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WCHA ALUMS HIT THE ICE IN NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE'S STANLEY CUP FINALS MATCHUP DETROIT VS PITTSBURGH SERIES GETS UNDERWAY MAY 24

MADISON, Wisc. – At least five former Western Collegiate Hockey Association will battle for the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup as members of the Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins, beginning Saturday, May 24. No matter which team wins, the WCHA is guaranteed of adding another alum's name to the Stanley Cup.

The roster of the Western Conference champion Detroit Red Wings features (with playoff statistics) defenseman **Chris Chelios** of the University of Wisconsin (14 gp, 0-0-0) and **Brian Rafalski** of the University of Wisconsin (16 gp, 2-8-10) along with right winger **Dallas Drake** of former WCHA-member team Northern Michigan University (16 gp, 1-3-4). Also a member of the Red Wings is former St. Cloud State forward **Mark Hartigan** (4 gp, 0-1-1). Hartigan played in Detroit's opening playoff series against Nashville but was a healthy scratch in the Colorado and Dallas series.

For the Eastern Conference champion Pittsburgh Penguins, there are left winger **Ryan Malone** of St. Cloud State University (14 gp, 6-9-15) and left winger **Jarkko Ruutu** of Michigan Tech University (14 gp, 2-1-3).

The best-of-seven series opens at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit on Saturday. The complete Stanley Cup finals schedule, and television coverage, is as follows:

Game 1: Saturday, May 24	Pittsburgh @ Detroit, 8:00 pm ET (VERSUS, CBC)
Game 2: Monday, May 26	Pittsburgh @ Detroit, 8:00 pm ET (VERSUS, CBC)
Game 3: Wednesday, May 28	Detroit @ Pittsburgh, 8:00 pm ET (NBC, CBC)
Game 4: Saturday, May 31	Detroit @ Pittsburgh, 8:00 pm ET (NBC, CBC)
Game 5: Monday, June 2*	Pittsburgh @ Detroit, 8:00 pm ET (NBC, CBC)
Game 6: Wednesday, June 4*	Detroit @ Pittsburgh, 8:00 pm ET (NBC, CBC)
Game 7: Saturday, June 7*	Pittsburgh @ Detroit, 8:00 pm ET (NBC, CBC)

* if necessary

NAMES OF WCHA ALUMS ON ROSTERS OF STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Following, in alphabetical order, is a list of 43 former WCHA players and coaches who have been part of National Hockey League Stanley Cup championship teams through 2007. **Glenn Anderson**, DU – Edmonton (1984-85-87-88-90), NY Rangers (1994); **Ralph Backstrom**, DU coach – Montreal (1959-60-65-66-67-69); **Ed Belfour**, UND – Dallas (1999); **Gordon 'Red' Berenson**, Michigan – Montreal (1965); **Brad Bombardir**, UND – New Jersey (2000); **Neal Broten**, UM – New Jersey (1995); **Ryan Carter**, MSU – Anaheim (2007); **Jay Caufield**, UND – Pittsburgh (1991-92); **Chris Chelios**, UW – Montreal (1986), Detroit (2002); **Tom Chorske**, UM – New Jersey (1995); **Ben Clymer**, UM – Tampa Bay (2004); **Mike Commodore**, UND – Carolina (2006); **Matt Cullen**, SCSU – Carolina (2006); **Bruce Driver**, UW – New Jersey (1995); **Brian Engblom**, UW – Montreal (1977-78-79); **Tony Esposito**, MTU – Montreal (1969); **Mark Hartigan**, F, SCSU – Anaheim (2007); **Bill 'Red' Hay**, CC – Chicago (1961); **Bret Hedican**, SCSU – Carolina (2006); **Sean Hill**, UW – Montreal (1993); **Tony Hrkac**, UND – Dallas (1999); **Brett Hull**, UMD – Dallas (1999), Detroit (2002); **Bob Johnson**, UM player, CC & UW coach – Pittsburgh (Coach) (1991-92); **Tom Kurvers**, UMD – Montreal (1986); **Dave Langevin**, UMD – NY Islanders (1980-81-82-83); **Doug Lidster**, CC – NY Rangers (1994), Dallas (1999); **Bob Lorimer**, MTU – NY Islanders (1981); **Craig Ludwig**, UND – Montreal (1986), Dallas (1999); **Dave Maley**, UW – Montreal (1986); **Randy McKay**, MTU – New Jersey (1995, 2000); **Joe Motzko**, SCSU – Anaheim (2007); **Troy Murray**, UND – Colorado (1996); **Craig Patrick**, DU – Pittsburgh (Vice-President/General Manager) (1991-92); **Frank Pietrangelo**, UM – Pittsburgh (1991); **Derek Plante**, UMD – Dallas (1999); **Shjon Podein**, UMD – 2001 Colorado; **Brian Rafalski**, UW – New Jersey (2000-03); **Glenn 'Chico' Resch**, UMD – NY Islanders (1980-81); **Steve Reinprecht**, UW – Colorado (2001); **Mike Richter**, UW – NY Rangers (1994); **Geoff Smith**, UND – Edmonton (1990); **Paul Stanton**, UW – Pittsburgh (1991-92); **Gary Suter**, UW – Calgary (1989).