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Americans standout Mattfeldt makes NCAA commitment to UW-Superior

By Kevin Scott



GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 6, 2014 —A Great Falls Americans defenseman from this past year's squad has decided to continue his education and hockey career at a NCAA Division III school in Wisconsin.

Donovan Mattfeldt is set to join the [Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference \(WIAC\)](#) after making a commitment to join the [University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellow jackets](#) in Superior, Wisconsin.

The 6'0" defenseman from Glendale, Arizona accumulated five goals and tallied 25 assists in 42 regular season games this season for coach Jeff Heimel's Americans team. He was a key player for the Americans in the playoffs this season as he registered 4 goals and 2 assists in six playoff games against the Gillette Wild and the Helena Bighorns. Great Falls earned a 3-0 sweep against the Gillette Wild in the American West Hockey League (AWHL) semifinals before falling to the league-leading Helena Bighorns in the best-of-five championship series. The Americans finished this season with a 39-13-3 record including a 22-4 record at home.

Mattfeldt's best performance of the season was against the Glacier Nationals on December 12th when he scored a goal and had three assists in Great Falls' 7-0 shutout victory over the Whitefish, Montana franchise. The Arizona native was selected to the 2013-2014 AWHL First Team as a Defenseman and received a community service award for his work in the Great Falls community.

During the 2012-13 season, he suited up for the Missoula Maulers from the American West Hockey League (AWHL) where he gathered seven goals and 24 assists in 47 contests. The Maulers ended their season with a 3-0 playoff series loss to the Helena Bighorns.

"Besides the accolades this past season and being a First Team All-Star and the community service award, the achievements I experienced were a great experience and the Americans were a great organization to play for," said the former American. "We had a great team and a close group of guys and it was a great opportunity for me to showcase my skills."

Donovan mentioned that Jeff brought a different type of coaching than what he was used to in the past. "What coach (Heimel) brought to us as a team this year as a whole was to play a little simpler within the game," said Mattfeldt. "I enjoyed my time playing for the Americans."

"I'm not the same player I was three years ago when I came into Great Falls. It was a fun ride and I couldn't ask for anything more (in junior hockey) going out other than winning a league championship or a national championship," said the outgoing junior hockey player. "I was also set on going to college last

year and not playing junior hockey this year, but I have no regrets and I am happy and excited on what the future holds for me.”

After competing in junior hockey, he looks forward to another challenge and an opportunity to compete at a higher level of hockey at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Donovan’s statistics can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

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