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## BGSU's Cooper, NMU's Jones, MTU's Sturos Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Mark Cooper, F Bowling Green

Bowling Green State University forward Mark Cooper, who produced four scoring points, had a game-winning goal, put 10 shots on goal and earned a +3 rating in the Falcons' two-game series with league-rival Lake Superior State last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 28, 2014.

A 6-2, 185-pound sophomore from Toronto, Ontario, Cooper opened the Jan. 24-25 series at the BGSU Ice Arena with two assists in a 5-3 setback to the visiting Lakers last Friday. His first assist of the night came at 12:17 of the opening period, giving Bowling Green an early 1-0 lead. Then with the game tied at 2-2 in the second, Cooper drew his second assist on a goal at the 14:46 mark, helping the Falcons take the lead once more at 3-2.

Then in game two against LSSU last Saturday evening, Cooper netted two goals and shared the team lead with six shots on goal to help the Falcons bounce back with a 6-2 triumph and stay in the hunt for the WCHA championship. His first goal of the game, coming on a power-play at 19:18 of the first period, proved to be the game-winner and helped him earn No. 2 star of the game honors.

On the season, Cooper has set new career-highs in both goals and total points, tallying 12-8=20 through 28 games played this season.

Also nominated: Cory Ward, F, BSU; Andy Huff, F, FSU; Blake Pietila, F, MTU.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Mitch Jones, D Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University defenseman Mitch Jones, who contributed at both ends of the ice in the Wildcats' two-game conference series at Alaska Anchorage last weekend, has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 28, 2014.

A 6-2, 203-pound junior from Delta, British Columbia, Jones helped key a strong defensive effort for NMU last Friday (Jan. 24) and also scored two of his team's three goals, as the Wildcats logged a 3-1 conference road victory over the host Seawolves. Jones, who notched the game's first goal on a power-play at 11:27 of the first period then tallied the game-winning goal on another power-play at 12:01 of period two, also helped NMU limit UAA to one PPG and to 23 shots on goal.

Then last Saturday (Jan. 25) night with his team trailing Alaska Anchorage 2-0 in the second period, Jones drew an assist on a power-play goal at 12:29 to close the gap to 2-1 in an eventual 4-2 loss. The series split enabled the Wildcats, who are one of five teams with a winning record in conference play, to stay in the hunt for a home playoff berth.

The two goals he scored in Northern Michigan's WCHA road win last Friday were the first of the season for Jones, but he still ranks second on the squad in scoring this season with 15 points, including a team-best 13 assists and a +6 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated: Andrew Walsh, G, BSU; Charles Williams, G, FSU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Reid Sturos, F Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University forward Reid Sturos, who provided the scoring heroics in the Huskies' big victory over league-leading Ferris State last Friday, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Jan. 28, 2014.

Sturos, a 6-2, 175-pound freshman from South Lyon, Michigan, posted his first two collegiate goals in Michigan Tech's 3-2 triumph over the No. 6-ranked Bulldogs on Jan. 24 at John MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton. The right winger scored his first goal of the night on a tip during a power-play at 12:00 of the second period to tie the contest at 2-2. He then posted the game-winner with a wrist shot 8:45 into the third period.

Sturos, who also had three shots on goal in last Saturday's 3-0 loss to FSU, finished the two-game weekend series with two goals, fired six shots on net, and earned a +1 plus/minus rating. He has produced six points in 18 games played this season, with two goals and four assists. All but one of his assists has come in the month of January.

Also nominated: Sean Walker, D, BGSU; Jared VanWormer, F, FSU.