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## MTU's Petan, FSU's Binkley, MSU's Huggins Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Alex Petan, F Michigan Tech

Sophomore forward Alex Petan, who had three points, including a game-winning goal in overtime, to help host Michigan Tech sweep Big 10 Conference-member Michigan State last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 12, 2013.

A 5-8, 155-pound right winger from Delta, B.C., Petan scored a pair of goals and had one assist, put five shots on goal, and earned a +4 plus/minus rating as the Huskies shut out the visiting Spartans 3-0 last Friday (Nov. 8) and then won 3-2 in overtime last Saturday (Nov. 9). This was the first series between MTU and MSU in Houghton since 1984.

Petan, who was part of a line that produced 11 points in the series and included Tanner Kero at center and Blake Pietila at left wing, iced the first game against Michigan State for the Huskies with a third period tally at 15:20. Then in game two, Petan first set up a go-ahead second period goal for the Huskies before scoring the game-winner with just 1:08 left in the extra session.

Petan, who led Michigan Tech in points a year ago, is tied for the team lead in points this season with 4-2=6 in 10 games. He also has 40 points (19g, 21a) in 47 collegiate games.

Also nominated: Scott Allen, F, UAA; Markus Gerbrandt, F, BSU; Andy Huff, F, FSU; Dan Radke, F, LSSU.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Jason Binkley, D Ferris State

Defenseman Jason Binkley, who played a key role in Ferris State's two-game sweep of Bemidji State last weekend in the Bulldogs' first-ever WCHA home series, has been named the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 12, 2013.

A 5-9, 191-pound junior from Powell, Ohio, Binkley posted an impressive +5 plus/minus rating and topped his team with four blocked shots, four series points (1g, 3a), and 10 shots on goal as the first place Bulldogs remained unbeaten in WCHA play at 4-0-0.

Named the First Star of the Game after last Friday's (Nov. 8) victory over the Beavers, Binkley's goal was the overtime game-winner as Ferris State notched a 5-4 win at the Ewigeleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. He earlier assisted on a first period tally that tied the game at 1-1. Then in the series finale last Saturday (Nov. 9) night, Binkley contributed two assists, including one on teammate Scott Czarnowczan's game-winner, and earned Third Star of the Game honors.

The two wins pushed the Bulldogs' winning streak to five-straight games and vaulted them five spots this week in the national rankings to No. 14.

Also nominated: John Keeney, G, Alaska; Graeme McCormack, D, BSU; Kevin Kapalka, G, LSSU; Pheonix Copley, G, MTU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Cole Huggins, G Minnesota State

Minnesota State goaltender Cole Huggins, who stopped all 42 shots on goal he faced and also backstopped his team to a 1-0 overtime victory in a two-game league series with Bowling Green last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Nov. 12, 2013.

A 6-0, 180-pound freshman from Centennial, Colo., Huggins saw action in both games vs. Bowling Green on Nov. 8-9 in Mankato. After stopping all nine shots he faced in a period and a half (29:42) of relief work in last Friday's 4-3 setback, he got the call to start on Saturday and proceeded to pitch his first collegiate shutout by stopping all 33 shots and leading the Mavericks to a 1-0 overtime win. MSU, outshot by the Falcons 33-25 in game two, received the game-winner at 1:11 of overtime from forward and team captain Johnny McInnis.

For the series, Huggins played a total of 90:53 minutes, allowed no goals, made 42 saves, stopped all four power-plays, and had five shutout periods, including the one in overtime. In his first four appearances between the pipes in 2013-14, he is 2-0-0, with a 1.11 goals-against average and .964 save percentage.

Also nominated: Ruslan Pedan, D, BSU; Gerald Mayhew, F, FSU; Alex Globke, F, LSSU; Cliff Watson, D, MTU.