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BGSU'S MURPHY, MTU'S SWEENEY AND MSU'S MCCLURE NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF FEB. 6-7, 2015

EDINA, Minn. – Feb. 9, 2015 – After helping their teams to a trio of sweeps in league play, the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for games of Feb. 6-7, 2015 are: Bowling Green junior forward **Ben Murphy** (Offensive Player of the Week), Michigan Tech senior defenseman **Riley Sweeney** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Minnesota State freshman forward **Brad McClure** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Ben Murphy, Jr., F, Bowling Green (Duxbury, Mass.)

Murphy tied for the WCHA lead with three points on two goals and an assist, twice sparking comebacks as No. 8 Bowling Green rallied for a pair of one-goal victories over visiting Ferris State. In the series opener, Murphy's second-period backhand shot tied the score 1-1 and set the stage for a 2-1 Falcons victory. Saturday night, he scored the game-tying goal just 5:49 into the third, before BGSU potted the game-winner just 80 seconds later. The junior from Duxbury, Mass. also assisted on the Falcons' first goal Saturday night and finished with a +3 rating.

Also nominated: Teddy Blueger, Jr., F, Minnesota State; Garrick Perry, Sr., F, Alaska

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Riley Sweeney, Sr., D, Michigan Tech (Delta, British Columbia)

Sweeney earned Winter Carnival MVP honors after his scoring his first two goals of the season in No. 5 Michigan Tech's sweep of visiting Bemidji State. The senior from Delta, British Columbia scored on the only two shots he took all weekend, netting a shorthanded strike Friday and an even strength goal Saturday. Sweeney, whose 146 career games played lead the team, also keyed a Huskies' defense that allowed just two goals in a pair of tightly-contested victories.

Also nominated: Tommy Burke, Jr., G, Bowling Green; Sean Cahill, Sr., G, Alaska; Stephon Williams, Jr., G, Minnesota State

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WCHA Rookie of the Week

Brad McClure, F, Minnesota State (Stratford, Ontario)

McClure tied for the WCHA lead with three points this past weekend, recording a trio of assists as No. 1 Minnesota State swept visiting Alaska Anchorage. The freshman from Stratford, Ontario assisted on the game-winning goal on both nights, helping Casey Nelson on Friday and Teddy Blueger on Saturday. He also assisted on a power-play goal and finished the weekend with a +3 rating. McClure is tied for 19th in the nation in freshmen scoring with 19 points on the season (eight goals, 11 assists).

Also nominated: Gordon Defiel, G, Lake Superior State; Tyler Dorantes, D, Ferris State; 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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