



## **WCHA WEEKEND PREVIEW: NOV. 13-15, 2014**

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

- Five WCHA teams are ranked or receiving votes in this week's USCHO.com and USA Today / USA Hockey Magazine polls, including a pair of top 10 squads:
  - No. 5 Michigan Tech, No. 9 Minnesota State, No. 18 Northern Michigan and No. 19 Bowling Green are all ranked.
  - Ferris State is receiving votes.
- With a perfect 8-0-0 record, Michigan Tech is the only NCAA D-I school to have won every game played. Robert Morris (7-0-1) and Harvard (2-0-2) are the only other unbeaten.
- In fact, WCHA teams own three of the nation's top 10 and four of the country's top 15 winning percentages, matching Hockey East in both counts for most among any conference:
  - Michigan Tech (1<sup>st</sup> at 1.000, 8-0-0)
  - Northern Michigan (t-5<sup>th</sup> at .812, 6-1-1)
  - Bowling Green (t-10<sup>th</sup> at .750, 7-2-1)
  - Minnesota State (t-13<sup>th</sup> at .700, 7-3-0)
- The upcoming weekend features a trio of WCHA series, including a special Thursday-Friday set:
  - Ferris State hosts Alaska Anchorage on Thursday-Friday, while WCHA Commissioner Bill Robertson will be in attendance for Friday's contest.
  - Coming off its first undefeated weekend against a Division I opponent since the 2009-10 season, Alabama Huntsville hosts a Lake Superior State team that earned its first victory of the season prior to a bye weekend.
  - Bemidji State plays a ranked team for the fourth consecutive series, hosting No. 5 Michigan Tech.
- Bowling Green, ranked in the top 20 of the USCHO.com poll for the first time since the 2007-08 season, faces Big Ten opponent Ohio State in a home-and-home set.
  - The WCHA owns the second-highest non-conference winning percentage among the six NCAA D-I leagues, posting a .561 mark (21-16-4) against the rest of the country.

***-Series previews begin on the next page-***

**WCHA**

**Alaska Anchorage (1-3-0, 2 pts. / 4-4-2) at Ferris State (1-3-0, 2 pts. / 4-5-0)**

**Ewingleben Ice Arena; Big Rapids, Mich.**

**Thursday, Nov. 13 and Friday, Nov. 14 (7:07 p.m. ET both nights) – [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Ferris State kicks off its four-game homestand by hosting Alaska Anchorage in a special Thursday-Friday series.
- FSU leads the all-time series 4-1-1, including a thrilling overtime win in the 2014 WCHA semifinals. The Bulldogs won all three games last year, the first between the schools since 1988.
- UAA's defensemen look to continue their offensive production, as Seawolves blueliners have accounted for six of the team's 10 goals in the last six games. The group is led by senior D **Austin Coldwell**, with 3 goals so far this season.
- The Bulldogs are currently 17-2-1 in their last 20 home contests at Ewingleben Ice Arena, dating back to last year. FSU has posted 18 sellouts over the last two-plus seasons in Big Rapids.
- Thursday's game will be a Veteran's Appreciation Game presented by General Mills Yoplait. The Bulldogs will wear special camouflage jerseys for the contests with proceeds from the event going to the Veterans and Homefront Heroes Memorial Park.
- WCHA Commissioner **Bill Robertson** will be in attendance for Friday night's contest.

**Lake Superior State (1-5-0, 2 pts. / 1-9-0) at Alabama Huntsville (0-4-0, 0 pts. / 1-7-2)**

**Von Braun Center; Huntsville, Alabama**

**Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 (7:07 p.m. CT both nights) – [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Coming off an undefeated weekend at Air Force (1-0-1) – it's first against a Division I opponent since 2009-10 – Alabama Huntsville skates against a Lake Superior State team that won its last contest prior to a bye weekend.
- The Lakers are 5-2-1 all-time against the Chargers, including a perfect 4-0-0 mark in Huntsville (all one-goal decisions).
- UAH sophomore D **Brandon Carlson** leads the team with five points (2g, 3a), while sophomore G **Carmine Guerriero** leads the Chargers' goaltending duo with a .934 save percentage.
- LSSU freshman G **Gordon Defiel**, who backstopped the Lakers to an OT win at Alaska Anchorage on Nov. 1, is second among all NCAA rookie netminders with 258 saves and 284 shots faced.

**No. 5 Michigan Tech (6-0-0, 12 pts. / 8-0-0) at Bemidji State (2-2-0, 4 pts. / 3-5-0)**

**Sanford Center; Bemidji, Minn.**

**Friday, Nov. 14 (7:37 p.m. CT) and Saturday, Nov. 15 (7:07 p.m. CT) – [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**

- Michigan Tech, the only team in the nation to win every game played, travels to Bemidji State to take on the Beavers.
- BSU will continue its streak of facing a ranked opponent in every game this season, following series against No. 2 North Dakota, No. 1 Minnesota, No. 16 Alaska and No. 13 Minnesota State.
- The all-time series is an even 5-5-4, but the Huskies are unbeaten in the last six meetings. Five of the last six contests have gone to overtime, with MTU owning a 2-0-3 edge.
- MTU leads the nation in scoring margin (+2.38), are second in scoring defense (1.12gpg), and third in penalty kill percentage (95.3).
- Huskie junior F **Malcolm Gould** is currently on a four-game point streak with two goals and three assists. Sophomore F **Tyler Heinonen** of Michigan Tech has scored goals in three straight games.
- Bemidji State is 2-1-0 when playing at the Sanford Center and is averaging four goals per game this season in comparison to its opponents' 1.67 goals per game.

## NON-CONFERENCE

**No. 19 Bowling Green (5-1-0, 10 pts. WCHA / 7-2-1) vs. Ohio State (0-0-0, 0 pts. Big Ten / 2-5-1)**  
**Friday, Nov. 14 (8:07 p.m. ET) at BGSU Ice Arena; Bowling Green, Ohio – [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)**  
**Saturday, Nov. 15 (7:00 p.m. ET) at Value City Arena; Columbus, Ohio.**

- Bowling Green, ranked in the top 20 of the USCHO.com poll for the first since the 2007-08, faces Big Ten opponent Ohio State in a home-and-home series.
- The Falcons hold a commanding 90-60-8 all-time lead in the series, including a 55-26-4 mark at the BGSU Ice Arena.
- BGSU's freshmen and sophomores lead all NCAA underclassmen with 26 goals, 36 assists (tied) and 62 points.
- Falcons sophomore F **Kevin Dufour** continues to lead the nation with nine goals, as well as being tied for second with three power play goals. Linemate and fellow sophomore F **Matt Pohlkamp** has tallied at least one point in eight of BGSU's 10 games.
- Sophomore G **Tommy Burke** remains solid between the pipes for the Falcons, being named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week after turning away 62-of-66 shots (.939 save percentage) in BGSU's sweep last weekend at Alaska.

## IDLE

- Alaska
- No. 9 Minnesota State
- No. 18 Northern Michigan

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

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