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## **NMU'S SECKEL, FSU'S MOTTE AND BSU'S BAUMAN NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF FEB. 20-21, 2015**

EDINA, Minn. – Feb. 23, 2015 – After helping their teams to a trio of league sweeps that clinched playoff spots for all three, the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for games of Feb. 20-21, 2015 are: Northern Michigan senior forward **Reed Seckel** (Offensive Player of the Week), Ferris State senior goaltender **CJ Motte** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Bemidji State freshman forward **Kyle Bauman** (Rookie of the Week).

### **WCHA Offensive Player of the Week**

#### **Reed Seckel, Sr., F, Northern Michigan (Melvin, Mich.)**

Seckel lifted Northern Michigan to a road sweep at Bowling Green, factoring in three of the Wildcats' four goals in Saturday's 4-3, come-from-behind victory. The senior from Melvin, Mich. ignited NMU's comeback from a 3-0 deficit by assisting on the Wildcats' first goal, then netting the team's second and third goals – including the game-tying strike with just under eight minutes remaining in regulation. Seckel finished with seven shots on the weekend, while his Saturday effort marked a season-high for goals and points.

*Also nominated:* Alex Carpenter, Sr., F, Alabama Huntsville; Dom Panetta, Sr., F, Ferris State

### **WCHA Defensive Player of the Week**

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

Motte led Ferris State to a weekend road sweep at Alabama Huntsville as the Bulldogs clinched a spot in the 2015 WCHA playoffs and kept their hopes alive for potential home ice advantage. The senior from St. Clair, Mich. posted a 1.50 goals against average and stopped 43-of-46 shots for a .935 save percentage in a pair of one-goal wins. Motte tallied 18 saves in a 2-1 victory Friday and recorded 25 saves Saturday in a 3-2 triumph, while making several critical stops late in both contests. Two of the three goals he allowed on the weekend were power-play markers.

*Also nominated:* Michael Bitzer, Fr., G, Bemidji State

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## **WCHA Rookie of the Week**

### **Kyle Bauman, F, Bemidji State (Apopka, Fla.)**

Bauman helped Bemidji State to a WCHA series sweep of visiting Alaska Anchorage, netting a pair of goals in Friday's 3-2 triumph and finishing the weekend with a +3 on-ice rating. The freshman from Apopka, Fla. gave the Beavers an early lead with a goal just 1:56 into the game; then, with BSU trailing 2-1, he tallied the game-tying strike in the second period. The multi-goal game stood as the first of the rookie's career, while he is tied with Matt Prapavassis for the team's lead with five multi-point games. Bauman leads all Beavers freshman with seven goals, while the first-year collegian tops BSU with 11 points (seven goals, four assists) in 13 games since Jan. 1.

*Also nominated:* Tyler Andrew, F, Ferris State; Cody Champagne, D, 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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