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North Dakota's Knight, Minnesota's Patterson and Rau Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Corban Knight • Junior, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota center iceman Corban Knight, who led his team with three goals and four points in a victory and tie against visiting conference rival Michigan Tech last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for February 21.

A junior from High River, Alberta, Knight also won more than 62% of his face-offs in the two-game series in addition to his four scoring points and played a key role on UND's penalty-killing units that blanked the Huskies on all six weekend power-play chances. He scored two goals, including a third period insurance goal with 1:37 remaining, drew an assist on teammate Carter Rowney's game-winning second period tally, earned a +2 plus/minus rating and was the No. 2 star of the game last Friday (February 17) night as North Dakota won 4-2 over MTU. Knight then came back last Saturday (February 18) to score his team's only goal in a 1-1 (ot) tie against Michigan Tech, giving his club a 1-0 lead with his power-play marker at 6:04 of the third period, earning No. 3 star of the game honors in the process.

In 28 games played so far this season, Knight ranks third in scoring among UND players with 30 points on 11 goals and 19 assists. He is a draftee of the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers.

Also nominated: Jaden Schwartz, F, CC; Jason Zucker, F, DU; Erik Haula, F, UM.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Kent Patterson • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran goaltender Kent Patterson of the University of Minnesota has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for February 21 after backstopping his team to a two-game conference sweep over Bemidji State last weekend. He also earned the weekly honor on Oct. 11 and Nov. 1.

A 6-1, 195-pound senior from Plymouth, Minn., Patterson surrendered just a single power-play goal in the Golden Gophers' victories over the visiting Beavers on February 17 & 18 that secured a home playoff berth, recording a 3-0 shutout in the series opener and a 4-1 victory in game two. He posted five shutout periods and stopped 33 of 34 shots on goal for a .971 save percentage, with the win last Friday elevating his single season school record for shutouts to seven. One of his several spectacular saves in game one came when he left his crease and dove head first near the face-off dot to snare a Brance Orban chip shot.

A draftee of the NHL's Colorado Avalanche, Patterson leads the nation in victories (21) and tops the WCHA with a 2.09 goals-against average overall along with a 21-11-1 record and .917 save percentage. He has played the last 3,252:27 of his team's game time dating back to last season and is the first UM goalie to record more than 20 wins in one season since Kellen Briggs went 21-6-2 in 2005-06. Patterson has started and finished the last 54 games for Minnesota.

Also nominated: Brad Hunt, D, BSU; Gabe Guentzel, D, CC; Sam Brittain, G, DU; Andrej Sustr, D, UNO; Brad Eidsness, G, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Kyle Rau • Freshman, Forward, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota left winger Kyle Rau, who assisted on three of his team's seven goals in a two-game league sweep over Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for February 21. Rau also earned the rookie honor back on Oct. 18.

A 5-8, 175-pound freshman from Eden Prairie, Minn., Rau contributed two assists in the Golden Gophers' 3-0 victory over BSU last Friday (February 17) night, with one coming on teammate Zach Budish's game-winning goal in the first period. Then last Saturday (February 18) evening, Rau drew an assist on Erik Haula's second period power-play goal that put Minnesota up 3-1 in an eventual 4-1 victory. In addition to his three points in the series, Rau had six shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

Through 30 games this season, Rau is the second highest-scoring rookie in the WCHA with 31 points (14g, 17a), trailing Denver defenseman Joe LaLeggia (10-23=33) by two points. He is a draftee of the NHL's Florida Panthers.