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**MSU'S GERVAIS, MTU'S PHILLIPS AND BGSU'S MCLAIN  
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF OCT. 24-25, 2014**

EDINA, Minn. – Oct. 27, 2014 – For helping their teams go a combined 5-0-1, including a pair of league series sweeps, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) men's Players of the Week for games of Oct. 24-25, 2014 are: Minnesota State junior forward **Bryce Gervais** (Offensive Player of the Week), Michigan Tech junior goaltender **Jamie Phillips** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Bowling Green freshman forward **Mitch McLain** (Rookie of the Week).

**WCHA Offensive Player of the Week**

**Bryce Gervais, Jr., F, Minnesota State**

Gervais had a three-goal weekend, including the game-winning strikes on consecutive nights, to lift then-No. 13/12 Minnesota State to a WCHA series sweep over visiting Alabama Huntsville. The junior from Battleford, Saskatchewan converted on a power play at 3:31 of the third period in a 3-1 victory Friday night, before tallying two more goals – including a short-handed strike – in Saturday's 4-1 triumph. Gervais is tied for seventh nationally with four goals overall this season.

*Also nominated:* Kevin Dufour, So., F, Bowling Green; Markus Gerbrandt, Jr., F, Bemidji State; Darren Nowick, Jr., F, Northern Michigan; Blake Pietila; Sr., F, Michigan Tech

**WCHA Defensive Player of the Week**

**Jamie Phillips, Jr., G, Michigan Tech**

Phillips turned in an impressive performance in a hostile environment, stopping 67 of 68 shots faced as he backstopped Michigan Tech to a WCHA series sweep at then-No. 8/7 Ferris State. The Winnipeg Jets draft pick recorded his second career shutout with 33 saves in a 1-0 win on Friday night. The next night, the junior from Caledonia, Ontario made 34 stops en route to a 2-1 triumph. One of six undefeated goalies in the country, Phillips ranks sixth nationally with a 1.25 goals against average and .954 save percentage.

*Also nominated:* Sean Cahill, Sr., G, Alaska; Carmine Guerreiro, So., G, Alabama Huntsville, Olivier Mantha, Fr., G, Alaska Anchorage; Zach Palmquist, Sr., D, Minnesota State; Ruslan Pedan, So., D, Bemidji State

## **WCHA Rookie of the Week**

### **Mitch McLain, F, Bowling Green**

McLain tallied two goals, one assist and a team-high plus-3 rating as Bowling Green went 1-0-1 in a non-conference series at Clarkson. His strike at the 11:31 mark of the second period Friday night erased a 2-1 deficit as Bowling Green skated to a 2-2 tie. McLain played a key role in Saturday night's 5-4 victory, helping the Falcons score twice in a 3:34 span of the first period. The freshman from Baxter, Minn. scored at the 14:12 mark and picked up an assist on fellow rookie Tyler Spezia's goal at 17:46.

*Also nominated:* Brett Beauvais, D, Bemidji State; Alex Gillies, F, Michigan Tech; Josh Kestner, F, Alabama Huntsville

### ***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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