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MICHIGAN TECH IS NATION'S NEW NO. 1 TEAM

Huskies ascend to top spot in both national polls; four WCHA teams in top 20

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 17, 2014 – Michigan Tech, at 10-0-0 the NCAA's only undefeated team and off to the best start in the program's 94-year history, is also the nation's new top-ranked team in both the USCHO.com and *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* polls. The Huskies ascended to the top spot, from No. 5 a week ago, after sweeping a road series at Bemidji State.

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) has four teams in the nation's top 20. Minnesota State, idle last week and 7-3-0 on the season, remains at No. 9 in both polls. No. 17 Northern Michigan (6-1-1) was also idle last week but moved up one spot. Bowling Green, which split a home-and-home set with intrastate rival Ohio State, also moved up one to No. 18.

Both the Wildcats and Falcons are receiving votes in the *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* rankings. Ferris State, which swept visiting Alaska Anchorage last weekend, is receiving votes in both polls.

Michigan Tech and Minnesota State (also Nos. 1-2, respectively, in the latest PairWise rankings) square off this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, at the John J. MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton, Mich. Both games start at 7:07 p.m. ET and can be watched live on WCHA.tv.

The full USCHO.com and *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* national polls can be viewed at wcha.com/men/polls.php.

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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