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**UAA’S CAMERON, BSU’S PRAPAVESSIS AND BGSU’S NELL
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF DEC. 5-6, 2014**

EDINA, Minn. – Dec. 8, 2014 – A first-of-its-kind effort by a Division I player this season, a blueliner’s offensive play and a rookie’s stellar work between the pipes highlight the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) men’s Players of the Week for games of December 5-6, 2014. The honorees are: Alaska Anchorage senior forward **Brett Cameron** (Offensive Player of the Week), Bemidji State senior defenseman **Matt Prapavessis** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Bowling Green freshman goaltender **Chris Nell** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Brett Cameron, Sr., F, Alaska Anchorage (Spruce Grove, Alberta)

Cameron turned in the first four-goal performance by a men’s Division I player this season, tallying each of Alaska Anchorage’s scores in a 4-4 tie against Bemidji State last Saturday night. The senior from Spruce Grove, Alberta connected on four of his five shots, giving UAA its first individual four-goal game since David Vallieres in 1995 against Michigan Tech. Cameron scored in a variety of manners, tallying his first collegiate shorthanded goal (on the breakaway), a power-play score, a 5-on-5 play and a 4-on-4 strike. He scored two goals in the first period, one in the second and one more in the third.

Also nominated: Dylan Margonari, Jr., F, Minnesota State; Tyler Morley, Jr., F, Alaska

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Matt Prapavessis, Sr., D, Bemidji State (Oakville, Ontario)

Prapavessis led all WCHA defensemen (and tied for tops among all league players) with three assists and four points, helping Bemidji State earn a pair of ties at Alaska Anchorage. The senior blueliner established a career high with three points and factored in all three Beavers’ goals Friday night, scoring the first and recording helpers on BSU’s two subsequent goals. Saturday, the Oakville, Ontario native jump-started BSU’s comeback from a 3-1 deficit by assisting on the Beavers’ second goal of the game. Prapavessis also posted a team-best four blocked shots and now is tied for sixth nationally with 38 on the season.

Also nominated: Dajon Mingo, Jr., D, Bowling Green; Casey Nelson, So., D, Minnesota State; Colton Parayko, Jr., D, Alaska

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Chris Nell, G, Bowling Green (Green Bay, Wis.)

Nell stopped all 26 shots he faced Saturday night, recording his second collegiate shutout in a 5-0 victory at then-No. 19 Northern Michigan. The freshman from Green Bay, Wis. turned away a total of 20 shots during the first two periods, before stopping all six shots fired his way in the third to solidify the shutout. Nell also helped the Falcons go a perfect 4-for-4 on the penalty kill, including a 5-on-3 stop in the third period. The rookie has now posted a pair of shutouts on the road during WCHA play.

Also nominated: Gerry Fitzgerald, F, Bemidji State; Brad McClure, F, Minnesota State; Tayler Munson, F, Alaska

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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