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## FSU's Kane, LSSU's Kapalka, MTU's Sturos Named WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Cory Kane, F Ferris State

Ferris State University forward Cory Kane, who sparked the Bulldogs to a two-game conference sweep over third place Alaska Anchorage and back into sole possession of first place, has been named the WCHA Men's Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 25, 2014.

A 6-1, 200-pound senior from Irvine, Calif., Kane produced four scoring points in the two FSU victories with a goal and three assists, fired a team-high eight shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating. The wins stretched the Bulldogs' lead to four points atop the WCHA standings with two weeks to go in the regular season.

In the series opener at Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids last Friday (Feb. 21), Kane had an assist on his team's final goal to seal a 4-2 win, along with five shots on goal and a +1 rating.

Kane came back with a three-point effort last Saturday (Feb. 22), earning First Star of the Game honors and pushing his point-scoring streak to six straight games. He tallied a goal and two assists in the Bulldogs' 5-3 win over UAA before a sold out crowd, moving FSU's home record to 12-1-1 overall and 11-0-1 in WCHA games. He had an assist along with an unassisted goal in the first period, then had the primary assist on Andy Huff's shorthanded game-winner in the second frame. For the weekend, Kane also had four blocks.

Also nominated: Colin Campbell, F, LSSU; Reid Sturos, F, MTU.

### WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Kevin Kapalka, G Lake Superior State

Veteran Lake Superior State University goaltender Kevin Kapalka, who returned from injury to backstop his team to a two-game league road sweep at Alabama Huntsville last weekend, is the WCHA Men's Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 25, 2014.

Injured in a Friday night game back on Jan. 10, the 6-1, 206-pound senior from Mississauga, Ontario, completed his return to the Lakers' lineup with 2-1 and 3-2 WCHA victories over the Chargers in Huntsville, keeping LSSU in the playoff hunt and elevating them into a share of fifth place with two weeks remaining in the regular season.

In his first start in nets in six weeks last Friday (Feb. 21) evening, Kapalka held host UAH to a single goal, which came in the first period on the power-play, while making 22 saves. Then last Saturday (Feb. 22) night Kapalka allowed two goals on 20 shots and helped kill off all three opponent power-play opportunities. For the series, he stopped 40 of 43 shots on goal for a .930 save percentage while yielding just two even-strength goals.

In 17 games played this season, Kapalka sports a 9-5-1 record with a 2.39 goals-against average and a .931 save percentage.

Also nominated: C.J. Motte, G, FSU; Shane Hanna, D, MTU.

### WCHA Rookie of the Week Reid Sturos, F Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University forward Reid Sturos, whose five scoring points and first collegiate hat trick helped propel the Huskies to a home-and-home conference series sweep over Northern Michigan last weekend, has been named the WCHA Men's Rookie of the Week for Feb. 25, 2014.

A 6-2, 185-pound freshman right winger from Brighton, Mich., Sturos scored four goals and posted five points in the two victories, put seven shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating as Michigan Tech moved into sole possession of third place in the WCHA race.

Sturos notched his first career three-goal hat trick last Friday (Feb. 21) night as the Huskies opened the series with a 7-4 win over the Wildcats at John MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton. He had two goals in the second period and another in the third to double his season goal total from three to six. He also assisted on teammate Shane Hanna's third period game-winner.

Sturos then finished the weekend by scoring the game-opening goal last Saturday (Feb. 22) against NMU at Berry Events Center in Marquette, as Michigan Tech went on to win again, 3-2.

In just 26 games played this season, Sturos is fifth in scoring for MTU with 20 points (7g, 13a). He also has 16 points (7g, 9a) in his last 10 games.

Also nominated: Gerald Mayhew, F, FSU.