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UW's Zengerle and Rumpel, CC's Thorimbert, SCSU's Lee Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Mark Zengerle • Sophomore, Forward, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin centerman Mark Zengerle, who factored in on all five of his team's goals in a two-game conference road split at first place Minnesota last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for March 6.

A 5-11, 180-pound sophomore from Rochester, N.Y., Zengerle produced four points – including an assist on teammate Ryan Little's second period game-winner – last Friday (March 2) to lead the visiting Badgers to a 4-1 victory over the Golden Gophers at Mariucci Arena. Named the game's first star, Zengerle set up Wisconsin's first three goals of the contest and then scored one of his own at 15:43 of period two. His goal was a highlight-reel end-to-end power-play goal that involved a move through a UM defenseman. He finished +2. Then on Saturday (March 3), Zengerle had an assist on UW's goal that put them up 1-0 in the second period – a lead they held until a shorthanded goal at 4:47 of the third period knotted the score in an eventual 2-1 setback.

Zengerle, in the midst of a five-game scoring streak, shares the national lead with 37 assists and a 1.09 assists-per-game average, while ranking fourth in the nation with 49 points and a 1.44 points-per-game average.

Also nominated: Brance Orban, F, BSU; Jaden Schwartz, F, CC; Jason Zucker, F, DU; Danny Kristo, F, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week

Josh Thorimbert • Sophomore, Goaltender, Colorado College

Mike Lee • Junior, Goaltender, St. Cloud State University

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of goaltenders who helped their respective teams secure home playoff berths on the final weekend of the regular season – Colorado College's Josh Thorimbert and St. Cloud State University's Mike Lee – have been named Red Baron® WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week for March 6.

Thorimbert, a 5-11, 195-pound sophomore from Saskatoon, Sask., stopped 60 of 62 shots on goal for a .968 save percentage and one shutout as host Colorado College won back-to-back league games against Michigan Tech to secure fifth place and a first round home WCHA playoff berth. In a 5-2 CC victory last Friday (March 2) at Colorado Springs World Arena, Thorimbert made 26 saves while yielding just two shorthanded goals. He then came back on Saturday (March 3) to post a 2-0, 34-save shutout that earned his first star of the game honors. In addition, Thorimbert recorded four shutout periods in the series.

Lee, a 6-1, 190-pound junior from Roseau, Minn., backstopped the Huskies to a three point weekend in WCHA action against No. 2-ranked Minnesota Duluth on March 2-3 at the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. Lee's work helped the Huskies earn a 2-1 victory and 3-3 (ot) tie against UMD, which elevated them up into sixth place and to a home playoff berth. Last Friday, Lee had 35 saves, allowing one goal in the third period while making 14 saves in the second period and 13 saves in the third to ice the game and was the No. 2 star. On Saturday, Lee made 28 saves in the tie against the Bulldogs, including six in the OT session. For the series, Lee allowed just three even-strength goals, owned a .940 save percentage and helped offset UMD outshooting the Huskies 67-45. On the season, Lee is 6-5-2 with a 2.52 goals-against average and a .923 save rate.

Also nominated: Dan Bakala, G, BSU; Scott Mayfield, D, DU; Nate Schmidt, D, UM; Brad Eidsness, G, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Joel Rumpel • Freshman, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin goaltender Joel Rumpel, who stopped 56 of 59 shots on goal for a .949 save percentage and posted four shutout periods to help the Badgers to a road split at first place Minnesota last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for March 6.

A 6-3, 180-pound freshman from Swift Current, Sask., Rumpel came within 1:02 of a shutout last Friday (March 2) while stopping 26 of 27 shots in UW's 4-1 victory. Then Saturday, Rumpel turned aside 31 of 33 shots, including all 15 he faced in the first period in a 2-1 defeat. Two of Minnesota's three goals in the series came on special teams, with one shorthanded and one on the power-play. Rumpel is now 11-10-2 on the season with a 2.59 goals-against average and .914 save percentage.

Also nominated: Matt Prapavessis, D, BSU; and Juho Olkinuora, G, DU.