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**ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE'S GOROWSKY AND GOSSELIN  
AND BEMIDJI STATE'S DRISCOLL AND ARMOUR  
NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

*Quartet honored for games of Jan. 18-19*

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Jan. 21, 2019** – Following Week 15 of the 2018-19 season, the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) is proud to recognize four student-athletes as its Players of the Week. The honorees for games of Jan. 18-19 are: Alabama Huntsville seniors **Hans Gorowsky** (Forward) and **Kurt Gosselin** (Defenseman) and Bemidji State sophomore **Zach Driscoll** (Goaltender) and freshman **Ross Armour** (Rookie).

**WCHA Forward of the Week**

**Hans Gorowsky, Sr., Alabama Huntsville (Lino Lakes, Minn.)**

Alabama Huntsville's Hans Gorowsky led the WCHA and tied for first in NCAA Division I this weekend with a total of four goals, while rating second in the league in points with five. The point total tied for second in the nation and his two power play goals tied for first in the WCHA. The senior ranked second in the league with 26 faceoff wins, owning a .667 faceoff win percentage over the Chargers' two games with Alaska Anchorage. The Lino Lake, Minn., native had a weekend-high three points on two goals and one assist in the opener, which was his first career three-point performance. He added two goals in the series finale on Saturday as UAH swept the two-game set from the visiting Seawolves.

*Honorable Mention:* **Brandon Kruse, So., Bowling Green** (Had an assist and scored an empty net goal for the Falcons in Bowling Green's 2-0 win over Alaska on Saturday for the 15<sup>th</sup> multi-point game of his career and his ninth this season); **Melvin Karlsson, Fr., Lake Superior State** (tied for the team lead in goals [1], assists [1] and points [2] as the Lakers split a two-game WCHA series at No. 6 Minnesota State. In the Lakers' 1-0 win over the Mavericks on Saturday night, Karlsson assisted on Pete Veillette's game-winning goal that was scored at 8:05 of the first period).

**WCHA Defenseman of the Week**

**Kurt Gosselin, Sr., Alabama Huntsville (Brighton, Mich.)**

Alabama Huntsville's Kurt Gosselin led NCAA Division I this past weekend with six points on three goals and three assists over two games. The senior owned a WCHA-best +5 rating on the ice, ranking second nationally. The Brighton, Mich., native scored one of the Chargers two game-winning goals in UAH's sweep of Alaska Anchorage. He helped the UAH defense hold UAA to just one power-play goal in six chances and recorded three points in each contest, including one goal and two assists in the opener and two goals and one assist in the finale. Gosselin now has three three-point performances in his career. Friday's goal was his first of the season.

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**Honorable Mention: Alex Rauhauser, Jr., Bowling Green** (The junior defenseman was an offensive presence in Bowling Green's split with Alaska, anchoring the blue line and putting 11 shots on goal over the weekend along with one assist and a plus-2 rating); **Dillon Eichstadt, Sr., Bemidji State** (served up heroics in the Beavers' win on the Hockey Day Minnesota outdoor rink when he netted the game-winning goal on Friday night; also had a team-high three blocks in the series as the Beavers limited Michigan Tech to just three goals in two games); **Steve Ruggiero, Jr., Lake Superior State** (assisted on the Lakers' game-winning goal on Saturday night at Minnesota State and recorded four blocked shots and a +2 rating in the series).

### **WCHA Goaltender of the Week**

#### **Zach Driscoll, So., Bemidji State (Apple Valley, Minn.)**

Bemidji State's Zach Driscoll backstopped the Beavers to their second WCHA series sweep of the 2018-19 season as BSU took a pair of home games from WCHA rival Michigan Tech. The sophomore piled up a season-high 33 saves in a 4-3 overtime victory to open the series with the Huskies on Friday at the Hockey Day Minnesota outdoor rink. Saturday, the Apple Valley, Minn., native recorded his second shutout of the season stopping 18 shots in a 3-0 victory. Driscoll finished the weekend with 51 saves, three goals allowed, a .944 save percentage and a 1.46 goals against average.

**Honorable Mention: Anton Martinsson, Jr., Alaska** (led all WCHA netminders over the weekend in saves [67] and shots faced [69] and ranked second in the WCHA in save percentage [.971] and goals against average with 1.01 as Alaska split two games with No. 9 Bowling Green); **Eric Dop, So., Bowling Green** (earned his second career shutout in Bowling Green's 2-0 victory over Alaska on Saturday, stopping 31 Nanook shots; also stopped 19 of 21 shots in the series opener); **Mareks Mitens, So., Lake Superior State** (made 29 saves to backstop the Lakers to a 1-0 win at No. 6 Minnesota State on Saturday and pick up his second shutout of the season).

### **WCHA Rookie of the Week**

#### **Ross Armour, F, Bemidji State (Trail, British Columbia)**

Bemidji State forward Ross Armour served as a linchpin to the Beavers' scoring success in a sweep of Michigan Tech over the weekend. The rookie posted assists on four of the Beavers' seven goals in the two games, including a career high-equaling three assists in Friday's 4-3 outdoor win. His final assist came on the game-winning goal in overtime. The Trail, British Columbia, native added an assist on BSU's second goal in Saturday's 3-0 win to complete the Beavers' second WCHA series sweep of 2018-19. Armour tied for third in WCHA scoring on the weekend and led all rookies. He finished the series with a +2 plus/minus rating and two shots on goal.

**Honorable Mention: Jack Jeffers, F, Alabama Huntsville** (tied for second among WCHA rookies with two points on a goal and an assist in UAH's sweep of Alaska Anchorage); **Pete Veillette, F, Lake Superior State** (scored the only goal of the game in the Lakers' 1-0 win at No. 6 Minnesota State on Saturday); **Julian Napravnik, F, Minnesota State** (Registered one goal and one assist for two points as Minnesota State split a home WCHA series with No. 18 Lake Superior State. Also had five shots on goal and was +1 for the two games vs. the Lakers).

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