



## WCHA WEEKEND PREVIEW: OCT. 10-12, 2014

*News and notes for the upcoming weekend of WCHA hockey*

All rankings listed by USCHO.com poll first, followed by USA Today / USA Hockey Magazine poll

### NON-CONFERENCE

**Alabama Huntsville (0-0-0, 0 pts WCHA / 0-0-0) at Colorado College (0-0-0, 0 Pts NCHC / 0-0-0)**  
**Broadmoor World Arena; Colorado Springs, Colo.**  
**Friday, Oct. 10 at 7:37 p.m. MT / Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7:07 p.m. MT**

- Alabama Huntsville opens its second campaign under head coach **Mike Corbett** with a non-conference road series at NCHC opponent Colorado College.
- The Chargers will be looking for their first season-opening win since a 3-2 victory at Notre Dame on Oct. 9, 2009.
- UAH is 0-5-0 all-time against the Tigers, with all five games being played in Colorado Springs. The teams last met for a two-game weekend set Jan. 21-22, 2011.
- UAH returns its leading point scorer from 2013-14, junior **Jack Prince** (8-5-13). The Chargers also welcome nine newcomers to the roster, including Huntsville natives **Josh Kestner and Bryan Siersma**.

**Bowling Green (0-0-0, 0 pts WCHA / 0-0-0) vs. No. 11/10 Miami (0-0-0, 0 pts NCHC / 0-0-0)**  
**Friday, Oct. 10 at 7:07 p.m. ET (BGSU Ice Arena; Bowling Green, Ohio) - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](http://WCHA.TV)**  
**Sunday, Oct. 12 at 5:05 p.m. ET (Steve Cady Arena; Oxford, Ohio)**

- Bowling Green starts its season with a split series with intrastate rival and No. 11/10 Miami. The Falcons will host Friday night's contest before traveling to Oxford, Ohio for a Sunday night tilt.
- Prior to the game, BGSU will designate a permanently unoccupied seat at the BGSU Ice Arena to honor the tens of thousands of military personnel who are or were prisoners of war (POW) or have been declared missing in action (MIA).
- BGSU is 23-20-2 all-time on opening day, including an impressive 18-7 in home openers.
- The Falcons and RedHawks will meet for the first time since Jan. 1, 2012. Miami has won four of the past five meetings, but BGSU holds an all-time 60-44-7 advantage in the series. The Falcons are 36-12-4 against Miami at the BGSU Ice Arena.

**Bemidji State (0-0-0, 0 pts WCHA / 0-0-0) vs. No. 2 North Dakota (0-0-0, 0 pts NCHC / 0-0-0)**  
**Friday, Oct. 10 at 7:37 p.m. CT (Ralph Englestad Arena; Grand Forks, N.D.)**

**Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7:07 p.m. CT (Sanford Center; Bemidji, Minn.) - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Bemidji State opens its 59<sup>th</sup> season of hockey with a home-and-home series against second-ranked North Dakota.
- BSU has posted an impressive 41-15-2 mark all-time in season openers and are unbeaten in 26 of their last 35 lid-lifters. Since making the jump to Division I in 1999, the Beavers are 7-7-1.
- The Beavers have gone 1-0-1 in the last three meetings with North Dakota at Sanford Center, posting a 1-0 victory Nov. 20, 2011 before skating to a 1-1 tie this past January. UND holds an all-time 25-3-3 edge; however, seven of the last 14 meetings have been one-goal contests.
- Head coach **Tom Serratore** opens his 14<sup>th</sup> season at the helm with a roster featuring seven rookies. The Beavers do welcome back their top four scorers from a year ago: **Cory Ward** (18-11-29), **Markus Gerbrandt** (15-10-25), **Matt Prapavessis** (5-17-22) and **Brendan Harms** (7-14-21).

**Lake Superior State (0-2-0, 0 pts. WCHA / 0-2-0) at Robert Morris (0-0-0, 0 pts. AHA / 0-0-0)**  
**84 Lumber Arena at RMU Island Sports Center (Pittsburgh, Pa.)**  
**Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11 (7:05 p.m. ET both nights)**

- Lake Superior State hits the road for the first time under first-year head coach **Damon Whitten**, traveling to Pittsburgh to skate against reigning Atlantic Hockey champions Robert Morris.
- The Lakers are a perfect 6-0-0 all-time against the Colonials, including a two-game sweep last October at Taffy Abel Arena.
- LSSU opened its season last weekend by dropping a pair of WCHA contests to visiting Michigan Tech. The young Lakers were led by a trio of sophomore forwards (**Alex Globke**, 0-2-2; **Ian Miller**, 1-0-1; and **Matt Johnson** 1-0-1), while freshmen D **Jason Bird** (first collegiate goal) and G **Kevin Aldridge** saw their first action.

**No. 13/11 Minnesota State (0-0-0, 0 pts. WCHA) at Omaha (0-0-0, 0 pts. NCHC / 0-0-0)**  
**CenturyLinkCenter Omaha; Omaha, Neb.**  
**Friday, Oct. 10 at 7:37 p.m. CT / Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7:07 p.m. CT**

- Preseason WCHA favorite and nationally-ranked Minnesota State travels to Omaha for a season-opening, non-conference series.
- The Mavericks return 20 letterwinners from last year's 24-win, Broadmoor Trophy champions, including senior F Matt Leitner, who ranks third among all active NCAA Division I players with 121 career points.
- MSU has an all-time high five NHL draft picks on the roster: junior F Teddy Blueger (Pittsburgh), freshman F C.J. Franklin (Winnipeg), senior F Max Gaede (San Jose), sophomore F Zach Stepan (Nashville) and junior G Stephon Williams (New York Islanders).
- Minnesota State leads the all-time series with Omaha, 17-13-5.

## 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KENDALL HOCKEY CLASSIC

**No. 10/12 Wisconsin (0-0-0, 0 pts Big Ten / 0-0-0) vs. Alaska (0-0-0, 0 pts WCHA / 0-0-0)**  
**Sullivan Arena; Anchorage, Alaska**

**Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:07 p.m. AT - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Alaska enters its second season in the WCHA, and seventh under head coach **Dallas Ferguson**, with this weekend's Kendall Hockey Classic in Anchorage.
- The Nanooks will skate against Wisconsin for the first time since Dec. 28, 1993. Alaska has dropped all seven previous meetings against the Badgers.
- Alaska defeated Western Ontario 3-1 in an exhibition contest last Friday night in Fairbanks.
- Junior defenseman **Colton Parayko**, the reigning WCHA Defensive Player of the Year and St. Louis Blues draftee, anchors the Nanooks blue line. Junior forward **Tyler Morley** is Alaska's top returning scorer (17-17-34 in 2013-14).

**Maine (0-0-0, 0 pts HEA / 0-0-0) at Alaska Anchorage (0-0-0, 0 pts WCHA / 0-0-0)**  
**Sullivan Arena; Anchorage, Alaska**

**Friday, Oct. 10 at 8:07 p.m. AT - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Alaska Anchorage commences its 30<sup>th</sup> season of Div. 1 hockey and 36<sup>th</sup> all-time with the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Kendall Hockey Classic.
- The Seawolves, already the only team in tournament history to post a "three-peat," are looking for their fourth straight title and ninth overall. UAA is 5-0-3 in its last eight Kendall Hockey Classic games and 24-14-10 overall.
- The Seawolves are undefeated in their past 13 season openers, going 10-0- since 2001.
- UAA posted an 11-3-2 mark at Sullivan Arena last year. The Seawolves are 3-2-1 all-time vs. the Black Bears, with the last meeting coming in 2008.

**Maine vs. Alaska**

**Sullivan Arena; Anchorage, Alaska**

**Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4:07 p.m. AT - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Alaska and Maine will square off for the first time since 2008. The two teams met eight times between 1986-94.
- The Black Bears won all previous nine meetings, but two victories were later forfeited.

**Wisconsin at Alaska Anchorage**

**Sullivan Arena; Anchorage, Alaska**

**Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7:07 p.m. AT - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Alaska Anchorage and Wisconsin meet for the 79<sup>th</sup> time in series history, with the Badgers holding the all-time edge (54-15-9).
- UAA split a pair of games this past January in Madison, winning the series opener 3-2.

## EXHIBITION

**Wilfrid Laurier at No. 9/8 Ferris State  
Ewingleben Ice Arena (Big Rapids, Mich.)  
Friday, Oct. 10 at 7:07 p.m. ET - [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Ferris State, which remains in the top-10 in both the USCHO.com and USA Today / USA Hockey Magazine polls, hosts Wilfrid Laurier in an exhibition contest at Ewingleben Ice Arena.
- The Bulldogs opened their season with a 4-3 victory over then-No. 8 Michigan in front of a sold-out home crowd last Saturday night.

## IDLE

- Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan

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

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