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## **BGSU'S M. POHLKAMP AND MTU'S REDMOND NAMED WCHA PLAYER AND ROOKIE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2017**

EDINA, Minn. – April 5, 2017 – Following a dramatic final month of the season, which included the eight-team, on-campus “Battle for the Broadmoor,” the men’s Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) has named its monthly award winners for March 2017. For their efforts in leading their respective teams to the 2017 WCHA Championship game, Bowling Green senior forward **Matt Pohlkamp** was named Player of the Month, while Michigan Tech freshman goaltender **Angus Redmond** garnered Rookie of the Month honors.

### **WCHA Player of the Month – March 2017**

#### **Matt Pohlkamp, Sr., F, Bowling Green (Baxter, Minn.)**

Pohlkamp was the WCHA’s top offensive playmaker in March, posting a league-leading 2.00 points-per-game and 10 total points (five goals and five assists). The senior from Baxter, Minn. tallied a point in all five of Bowling Green’s WCHA tournament games, including three multi-point efforts. He also scored a goal in four contests, added 3.80 shots-per-game and eight total blocked shots, while ranking second in the WCHA with a plus-8 postseason rating.

Setting the tone for a prolific playoff run, Pohlkamp opened the month with a two-goal, two-assist outburst in the Falcons’ 6-1 victory over Ferris State in Game 1 of their quarterfinal-round series. He added a pair of helpers as BGSU closed out the sweep, then logged a third-straight, multi-point outing with one goal and one assist in the Falcons’ 4-3, overtime win at Bemidji State in Game 1 of the semifinals. With Game 2 of that series tied at 1-1 into the third period, Pohlkamp netted the tie-breaking, game-winning strike at 3:49 of the stanza to lift Bowling Green past the top-seeded Beavers and into the 2017 WCHA Championship.

Although the Falcons eventually dropped a 3-2, double-overtime heartbreaker in the title game, it was Pohlkamp’s sprawling, unassisted goal while falling to the ice at the 7:00 mark of the third period that forced overtime.

Of his five WCHA tournament goals, four either tied the game (two) or gave Bowling Green the lead (two); three of those came in the third period. It all added up to the first WCHA monthly award of Pohlkamp’s career.

**Honorable Mention:** Joel L’Esperance, Jr., F, Michigan Tech (ranked second in the league with nine points, posting three goals and six assists – along with a plus-6 rating – for the WCHA playoff champion Huskies).

## **WCHA Rookie of the Month – March 2017**

### **Angus Redmond, Fr., G, Michigan Tech (Langley, British Columbia)**

Redmond backstopped Michigan Tech into the NCAA tournament as WCHA playoff champions, capping a league All-Rookie campaign with a stellar postseason run. The freshman from Langley, British Columbia led league goaltenders with a .942 save percentage and 1.25 goals-against average in six WCHA tournament games, stopping 130-of-138 shots in 383:58 in net.

The player known affectionately as “Beef” posted a shutout in his second career postseason start, a 16-save effort in an 8-0, series-clinching win over Lake Superior State in Game 2 of the quarterfinals. Redmond was even better in the semifinal round of the 2017 WCHA Playoffs, allowing just three goals to Minnesota State in Tech’s three-game victory. He stopped 61-of-64 shots (.953 save percentage) from the WCHA’s highest-scoring team, including 20-of-21 as the Huskies earned a 4-1 triumph in the decisive Game 3.

Redmond again rose to the occasion in the 2017 WCHA Championship, setting a season high with 36 saves as the Huskies outlasted Bowling Green, 3-2, in an epic, double-overtime contest. He made nine stops in the first period, 12 in the second as Tech took a 2-0 lead, nine in the third, seven in the first overtime and two more in the second extra stanza.

Despite allowing five goals to nationally top-ranked and Frozen Four-bound Denver in the Midwest Regional opener, Redmond led all NCAA freshmen goaltenders with a 1.76 GAA in March. He also made 29 stops against the Pioneers and finished fifth among his rookie peers with a .924 save percentage last month.

Redmond, who last week signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League (NHL), earned two WCHA monthly honors during his lone season at Michigan Tech.

### ***About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)***

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