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## FSU'S MAYHEW AND MOTTE, LSSU'S DEFIEL NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF NOV. 13-15, 2014

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 17, 2014 – A pair of Bulldogs teammates and a freshman netminder highlight the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) men's Players of the Week for games of Nov. 13-15, 2014. The honorees are: Ferris State sophomore forward **Gerald Mayhew** (Offensive Player of the Week), Ferris State senior goaltender **CJ Motte** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Lake Superior State freshman goaltender **Gordon Defiel** (Rookie of the Week).

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

#### **Gerald Mayhew, So., F, Ferris State (Wyandotte, Mich.)**

Mayhew assisted on both game-winning goals and added three strikes of his own for a five-point weekend as Ferris State swept visiting Alaska Anchorage in a Thursday-Friday series. The sophomore from Wyandotte, Mich., tallied two goals and an assist as the Bulldogs opened the series with a decisive 10-2 triumph. He then came back with another goal and assist in Friday's 4-0 victory. Mayhew finished with an impressive plus-four rating for the weekend, with eight shots and two blocks.

*Also nominated:* Tanner Kero, Sr., F, Michigan Tech; Bryce Schmitt, Jr., F, Lake Superior State; Jeff Vanderlugt, Sr., F, Alabama Huntsville

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

#### **CJ Motte, Sr., G, Ferris State (St. Clair, Mich.)**

Motte guided the Bulldogs to a home sweep over visiting Alaska Anchorage, posting an outstanding 0.54 goals against average (one goal allowed during 110:13 in net) and .969 save percentage (31-of-32). The returning Hobey Baker Award finalist recorded his 13<sup>th</sup> collegiate shutout – most among active NCAA goaltenders – in Friday's 4-0 victory. The senior from St. Clair, Mich. is tied for the national lead with three shutouts this season, while also ranking third for saves (310) and seventh for both goals against average (1.58) and save percentage (.948).

*Also nominated:* Carmine Guerriero, So., G, Alabama Huntsville; Jamie Phillips, Jr., G, Michigan Tech

## **WCHA Rookie of the Week**

### **Gordon Defiel, G, Lake Superior State (Stillwater, Minn.)**

Defiel posted his first collegiate shutout on Friday night, backstopping Lake Superior State to a 1-0 victory at Alabama Huntsville. The freshman from Stillwater, Minn. stopped all 26 shots faced, including nine in the third period as the Lakers clung to a one-goal lead. He added 25 saves on Saturday night in what was a 2-2 game late into the second, before being victimized by a trio of Chargers power plays. Defiel ranks fourth nationally with 309 saves during his rookie campaign.

*Also nominated:* Tyler Andrew, F, Ferris State; Max McHugh, 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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