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TEAMS, GAME TIMES SET FOR 2015 WCHA FINAL FIVE

Michigan Tech vs. Bowling Green at 4:07 p.m.;

Minnesota State vs. Ferris State at 7:37 p.m. CT on Friday, March 20

EDINA, Minn. – March 15, 2015 – A trio of nationally ranked teams and a preseason top-10 squad will compete for the Broadmoor Trophy at the 2015 Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Final Five, March 20 and 21 at the Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul, Minn.

Nationally second-ranked Minnesota State, No. 4 Michigan Tech, No. 13 Bowling Green and Ferris State all swept WCHA first round playoff series to advance to the league's playoff championship. The seeds and game times for the 2015 WCHA Final Five:

Friday, March 20

- Semifinal #1: (3) Bowling Green vs. (2) Michigan Tech, 4:07 p.m. CT
- Semifinal #2: (4) Ferris State vs. (1) Minnesota State, 7:37 p.m. CT

Saturday, March 21

- Broadmoor Trophy Championship Game: Semifinal winners, 6:07 p.m. CT

Minnesota State and Ferris State will meet in a rematch of the 2014 Broadmoor Trophy championship game, while Michigan Tech makes its first trip to the Final Five since 2012 and Bowling Green returns for the second-straight year.

The winner of the 2015 WCHA Final Five will receive the league's automatic berth into the 16-team, NCAA Division 1 Ice Hockey Tournament.

About the 2015 WCHA Final Five Teams

Nationally second-ranked **Minnesota State** – the reigning Broadmoor Trophy champion and 2015 MacNaughton Cup winner – swept Lake Superior State in a WCHA first round playoff series. The Mavericks are tied for the nation's top winning percentage at .770 (27-7-3).

No. 4 **Michigan Tech** leads the country with 28 wins (28-8-2) and a +71 goal margin. The Huskies are 12-1-1 over their last 14 games after outlasting Alabama Huntsville in a first round sweep that included a 1-0, triple-overtime thriller Friday night (at 118:49, the contest was the second-longest in WCHA history and seventh-longest in NCAA annals).

No. 13 **Bowling Green** is sixth nationally with a .671 winning percentage (23-10-5). The only team in the country to win at least one best-of-three postseason series in each of the last five years, the Falcons won in overtime Friday night before completing a first-round sweep of Northern Michigan on Saturday.

Ferris State was the lone road team to win a WCHA first round playoff series, upsetting Bemidji State with a 4-1 win Friday and a 3-2, triple-overtime victory Saturday (at 106:40, the fourth-longest game in WCHA history and 13th in NCAA annals). The Bulldogs, who opened the season ranked No. 9 in the country, are 7-1-1 in their last nine games.

2015 WCHA Final Five Tickets

All-tournament packages, which include one ticket to both March 20 semifinal games and the March 21 Broadmoor Trophy championship game, are \$69 apiece. Single-session tickets (either for both games Friday or Saturday's championship game) are \$35 each.

Tickets are available at the Xcel Energy Center Box Office, Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, by calling 800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com.

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). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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