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MSU's McInnis, BSU's Prapavessis, NMU's Siemer Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Johnny McInnis, F Minnesota State

Minnesota State University forward Johnny McInnis, who scored three goals and totaled four points while leading the Mavericks to a two-game home-ice sweep of league-leading Ferris State last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 21, 2014.

A 6-1, 195-pound senior from Boston, Mass., McInnis produced three goals, including both game-winner, had one assist, fired 16 shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating as Minnesota State handed FSU their first two league defeats and closed to within two points of the Bulldogs for first place in the WCHA race.

McInnis scored twice in the host Mavericks' 6-2 win over the Bulldogs last Friday (Jan. 17) at Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato and then had a goal and an assist in Saturday's (Jan. 18) 4-3 MSU victory. He notched the game-winner in the series opener at 5:50 of the second period and then secured the sweep in game two with a power-play winner at 7:56 of the third period.

McInnis, who has 19 points (10g, 9a) on the season to rank third on the Minnesota State scoring charts, also has four game-winning goals this year, which lead the Mavericks and stands tied for third in the nation. He has 12 career game-winning goals to tie for third all-time at MSU.

Also nominated: Matt Bailey, F UAA; Tyler Morley, F, UAF; Cory Ward, F, BSU; Garret Clement, F, LSSU; John Siemer, F, NMU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Matt Prapavessis, D Bemidji State

Veteran Bemidji State University defenseman and team captain Matt Prapavessis has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 21, 2014.

Prapavessis, a 6-1, 183-pound junior from Oakville, Ontario, led the Beavers against North Dakota last weekend, blocking a team-high eight shots in a 1-1 overtime tie last Friday (Jan. 17) at Sanford Center and a 4-2 setback last Saturday (Jan. 18) in Grand Forks. He also was instrumental in helping BSU's penalty-killing units blank UND on all eight series power-play chances.

In addition to his strong defensive play throughout the series, Prapavessis earned an assist in game two of the home-and-home set last Saturday, helping set up teammate Markus Gerbrandt's second period power-play goal at 13:09 that pulled the Beavers to within two. That helper, his 13th of the year, established a new career-high for him.

Prapavessis, who has seen time in each of the Beavers' 26 games this season, is the team's top scoring defenseman with five goals and 13 assists for 18 points – all career-highs. He also sits third in points for Bemidji State and tops his club in assists.

Also nominated: Kevin Czuczman, D, LSSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week John Siemer, F Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University forward John Siemer, who topped all first-year league players with four scoring points in a two-game split with Alaska last weekend in Marquette, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Jan. 21, 2014.

A 5-9, 175-pound freshman from Baldwin Park, California, Siemer led NMU last week with four points, scoring two goals and assisting on two more, put four shots on goal, and earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

In the Wildcats' 5-4 victory over the visiting Nanooks last Friday (Jan. 17) night, Siemer scored his team's fourth goal on a power-play at 5:43 of the third period, pushing NMU to a 4-2 advantage after Alaska had closed to within one goal just 2:24 earlier.

He then assisted on Northern Michigan's first two goals in the first period last Saturday (Jan. 18) evening, giving the Wildcats a 2-0 lead. After Alaska then rallied for four unanswered goals to go up 4-2, Siemer netted an extra-attacker goal at 18:33 of the third period to pull NMU within one goal in the eventual 4-3 loss.

Siemer, who joined the NMU squad after the break, has five points (2g, 3a) on six shots over his first four games and is +3.

Also nominated: Brandon Morley, F, UAF; Garret Clement, F, LSSU.