots on goal, and earned a +1 plus/minus rating.

Playing in 15 games this season, Misuraca is second on the team in points with five (1g, 4a) and fifth on the team in blocks with 20.

Also nominated: Tommy Burke, G, BGSU; C.J. Motte, G, FSU; Brad Stebner, D, MTU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Jesse Wilkins, G Bemidji State

Bemidji State University goaltender Jesse Wilkins, who made a significant impact for the Beavers in his debut weekend at Michigan Tech, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Dec. 10, 2013.

A 6-2, 185-pound freshman from Calgary, Alberta, Wilkins backstopped the Beavers to a pair of 2-2 overtime road ties at league-rival Michigan Tech on Dec. 6-7, piling up 75 saves, a 1.85 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage. He surrendered just four goals in 130:00 of action, had five shutout periods, including two in overtime, and led the Bemidji State penalty-kill that held the host Huskies scoreless on all 12 of their series power-play opportunities.

In his first collegiate appearance last Friday night in Houghton, Wilkins turned aside 36 shots and allowed two goals in the 2-2 overtime draw. He then got the call in nets again in the series finale last Saturday evening, this time establishing a new career-high with 39 saves in another 2-2 overtime tie.

Also nominated: Marcus Basara, F, Alaska; Cole Huggins, G, MSU.