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## **BGSU'S DUFOUR, NMU'S DAHLSTROM AND UAF'S VIETH NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF OCT. 17-18, 2014**

EDINA, Minn. – Oct. 20, 2014 – The nation's top goal-scorer, a hot netminder and the Most Valuable Player of the Brice Alaska Goal Rush are the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) men's Players of the Week for games of Oct. 17-18. The honorees are: Bowling Green sophomore forward **Kevin Dufour** (Offensive Player of the Week), Northern Michigan sophomore goaltender **Mathias Dahlström** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Alaska forward **Austin Vieth** (Rookie of the Week).

### **WCHA Offensive Player of the Week**

**Kevin Dufour, So., F, Bowling Green**

Dufour, a sophomore from Québec City, Québec, tallied a team-high three goals to help Bowling Green to a WCHA road sweep at Alabama Huntsville. The left-handed winger found the back of the net on half of his six shots on goal as the Falcons captured four points in the league standings. Dufour, who has lit the lamp at least once in all four games this season, has an NCAA Division I-leading six goals overall.

*Also nominated:* Stephen Perfetto, Sr., F, Lake Superior State; Matt Robertson, Jr., F, Ferris State

### **WCHA Defensive Player of the Week**

**Mathias Dahlström, So., G, Northern Michigan**

Dahlström allowed just one goal in 43 shots faced (.977 save percentage), while leading Northern Michigan to a season-opening sweep of then-No. 18 Wisconsin at the Resch Center in Green Bay. The sophomore from Smedjebacken, Sweden recorded 18 saves in a 2-0 blanking Friday night, his fourth career shutout. Dahlström tallied 24 saves on Saturday and helped NMU kill off all seven Wisconsin power plays en route to a 4-1 victory.

*Also nominated:* Sean Cahill, Sr., G, Alaska; Kyle Chatham, Fr., D, Lake Superior State; CJ Motte, Sr., G, Ferris State; Chase Van Allen, So., D, Alaska Anchorage

## **WCHA Rookie of the Week**

**Austin Vieth, F, Alaska**

Vieth, a freshman from Marinette, Wis., scored three goals, collected an assist and was named the tournament's MVP as he led the Nanooks to a third-straight Brice Alaska Goal Rush title. The rookie forward buried his only shot in Alaska's 4-3 win over Air Force, before scoring both the game-tying and game-winning goals in the third period Saturday night against Penn State. Vieth's three goals came on just four shots total, while he finished the weekend with a +2 rating.

*Also nominated:* Brandon Hawkins, F, Bowling Green

### ***About Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)***

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, proudly marks its 63<sup>rd</sup> season of men's competition in 2014-15. Covering five time zones and more than 4,200 miles, the 10-team Division 1 conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats).

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