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## BSU's Gerbrandt and Harms, MTU's Copley Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Markus Gerbrandt, F Bemidji State

Forward Markus Gerbrandt, who led the Bemidji State University hockey team to a two-game conference road sweep at Alabama Huntsville last weekend, has been named WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for October 29, 2013.

A 5-10, 173-pound sophomore from Edmonton, Alberta, Gerbrandt notched his first collegiate three-goal hat trick and first multiple-point game last Friday (October 25) to boost the visiting Beavers to a 6-1 win over the host Chargers in the first league game of the season for both clubs. He was named First Star of the Game. Gerbrandt's first goal of the contest, and second of the season, came at 17:07 of the first period to tie the game at 1-1. He then added back-to-back goals just :16 seconds apart in the third to complete the hat trick.

In addition to his three goals, Gerbrandt finished the weekend with seven shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

Through six games played this season, Gerbrandt has already matched his offensive output of his rookie campaign with four goals and an assist. His four goals tie him for the goal-scoring lead for BSU.

Also nominated this week: Colton Beck, F, Alaska; Blake Hietala, F, MTU.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Pheonix Copley, G Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University goaltender Pheonix Copley, who stopped 45 of 48 shots on goal as the Huskies split a home-and-home league series with Northern Michigan last weekend, has been named WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for October 29, 2013.

A 6-3, 175-pound sophomore from North Pole, Alaska, Copley recorded a .938 series save percentage, posted four shutout periods and held the Wildcats to just one power-play goal in 12 man-advantage opportunities.

To open the series, Copley stopped 31-of-33 shots in a 2-0 road loss to host Northern Michigan last Friday (October 25) evening in Marquette, with one of the two goals he allowed coming on the power-play.

Then in game two of the weekend series last Saturday night (October 26) in Houghton, he allowed just one goal on 15 shots and blanked the Wildcats on all five power-play chances to boost Michigan Tech to a 4-1 victory.

Through four games played this season, Copley ranks second among WCHA goaltenders overall in both goals-against average at 2.02 and save percentage at .939. His save percentage also ranks seventh nationally.

Also nominated this week: Andrew Walsh, G, BSU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Brendan Harms, F Bemidji State

Bemidji State University forward Brendan Harms, who contributed three points and factored in on both game-winning goals as the Beavers swept a two-game league series at Alabama Huntsville last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for October 29, 2013.

A 6-0, 180-pound freshman right winger from Steinbach, Manitoba, Harms had a breakout weekend versus the host Chargers last weekend. He scored the game-winning goal at 17:45 of the first period and had a second period assist last Friday (October 25) night as Bemidji State forged a 6-1 victory. The two-point game was the first multiple-point outing of his young collegiate career.

Then in the series finale last Saturday (October 26) evening, Harms drew an assist on teammate Cory Ward's first period game-winner as the Beavers won 1-0 over UAH.

In addition to his three points, Harms finished the weekend with four shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated this week: Mike Neville, F, MTU.