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MTU's Petan and Copley, BGSU's Sholl Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week **Alex Petan, F Michigan Tech**

Michigan Technological University forward Alex Petan, who was named to the Great Lakes Invitational All-Tournament Team while helping the Huskies to a second place finish, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 31, 2013.

A 5-8, 155-pound sophomore right winger from Delta, British Columbia, Petan scored a key game-tying goal for Michigan Tech in last Friday's (Dec. 27) tournament opening 2-2 (ot) tie vs Michigan State outdoors at Comerica Park in Detroit, fired 10 shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating while earning all-tourney honors for the second straight year.

With his club trailing 2-1 in the third period to the Spartans, Petan netted his team-leading 10th goal of the season at 8:13 to send the game into overtime. Tech then went on to claim a shootout win over MSU to advance to Saturday's (Dec. 28) GLI championship game, where they fell 1-0 in overtime to Western Michigan. Petan has now scored a goal in three of his four career GLI games.

Michigan Tech's leading scorer this season, Petan has 17 points in 22 games with 10 goals and seven assists. He also has 51 points (25g) in just 59 collegiate games.

Also nominated: Bryce Williamson, F, BGSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week **Pheonix Copley, G Michigan Tech**

Goaltender Pheonix Copley of Michigan Technological University is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 31, 2013 after helping the Huskies to a second place finish in the 49th Annual Great Lakes Invitational tournament last weekend in Detroit.

A 6-3, 175-pound sophomore from North Pole, Alaska, Copley turned in a stellar GLI Tournament, yielding just two even-strength goals in 127:01 of action, posting five shutout periods, and fashioning a .947 save percentage with 54 stops on 57 shots on goal in two games.

He stopped 24 of 26 shots in a 2-2 overtime tie against Michigan State in the tournament opener last Friday (Dec. 27) outdoors at Comerica Park, with one of the two goals coming on the power-play. He also blanked MSU in the ensuing shootout, enabling the Huskies to advance to the title game to defend their GLI championship.

Then in the title contest last Saturday (Dec. 28) night against Western Michigan, Copley turned aside 30 of 31 shots in a 1-0 overtime setback, blanking the Broncos on all three of their power-play chances.

Copley who was the GLI MVP a year ago with two shutout victories, has now stopped 124-of-127 shots (.976 SV%) in four career GLI games. Through 18 games so far this season, Copley is 5-8-5 over 1091:01 of action in nets with a 2.09 goals-against average and .924 save percentage.

WCHA Rookie of the Week **Tomas Sholl, G Bowling Green**

Bowling Green State University goaltender Tomas Sholl, who backstopped the Falcons to a victory in the third place game at the Three Rivers Classic tournament in Pittsburgh last Saturday, has been named the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Dec. 31, 2013.

A 6-0, 175-pound freshman from Hermosa Beach, California, Sholl turned away 19 of 21 shots on goal, had two shutout periods and helped kill five of six opponent power-plays as Bowling Green forged a 3-2 victory over tourney host Robert Morris on Dec. 28 at CONSOL Energy Center.

With his team leading 1-0 after the first period, Sholl had 13 stops in the second period as the Falcons scoreless for most of the third to enable BGSU to go up 3-0 before surrendering a power-play goal at 13:35 and an extra-attacker tally at 19:36. He stopped the first 16 Robert Morris shots in the game.

On the season, Sholl is 3-7-0 overall with a 2.58 goals-against average and a .899 save percentage in 10 games. He is in the top 10 nationally with two shutouts on the season.

Also nominated: Mike Neville, F, MTU.