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### **MICHIGAN TECH'S CARSON BANTLE JOINS LONG LIST OF WCHA NHL DRAFTEES**

*Freshman forward tabbed by the Arizona Coyotes in the fifth round on final day of 2020 NHL Draft*

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – October 7, 2020** – Michigan Tech freshman **Carson Bantle** was the lone player with Western Collegiate Hockey Association ties chosen in the 2020 NHL Entry Draft, which wrapped up its two-day run on Wednesday with rounds 2-7.

Bantle was selected by the Arizona Coyotes with the 18<sup>th</sup> pick (142<sup>nd</sup> overall) in Wednesday's fifth round. He is the 82<sup>nd</sup> player in Michigan Tech hockey history to be chosen in the NHL Entry Draft and the first since **Matt Roy** was tabbed by the Los Angeles Kings in the seventh round of the 2015 Draft.

The Onalaska, Wis., native tallied 69 points on 30 goals and 39 assists in 111 games with the USHL's Madison Capitols in 2018-19 and 2019-20 following two prep seasons at Shattuck St. Mary's (Minn.).

Bantle is the 1,114<sup>th</sup> player from a WCHA school to be chosen since the Draft's inception in 1963 and the first WCHA player selected since Bowling Green's **Brandon Kruse** (5<sup>th</sup> round/135<sup>th</sup>) and Minnesota State's **Nathan Smith** (3<sup>rd</sup> round/91<sup>st</sup>) were chosen by Vegas and Winnipeg, respectively, in 2018.

#### ***About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Men's League***

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, will mark its 69<sup>th</sup> season of men's competition in 2020-21. The 10-team NCAA Division I 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](http://wcha.com).

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