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## **BGSU'S LUKAS CRAGGS NAMED HCA NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2018**

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Jan. 7, 2019** – The December Hockey Commissioners Association (HCA) National Player of the Month is **Lukas Craggs** (Elmhurst, Ill.) from Bowling Green State University. The 5-11, 190-pound forward tied for the NCAA in lead in goals scored in December with six, helping the currently 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked Falcons post a 5-0-1 slate in the final month of the calendar year. He also recorded three game-winning markers and a plus-9 rating along with a pair of assists to tie for fourth in the WCHA with eight points (tied for sixth nationally) for the month.

The junior opened December with consecutive game-winners in the Falcons' road sweep at Alabama Huntsville (Dec. 1-2), part of a three-goal weekend. Craggs had a three-point effort (1g, 2a) in a 4-3 overtime road victory at Ferris State on Dec. 8, before capping the month with a second two-goal contest. That multi-goal outburst included the game-winner as BGSU defeated Minnesota State, 4-1 on Dec. 15 to finish a two-game sweep of the then-No. 3 Mavericks.

In 21 games this season, Craggs has posted 13 goals, good for second in the WCHA and tied for third in the NCAA. He also has a league-best plus-20 rating.

The national honor is the second for both Bowling Green and the WCHA. Falcons sophomore **Max Johnson** was the HCA's choice for Player of the Month in October.

Other HCA honorees in December were University of Wisconsin defenseman **K'Andre Miller** (Rookie of the Month) and Quinnipiac University junior **Andrew Shortridge** (Goaltender of the Month).

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