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UAF'S MORLEY, MSU'S NELSON AND FSU'S MACKIN NAMED WCHA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR NOV. 2-8, 2015

EDINA, Minn. – Nov. 9, 2015 – A career milestone, the NCAA's top offensive effort from a blue-liner and an impressive showing by a highly-touted freshman highlight the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Week for Nov. 2-8, 2015. The honorees are: Alaska senior forward **Tyler Morley** (Offensive Player of the Week), Minnesota State junior defenseman **Casey Nelson** (Defensive Player of the Week) and Ferris State freshman forward **Corey Mackin** (Rookie of the Week).

WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Tyler Morley, Sr., F, Alaska (Burnaby, British Columbia)

Needing two points this past weekend to reach the 100-point plateau for his career, Morley blew past that with a WCHA-high five points on three goals and two assists. With his parents in attendance, the senior from Burnaby, British Columbia reached the century mark with two first period goals Friday night, before tallying the primary assist on the game-winning score as Alaska defeated visiting Northern Michigan, 5-2. He also factored in both Nanooks goals in a Saturday loss (1g, 1a); for the week, Morley's three goals and five points tied for the NCAA lead among all players with just two games played. The 33rd player in Alaska program history to reach the 100-point mark, Morley ranks eighth among all active NCAA Division I players with 103 points in 107 collegiate games (0.96 points per game).

Also nominated: Brent Baltus, Jr., F, Michigan Tech; Gerald Mayhew, Jr., F, Ferris State

WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Casey Nelson, Jr., D, Minnesota State (Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.)

Nelson tied for tops among all NCAA defensemen last week with two goals and four points, while adding nine shots on goal and a pair of blocked shots as Minnesota State split a WCHA series at Ferris State. The junior from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. had a hand in three of the Mavericks' goals in a 7-4 loss Friday with a goal and two assists. Saturday, his goal at the 11:00 mark of the second period brought MSU into a 2-2 tie in a contest the Mavericks would eventually win, 3-2. Nelson finished the weekend with a +2 rating.

Also nominated: Gordon Defiel, So., G, Lake Superior State; Jordan Klimek, So., D, Northern Michigan; Chris Nell, So., G, Bowling Green; Sean O'Rourke, Sr., D, Ferris State

WCHA Rookie of the Week

Corey Mackin, Fr., F, Ferris State (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Mackin, the WCHA coaches' choice as Preseason Rookie of the Year, led all league freshmen with three points this past weekend as Ferris State split a series with defending MacNaughton Cup champion Minnesota State. The freshman from Philadelphia, Pa. posted a pair of assists in the Bulldogs' 7-4 triumph Friday (FSU's first-ever WCHA victory over Minnesota State), logging helpers on Andrew Dorantes' game-opening goal and Kyle Schempp's third-period, power-play strike that increased FSU's lead to 4-2. Mackin's second-period goal Saturday gave Ferris State a 2-1 lead in a game they eventually lost, 3-2.

Also nominated: Cam Knight, Fr., D, Alabama Huntsville; Josh Nenadal, Fr., F, Lake Superior State

About Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, proudly marks its 64th season of men's competition in 2015-16. The 10-team Division 1 conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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