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MSU's Lafontaine, FSU's Motte, MTU's Hanna Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Jean-Paul Lafontaine F, Minnesota State

Minnesota State University forward Jean-Paul Lafontaine, who led all conference players with five scoring points as the Mavericks won back-to-back games over league-rival Alaska Anchorage last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 3, 2013.

A 5-10, 172-pound junior from Flint, Mich., Lafontaine struck for three goals and two assists and had multiple-point outings both nights as Minnesota State claimed 3-2 and 7-3 home-ice wins against UAA over the Thanksgiving weekend. He scored one goal and had an assist last Friday (Nov. 29) to earn Second Star of the Game honors and then scored twice and added one helper in last Saturday's (Nov. 30) victory and was the First Star of the Game as the Mavericks earned their first league sweep of the season. He also had six shots on goal in the series and all three of his goals came via the power-play and his five PPGs on the year stand tied for third in the nation.

Lafontaine, MSU's top scorer this season with 11 points (6g, 5a), owns a four-game scoring streak with 5-2=7 and has moved into a tie for 25th on the school's Div. 1 career scoring list with 28-46=74 in 93 games played.

Also nominated: Radoslav Illo, F, BSU; Matt Robertson, F, FSU; Dan Radke, F, LSSU; Alex Petan, F, MTU.

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

Goaltender C.J. Motte, who backstopped league-leading Ferris State University to a league road victory and tie at Northern Michigan last weekend while remaining undefeated in nets this season, is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 3, 2013.

A 6-0, 190-pound junior from St. Clair, Mich., Motte did not yield an even-strength goal in the two complete victories on Nov. 29-30, improving his season record between the pipes for No. 6-ranked Ferris State to a nation's best 11-0-2. He had a series 0.96 goals-against average, stopped 55 of 57 shots for a .965 saves percentage, and had five shutout periods.

Motte had 32 saves in last Friday's 4-1 Bulldog win over the Wildcats, yielding a single PPG with just :11 seconds left to play. He then added 23 more on Saturday in a 1-1 overtime tie as FSU increased their nation-leading unbeaten streak to 11 consecutive games and remained unbeaten atop the WCHA standings. He played a key role on the penalty-kill as FSU was forced to play the latter stage of the third period and nearly all of Saturday's overtime session down a man.

Also nominated: Sam Rendle, D, BSU; Kevin Czuczman, D, LSSU; Pheonix Copley, G, MTU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Shane Hanna, D Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University defenseman Shane Hanna, who helped the Huskies record a pair of road victories over league-rival Alaska last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Dec. 3, 2013.

A 5-11, 195 freshman from Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Hanna recorded his first two collegiate goals and contributed three total points in Michigan Tech's 3-2, 2-1 sweep at Alaska last weekend in Fairbanks.

With his team trailing 1-0 last Friday (Nov. 29), Hanna netted his first collegiate goal at 0:58 of the second period to tie the score before assisting on a go-ahead tally by teammate Alex Petan at 4:49 as the Huskies took game one 3-2. Then in the series finale on Saturday (Nov. 30), Hanna broke up a scoreless tie with a power-play goal at 0:26 of the second period to give MTU a 1-0 lead en route to the 2-1 win. In addition, Hanna put seven shots on goal in the series and earned a +1 plus/minus rating as Tech killed all six Alaska power-plays and won twice despite being outshot in both games.

Playing in all 16 of Tech's games as a rookie this season, Hanna has six points (2g, 4a).

Also nominated: Brendan Harms, F, BSU; Kyle Schempp, F, FSU; Gus Correale, F, LSSU; Zach Stepan, F, MSU.