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UAF's Beck, NMU's Dahlstrom, MTU's Sturos Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Colton Beck, F Alaska

University of Alaska senior forward Colton Beck, who produced five scoring points in a conference series split with Minnesota State last weekend in Fairbanks, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 7, 2014.

A5-11, 187-pound left wing from Langley, B.C., Beck had five points on two goals and three assists, put five shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating in the Nanooks' Jan. 3-4 WCHA split against MSU.

He had a pair of assists and scored the game-winning goal in last Friday's 4-2 victory over the pre-season WCHA favorite Mavericks, who entered the series with seven straight wins. With the game tied 1-1 in the third, Beck assisted on Tyler Morley's go-ahead goal at 3:47, scored the winner himself at 15:07, and then, after MSU had closed to within one with an extra-attacker tally at 16:39, assisted on Cody Kunyk's empty-netter to seal the win.

Then on Saturday, Beck factored into goals that twice brought his team to within one of tying the game in a 6-4 loss. With his club down 3-1 in period two, he assisted on a power-play goal by Trevor Campbell to make it 3-2 then scored a PPG himself at 10:45 to make it 4-3.

In 20 games this season, Beck is Alaska's third leading scorer with 18 points (7g, 11a).

Also nominated: Dan DeSalvo, F, BGSU; Matt Robertson, F, FSU; Zach Sternberg, D, LSSU; Ryan Furne, F, MTU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Mathias Dahlstrom, G Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University goaltender Mathias Dahlstrom, who yielded just two goals while backstopping the Wildcats to a conference road sweep at Bemidji State last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 7, 2014.

A6-0, 175-pound freshman from Smedjebacken, Sweden, Dahlstrom got the call to start between the pipes in both games at BSU on Jan. 3-4, stopping 60 of 62 shots on goal for a .968 series saves percentage, posting four shutout periods, and blanking the host Beavers on all nine series power-play chances.

In a 4-1 NMU victory last Friday, Dahlstrom played two shutout periods and made 28 saves while surrendering only a first period goal at the 2:51 mark. He then came back with two more shutout periods and a 32-save effort last Saturday evening, including 14 stops in the third period, as the Wildcats banked four points with a 3-1 triumph despite being outshot 33-24.

Dahlstrom, who ranks second in the WCHA and 15th nationally with a 2.10 goals-against average over 1,028:25 of action, has made 18 appearances in nets for the Wildcats and has a 7-8-2 record and three shutouts. He is also second in the league and 13th nationally with a .930 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Trevor Campbell, D, UAF; Tommy Burke, G, BGSU; Travis White, D, FSU; Kevin Kapalka, G, LSSU; Jamie Phillips, G, MTU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Reid Sturos, F Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University forward Reid Sturos, who contributed three points, five shots on goal, and earned a +2 plus/minus rating in a road series split at nationally-ranked Lake Superior State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Jan. 7, 2014.

A6-2, 175-pound freshman right winger from South Lyon, Mich., Sturos opened the two-game, Jan. 3-4 series with an assist in a one-goal, 4-3 loss to the host Lakers last Friday night. With MTU trailing 3-1, he helped set up a second period goal by Ryan Furne that closed the gap to one before the Huskies rallied to tie it at 3-3 at 7:34 of the third.

Sturos then came back with two more assists last Saturday evening, including the primary helper on Tanner Kero's third period game-winner, as Michigan Tech earned a 3-2 victory to secure two key points on the road. His first assist of the evening came on a go-ahead goal by Furne at 8:47 of period two.

Sturos, who entered the weekend with just one career point—an assist vs. Bowling Green State on Dec. 13—now has four assists in 14 games played.

Also nominated: Marcus Basara, F, UAF; Chad McDonald, F, FSU; Mathias Dahlstrom, G, NMU.