



WCHA WEEKEND PREVIEW: NOV. 7-8, 2014

News and notes for the upcoming weekend of WCHA hockey

- Eight WCHA teams are ranked or receiving votes in this week's USCHO.com and USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine polls.
 - No. 9 Michigan Tech, No. 13 Minnesota State, No. 16 Ferris State and No. 20 Northern Michigan are all ranked.
 - Alaska, Alaska Anchorage, Bowling Green and Bemidji State are all receiving votes.
- Only three NCAA D-I teams have played at least two full weekends (four games) without a loss, and two reside in the WCHA.
 - Michigan Tech (6-0-0) is the only team in the nation to play at least four games and win them all (Brown, at 1-0-0, is also perfect).
 - Northern Michigan is 5-0-1 (.917), while Robert Morris is 7-0-1 (.938).
- In fact, WCHA teams own six of the nation's top 20 winning percentages (among teams playing at least four games), matching Hockey East for the most top-20 records of any conference. In addition to the Huskies (1st) and Wildcats (3rd), the others are:
 - Bowling Green (t-13th at .688, 5-2-1);
 - Alaska Anchorage (t-17th at .625, 4-2-2);
 - Alaska (t-17th at .625, 5-3-0);
 - Minnesota State (t-17th at .625, 5-3-0).
- For the first time this season, this weekend features four WCHA series:
 - No. 16 Ferris State visits No. 20 Northern Michigan in an intra-Michigan matchup of ranked teams.
 - No. 9 Michigan Tech puts its undefeated record on the line when it hosts Alaska Anchorage;
 - Bemidji State travels south to No. 13 Minnesota State for an intrastate rivalry series;
 - Bowling Green visits Alaska in a series pitting two teams receiving votes in the latest polls.
- Alabama Huntsville travels to Colorado Springs, Colo. for a non-conference series against Atlantic Hockey foe Air Force.
 - The WCHA owns the second-highest non-conference winning percentage among the six NCAA D-I leagues, posting a .551 mark (20-16-3) against the rest of the country.

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No. 16 Ferris State (0-2-0, 0 pts. / 3-4-0) at No. 20 Northern Michigan (2-0-0, 4 pts. / 5-0-1)

Berry Events Center; Marquette, Mich.

Friday, Oct. Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 (7:07 p.m. ET both nights) - WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV

- No. 16 Ferris State and No. 20 Northern Michigan square off in an intra-Michigan contest of ranked teams. NMU (5-0-1) is off to its best start since 1998-99.
- FSU had the upper hand last year, going undefeated (3-0-1). The Bulldogs are also 3-1-2 in the last six meetings in the Berry Events Center; however, NMU holds a 50-25-5 all-time series lead.
- The series features two of the nation's top goaltenders backstopping a pair of the country's stingiest defenses.
- Behind the play of sophomore G **Mathias Dahlström**, who ranks second in the NCAA with a 0.82 goals against average and third with a .964 save percentage, the Wildcats lead the nation in scoring defense at 0.83 goals per game.
- On the other side, FSU ranks 11th nationally by allowing just 14 goals in seven games (2.00gpg). Senior G **CJ Motte** is on the Mike Richter Award Watch List and ranks among active NCAA leaders for career wins (2nd - 51), saves (2nd - 2,626) and shutouts (1st - 11).

Alaska Anchorage (1-1-0, 2 pts. / 4-2-2) at No. 9 Michigan Tech (4-0-0, 4 pts. / 6-0-0)

John J. MacInnes Student Ice Arena; Houghton, Mich.

Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:37 p.m. ET / Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:07 p.m. ET - WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV

- Michigan Tech, off to its best start since 1972-73 and ranked ninth nationally, hosts Alaska Anchorage for its first home WCHA series of the year.
- UAA holds an all-time 30-28-11 series lead, including 1-0-1 mark last year (in Anchorage). The Seawolves last visited Houghton during the Winter Carnival of the 2012-13 season.
- Seawolves' freshman G **Olivier Mantha** is tied for second among NCAA rookie netminders with three wins (3-1-1). UAA points leader, sophomore D **Chase Van Allen**, is tied for third among D-I defensemen with eight points (1g, 7a).
- Michigan Tech leads the nation in scoring margin (+2.5), ranking fifth offensively (3.383gpg) and 4th on the defensive end (1.33gpg).
- It will be Michigan Tech Sports Hall of Fame weekend, with the 1965 National Championship Team and 1980s standout **Tom Bissett** being inducted.

Bemidji State (2-0-0, 4 pts. / 3-3-0) at No. 13 Minnesota State (3-1-0, 4 pts. / 5-3-0)

Verizon Wireless Center; Mankato, Minn.

Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1 (7:07 p.m. CT both nights) - WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV

- Bemidji State travels south for an intra-Minnesota rivalry series at No. 13 Minnesota State. The Beavers swept then-No. 16 Alaska last weekend, their first WCHA home sweep since 2012.
- The Mavericks are on a 6-1-0 run in the series, including three straight wins. BSU still holds an all-time 47-42-13 lead in a series that began in 1974.
- Both teams have found their scoring rhythm in the season's early going, with BSU averaging 3.50 goals per game (t-9th nationally) and MSU scoring at a 3.38 goals per game clip (t-14th nationally).
- BSU sophomore F **Nate Arentz**, sophomore F **Brandon Harms** and senior D **Matt Prapavessis** are all on three-game point streaks.
- Mavericks' senior D **Zach Palmquist** is tied for the lead among all NCAA D-I defensemen with nine points and three goals. MSU junior F **Bryce Gervais** has netted six goals in his last four games.

Bowling Green (3-1-0, 6 pts. / 5-2-1) at Alaska (0-2-0, 0 pts. / 5-3-0)

Carlson Center; Fairbanks, Alaska

Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 (7:07 p.m. AT both nights) – [WATCH LIVE ON WCHA.TV](#)

- Bowling Green visits Alaska in a matchup of two five-win teams that are both receiving votes in the latest national polls.
- The Falcons are undefeated (3-0-2) in the last five meetings. Alaska leads the all-time series 26-23-6, including a 14-10-3 mark at the Carlson Center.
- Bowling Green's offensive attack (3.25 gpg, t-17th nationally) is led by its potent underclassmen. BGSU's freshmen lead all D-I rookie classes with 12 goals and 27 points, while the Falcons' frosh-soph corps is also the top underclassmen unit in the country with 23 goals and 53 points.
- Falcons sophomore F **Kevin Dufour** continues to lead the nation with nine goals, matching his freshman year output.
- Senior F **Garrick Perry** (2g, 4a) and junior F **Tyler Morley** (1g, 5a) lead the Nanooks with six points apiece.

NON-CONFERENCE

Alabama Huntsville (0-4-0, 0 pts. WCHA / 0-7-1) at Air Force (2-2-0, 4 pts. AHA / 2-5-0)

Cadet Ice Arena; Colorado Springs, Colo.

Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 (7:05 p.m. MT both nights)

- Alabama Huntsville, which has played just one home series this season, continues its three-week road stretch with a trip to play Air Force.
- The Chargers own a 35-18-3 all-time series lead, including a 16-12-1 mark in Colorado Springs.
- UAH second-year head coach **Mike Corbett** spent 10 seasons as associate head coach at Air Force before taking the helm of Charger hockey.
- Chargers' sophomore G **Carmine Guerriero** has totaled 30-plus saves in each of his four starts, including a 54-save night Oct. 24 at Minnesota State and a 34-stop effort in last Friday night's 1-1 tie at Northern Michigan.

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- Lake Superior State

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