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UAF's Kunyk, FSU's Czarnowczan, BGSU's Dufour & Walker Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week Cody Kunyk, F, UAF Kevin DuFour, F, BGSU

Two forwards who turned in stellar weekends – Cody Kunyk of University of Alaska and Kevin DuFour of Bowling Green State University, have been named WCHA Men's co-Offensive Players of the Week for March 11, 2014.

Kunyk, a 5-11, 197-pound senior from Sherwood Park, Alberta, single-handedly outscored visiting Alaska Anchorage in Alaska's 7-2 victory last Friday (March 7) at Carlson Center in Fairbanks. Kunyk lit the lamp a career-best four times and helped the Nanooks clinch a home playoff series and the No. 3 tournament seed in their first year in the WCHA.

Kunyk scored his first goal of the game in the first period, his second at the midway point, and then sent hats flying with his second-career hat trick :46 seconds into the third. He later added his fourth goal with 8:16 remaining. Kunyk (22-20=42) finished the regular season as the WCHA scoring champion with 34 points in 28 league games. He ranks 13th all-time on the program's scoring list with 132 points (60g, 72a).

DuFour, a 6-0, 190-pound freshman from Quebec City, Quebec, totaled three goals and an assist to lead Bowling Green to a two-game sweep over Bemidji State over the final weekend of the regular season. The freshman also finished with a +1 on-ice rating and totaled five shots on net, helping the Falcons secure home ice in the first round of the WCHA playoffs.

Dufour started the weekend with a goal and an assist in a 5-3 Falcons' win last Friday and was the first star of the game. He then followed on Saturday with two power-play goals, helping the Falcons sweep the Beavers and again earning first star of the game.

Overall this season, Dufour leads all rookies on the Falcon roster with 16 points (9g, 7a). He also 34 shots on goal and a +6 on-ice rating in 34 games.

Also nominated: Garrett Thompson, F, FSU; Darren Nowick, F, NMU.

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Scott Czarnowczan, D Ferris State

Ferris State University defenseman Scott Czarnowczan, who played a pivotal role in a two-game sweep over Lake Superior State that gave the Bulldogs the WCHA regular season championship and MacNaughton Cup, is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for March 11, 2014.

A 5-10, 176-pound senior from Macomb, Mich., Czarnowczan led the Bulldogs to the WCHA regular season championship as he scored a team-leading three points on a goal and two assists in back-to-back 2-1 home wins over Lake Superior State at the Ewigeleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. He led the charge in last Saturday's (March 8) title-clinching victory by playing a part in both Bulldog goals, which both came in the initial two minutes of the contest. He posted the lone assist on fellow senior Garrett Thompson's first goal of the game in a 4-on-3 situation only a minute in and then notched the eventual game-winner less than a minute later while skating 4-on-4. The two-time captain also picked up the first assist on FSU's first goal of the weekend late in the opening period on Friday night.

For the weekend, Czarnowczan notched three shots and also had four blocks for the Bulldogs as they remained unbeaten in league action at home. He also played a key defensive role on FSU's penalty-kill unit that held the Lakers scoreless in six tries on the weekend and was the first star of Saturday's game.

Also nominated: Trevor Campbell, D, UAF; Mike Sullivan, D, BGSU; Cole Huggins, G, MSU.

WCHA Rookie of the Week Sean Walker, D Bowling Green

Bowling Green State University defenseman Sean Walker, who made strong contributions at both ends of the ice in a two-game sweep over Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for March 11, 2014.

A 5-9, 185-pound freshman from Keswick, Ontario, Walker scored a game-winning goal, produced three assists, totaled four points, earned a +1 on-ice rating, and fired two shots on goal in helping Bowling Green secure home ice for the first round of WCHA playoffs.

Walker opened the two-game set on Friday (March 7) evening with a game-winning goal and an assist in the Falcons' 5-3 triumph over the Beavers. He also had a blocked shot, a +1 on-ice rating, and was named the third star of the game.

Then last Saturday (March 8) night, Walker came back with two assists in helping the Falcons earn the sweep over Bemidji State with a 5-2 triumph.

Walker, who has a 2013-14 season total of 13 points (2g, 11a), has scored at least one point in his last four games. The rookie has scored six of his 11 points over the last two weeks, playing a key role in the Falcons' playoff push.

Also nominated: Brendan Harms, F, BSU; Kyle Schempp, F, FSU; Shane Hanna, D, MTU; Cole Huggins, G, MSU.