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MTU's Johnstone and Hanna, UAF's Parayko Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week David Johnstone, F Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University forward David Johnstone, who had a pair of multiple-point games and factored in on both game-winning goals while leading the Huskies to a two-game conference road sweep at Bowling Green last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 4, 2014.

A 5-11, 175-pound junior from Grande Ledge, Mich., Johnstone scored three goals, set up another, had six shots on goal, two blocked shots and earned a +1 plus/minus rating as Michigan Tech won 5-2 over the Falcons last Friday and 5-4 (ot) on Saturday.

He tallied two goals in the series opener on Jan. 31 with a power-play marker to open the game's scoring at 12:08 of the first period, then added another goal at 5:52 of the second with a wrist shot from the right circle. His second goal wound up being the game-winner and earned him First Star of the Game honors.

Johnstone then registered two more points and was named the Third Star of the Game in Tech's victory over the Falcons in the series finale on Feb. 1. He first scored a second-period power-play goal before assisting on teammate Blake Pietila's overtime game-winner at 1:22 as the Huskies overcame deficits of 2-0, 3-1 and 4-3.

In 15 games played this season, Johnstone has produced 11 points on seven goals and four assists.

Also nominated: Cody Kunk, F, UAF; Matt Leitner, F, MSU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Colton Parayko, D Alaska

Defenseman Colton Parayko of the University of Alaska has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 4, 2014 after helping his club to a two-game sweep over league-rival Alabama Huntsville last weekend in Fairbanks.

A 6-5, 218-pound sophomore from St. Albert, Alberta, Parayko keyed the Nanooks' strong defensive effort in a pair of 6-1 victories over the visiting Chargers on Jan. 31-Feb. 1, helping hold them to just 27 shots on goal and scoreless on all four power-play attempts. In addition, he also contributed three scoring points, fired six shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

In last Friday's Alaska victory, Parayko scored a third period power-play goal while he and his teammates limited the Chargers to 13 shots on goal. It was his fourth goal of the season, all by way of a power-play.

Then last Saturday, the St. Louis Blues (NHL) draft choice dished out a pair of assists, including the primary one on teammate Cody Kunk's eventual game-winner that came :21 seconds into the second period.

Playing in all 28 of the Nanooks' games this season, Parayko is the team's top-scoring defenseman with 19 points on four goals and 15 assists. His 19 points also rank him third in scoring among WCHA defensemen for all games.

Also nominated: Shane Hanna, D, MTU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Shane Hanna, D Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University defenseman Shane Hanna, who made his presence felt at both ends of the ice in a conference series sweep at Bowling Green last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 4, 2014.

Hanna, a 5-11, 190-pound freshman from Salmon Arm, British Columbia, turned in his first career three-point game with assists on Michigan Tech's first, second and fifth goals in last Friday's (Jan. 31) 5-2 win at Bowling Green. Named the Second Star of the Game, Hanna assisted on both of the Huskies' first period goals as they went up 2-0, and then earned his third helper of the night late in the second period.

Hanna also helped Michigan Tech go 3-for-10 on the power-play in the two victories while holding the host Falcons to just 1-for-9 with the man-advantage. In addition to his three points, Hanna finished the weekend series with a plus/minus rating of +3 and had three blocked shots.

Playing in all 30 of Michigan Tech's games as a rookie this season, Hanna is the team's top-scoring defenseman with 14 points on two goals and 12 assists. He also tied for fifth among all WCHA freshmen in points for all games.

Also nominated: Marcus Basara, F, UAF.