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## Minnesota Duluth's Oleksuk and Reiter, Wisconsin's McCabe Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

### Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

#### Travis Oleksuk • Senior, Forward, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth centerman Travis Oleksuk, who provided four scoring points along with a game-winning goal as the visiting and top-ranked Bulldogs won twice at No. 8-ranked Western Michigan last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 10.

A 6-0, 195-pound senior from Thunder Bay, Ont., Oleksuk scored two goals and set up two others in UMD's non-conference road sweep over the Broncos, fired 10 shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating. In the series opener last Friday (Jan. 6) in Kalamazoo, Mich., Oleksuk earned the First Star of the Game after scoring the game-winning goal on a power-play at 11:55 of the third period and drawing two assists as defending national champion Minnesota Duluth posted a 4-1 triumph over the Broncos. His game-winner was his fifth of the season, tying him for the national lead. Then last Saturday (Jan. 7), Oleksuk scored at 2:38 of the second period to pull his team into a 2-2 tie en route to a 5-2 victory and a sweep of the series. That goal was a career-high 15th of the season.

Currently on a three-game point-scoring streak with five points (2g, 3a), Oleksuk also has 10 points (5g, 5a) over his last 11 games and ranks second on his team in scoring this season with 26 points (15g, 11a).

Also nominated: Jaden Schwartz, F, CC; Shawn Ostrow, F, DU; Carter Rowney, F, UND; Justin Schultz, D, UW.

### Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

#### Kenny Reiter • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran goaltender Kenny Reiter, who stopped 57 of 60 shots on goal and allowed just one even-strength tally as visiting and No. 1-ranked University of Minnesota Duluth won twice at No. 8-ranked Western Michigan last weekend, has been honored as the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 10. Reiter also earned the league's defensive award in back-to-back weeks of Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

A 6-0, 175-pound senior from Pittsburgh, Pa., Reiter won both games over the Jan. 6-7 weekend to boost his personal unbeaten streak to 13-0-3, posting a .950 saves percentage, yielding just one even-strength goal and recording three shutout periods. He had 26 saves in UMD's 4-1 win over the host Broncos last Friday (Jan. 6) to earn Third Star of the Game honors and then came back with 31 stops on Saturday (Jan. 7) to earn First Star of the Game acclaim as the Bulldogs prevailed 5-2.

In 19 games played for defending national champion Minnesota Duluth so far this season, Reiter owns a 14-2-3 overall record with a 2.18 goals-against average and a .921 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Gabe Guentzel, D, CC; Adam Murray, G, DU; Dillon Simpson, D, UND.

### Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

#### Jake McCabe • Freshman, Defenseman, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin defenseman Jake McCabe, whose first two collegiate goals both proved to be game-winners as the Badgers skated to a two-game non-conference sweep over RIT last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Jan. 10.

A 6-1, 200-pound freshman from Eau Claire, Wis., McCabe's two timely goals both came in the third period as Wisconsin recorded 6-2 and 2-1 victories over RIT on Jan. 6-7 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Last Friday, McCabe scored his first game-winner on the power-play, just :17 seconds into the third period, as the Badgers won 6-3. Then last Saturday, McCabe again scored the deciding goal, breaking a 1-1 tie at 3:20 of the third period with his second power-play goal in as many games as Wisconsin claimed a 2-1 triumph. In addition to his two game-winners, McCabe also had four shots on goal in the series.

A draft eligible rookie, McCabe now has two goals and three points in nine games played. He skated the first five games of the season for the Badgers before missing the next 11 due to an injury.

Also nominated: Ty Loney, F, DU; Mark MacMillan, F, UND.