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UAF'S T. MORLEY AND CAHILL, AND UAH'S MCHUGH NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF FEB. 13-14, 2015

EDINA, Minn. – Feb. 16, 2015 – After helping their teams to an upset of the nation's top-ranked team and an important victory in the league playoff chase, respectively, the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for games of Feb. 13-14, 2015 are: Alaska junior forward **Tyler Morley** (Offensive Player of the Week), Alaska senior goaltender **Sean Cahill** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Alabama Huntsville freshman forward **Max McHugh** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Tyler Morley, Jr., F, Alaska (Burnaby, British Columbia)

Morley, a 2015 Hobey Baker Award nominee, scored three goals over the weekend as Alaska earned a tie and victory against then-No. 1 Minnesota State in Fairbanks. The junior from Burnaby, British Columbia erased a 1-0 deficit Friday with his power-play goal in the second period, allowing the Nanooks to skate to a 1-1 tie. Morley ignited Alaska's three-goal, third-period outburst in a 3-1 victory Saturday, scoring a shorthanded goal just :41 seconds into the stanza to again knot the contest at 1-1. His empty-netter sealed the Nanooks' upset victory and lifted his season point total to 32 (13 goals, 19 assists).

Also nominated: Philip Brewer, Sr., F, Bemidji State; Alex Petan, Sr., F, Michigan Tech; Doug Reid, Sr., F, Alabama Huntsville; Jared VanWormer, So., F, Ferris State

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Sean Cahill, Sr., G, Alaska (Calgary, Alberta)

Cahill backstopped Alaska to a 1-0-1, three-point weekend against the nation's top-ranked team, allowing just one Minnesota State goal in each contest. The senior from Calgary, Alberta posted a .953 save percentage (39 saves on 41 shots) and anchored a defensive unit that held the Mavericks to a 1-for-13 showing on the power-play. Cahill made 17 saves, including three in overtime, during Friday's 1-1 tie; then, he recorded 24 stops during a 3-1 Nanooks victory Saturday.

Also nominated: Jason Binkley, So., D, Ferris State; Michael Bitzer, Fr., G, Bemidji State; Tommy Burke, Jr., G, Bowling Green; Carmine Guerriero, So., G, Alabama Huntsville; Jamie Phillips, Jr., G, Michigan Tech

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WCHA Rookie of the Week

Max McHugh, F, Alabama Huntsville (Seattle, Wash.)

McHugh's lone point of the weekend was a big one, as the rookie's third-period, game-winning goal Saturday lifted Alabama Huntsville past Lake Superior State on the scoreboard and in the standings. The freshman from Seattle, Wash. scored a power-play marker at the 8:28 mark to snap a 1-1 tie and send the Chargers to a 3-1 victory. With the win, UAH is now in sole possession of eighth place in the WCHA standings (seventh among playoff-eligible teams), two points ahead of LSSU and just three behind Ferris State. McHugh leads UAH and is fourth among WCHA freshmen with 18 points overall (eight goals, 10 assists).

Also nominated: Kyle Bauman, F, Bemidji State; Zach Frye, D, Alaska; Dylan Steman, F, Michigan Tech

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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