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FERRIS STATE'S McDONALD AND MOTTE, MICHIGAN TECH'S STEMAN NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR SEPT. 29 – OCT. 5, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Oct. 6, 2014 – Following a stirring home victory over a top-10 opponent and a season-opening, WCHA road series sweep, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) men's Players of the Week for Sept. 29 – Oct. 5, 2014 are: Ferris State sophomore forward Chad McDonald (Offensive Player of the Week), Ferris State senior goaltender CJ Motte (Defensive Player of the Week) and Michigan Tech forward Dylan Steman (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Chad McDonald, So., F, Ferris State

McDonald had two goals, a team-high five total shots and a +1 rating during ninth-ranked Ferris State's season-opening, 4-3 win over #8 Michigan before a sellout crowd at the Ewingleben Ice Arena. The sophomore from Battle Creek, Mich. scored the game-winner with a short-handed tally in the second period. His opening goal came just 1:03 into the contest as the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick, 2-0 lead.

Also nominated: Alex Globke, So., F, Lake Superior State; Alex Petan, Jr., F, Michigan Tech

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

CJ Motte, Sr., G, Ferris State

Motte, a senior from St. Clair, Mich., made 34 saves in the Bulldogs' 4-3 victory over their intrastate rival, #8 Michigan. A day after being named to the Mike Richter Award Watch List, Motte had several critical saves late in the contest with the Bulldogs playing short-handed for the final minutes. He finished with 10 saves in the first period, 14 in the second and 10 more in the third. Motte also picked up an assist on Ferris State's third goal.

Also nominated: Shane Hanna, So., D, Michigan Tech

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Dylan Steman, F, Michigan Tech

Steman scored a goal and added an assist in his second game in a Michigan Tech uniform, leading the Huskies to a 5-1 victory Sunday afternoon and a WCHA road series sweep of Lake Superior State. The Hanover, Minn. native tipped in a Cliff Watson shot in the second period for his first collegiate goal before adding an assist on Blake Hietala's third period tally. Steman finished +2 on the weekend with five shots on goal.

Also nominated: Mitch Maloney, F, Ferris State

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 63rd 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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