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Minnesota Duluth's Connolly and Reiter, Nebraska Omaha's Archibald Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Jack Connolly • Senior, Forward, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran forward Jack Connolly, who figured in on half of the University of Minnesota Duluth's eight goals in a two-game conference home-ice sweep of Alaska Anchorage last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for November 15.

A 5-8, 170-pound senior from Duluth, Minn., Connolly scored two goals and set up two others for four points while extending his personal scoring streak to 10 games as the defending national champion Bulldogs pushed their unbeaten streak to eight games (6-0-2). He scored a power-play goal and earned an assist on teammate Joe Basaraba's winner in the series-opening 5-0 victory over the Seawolves last Friday (Nov. 11) and then duplicated that feat the following evening (Nov. 12) as Minnesota Duluth prevailed 3-1 over UAA to complete the sweep. In addition to his four points, Connolly fired four shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

A two-time All-WCHA First Team honoree and a 2011 Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist, Connolly is tied for second in scoring among WCHA players overall this season with 17 points (6g, 11a) in 12 games. Over his 137-game UMD career, he has recorded 154 points (52g, 102a).

Also nominated: Drew Shore, F, DU; Terry Broadhurst, F, UNO.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Kenny Reiter • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth goaltender Kenny Reiter, who extended his scoreless streak to a school-record 166:45 while backstopping the Bulldogs to a two-game sweep over visiting league rival Alaska Anchorage last weekend, has been honored as the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week. This marks the second straight week Reiter has earned the conference's Defensive Player of the Week honor.

A 6-0, 175-pound senior from Pittsburgh, Pa., Reiter posted his second consecutive shutout and third in the last four games last Friday (Nov. 11) night while stopping all 27 shots on goal as defending national champion UMD blanked the visiting Seawolves, 5-0. Then last Saturday (Nov. 12) in a 3-1 Bulldogs' victory, Reiter finally surrendered his first goal in 166:45 of action when the Seawolves' Eric Scheid scored at 5:18 of the first period. He went on to stop 33 of 34 shots on goal in that game. The 166:45 scoreless streak is a school record, topping by exactly 19 minutes the previous mark set by All-American Alex Stalock from March 19-27, 2009.

Over his last eight games, Reiter owns a 6-0-2 record, a 1.23 goals-against average and a .955 saves percentage. Overall this season, the three-time WCHA Scholar-Athlete is 7-2-2 with a 2.05 gaa and .923 sv%. His career mark at UMD of 36-19-7 (.637) is the second best winning percentage in club history behind former All-American Rick Kost's .753 figure (60-18-2) between 1983-85.

Also nominated: Brad Hunt, D, BSU; Cameron Cooper, D, MSU.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Josh Archibald • Freshman, Forward, University of Nebraska Omaha

MADISON, Wis. – Right winger Josh Archibald, who produced back-to-back multiple-point games to help the University of Nebraska Omaha earn three of four points in a conference road series at Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for November 15.

A 5-10, 170-pound freshman from Brainerd, Minn., Archibald contributed two goals and two assists for four points to tie for the team lead in scoring in the series, earned a +5 plus/minus rating, and fired five shots on goal. Last Friday (Nov. 11), he scored UNO's first goal and then added an assist on the team's third goal in a 3-3 overtime tie against the host Beavers. The following night (Nov. 12), he notched an empty-net goal and assisted on another as the Mavericks gained a 5-1 win.

A draftee of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins, Archibald has now scored points in four straight games and is tied for fourth in scoring overall among WCHA freshman with nine points (5g, 4a) in 12 games.

Also nominated: Matt Prapavessis, D, BSU; Daniel Doremus, F, DU.