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UM'S BJUGSTAD, CC'S BOIVIN, UMD'S FARLEY NAMED RED BARON WCHA MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR OCTOBER 16

RED BARON WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

NICK BJUGSTAD • JUNIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota forward Nick Bjugstad, who scored both game-winning goals while boosting the host and top-ranked Golden Gophers to a season-opening sweep over visiting Michigan State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for October 16.

Centering Minnesota's top line that included left winger Kyle Rau and right winger Christian Isackson, Bjugstad led the trio to a combined for nine scoring points over the weekend. A 6-6, 220-pound junior from Blaine, Minn. and a draftee of the NHL's Florida Panthers, Bjugstad notched the game-winning goal and added an assist in defending WCHA champion Minnesota's 5-1 victory over Michigan State last Friday (Oct. 12) night at Mariucci Arena, earning First Star of the Game honors. He then came back on Saturday (Oct. 13) to again tally the game-winner as UM completed the sweep of the Spartans with a 7-1 triumph.

An All-WCHA First Team and All-American Second Team honoree a year ago, Bjugstad also fired five shots on goal in the series and earned a +4 plus/minus rating. The two-point night last Friday was his 17th career multi-point game, with Minnesota holding a 14-1-2 record in those games while his two game-winners upped his collegiate total to six winners. In 71 collegiate games, Bjugstad has 35 goals, 30 assists and 65 points.

Also nominated: Matt Bailey, F, Alaska Anchorage; Archie Skalbeck, F, Colorado College; Milos Gordic, F, Michigan Tech; Mike Seidel, F, Minnesota Duluth; Chase Grant, F, Minnesota State.

RED BARON WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MIKE BOIVIN • SENIOR, DEFENSEMAN, COLORADO COLLEGE

MADISON, Wis. – Colorado College's Mike Boivin has been named Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Oct. 16 after the veteran blue liner helped lead the host Tigers to a two-game, season-opening sweep of Clarkson last weekend at the Colorado Springs World Arena.

A 6-1, 190-pound senior from Delta, B.C., Boivin contributed a pair of key assists, fired 12 shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating as No. 19-ranked Colorado College recorded a pair of 5-4 victories over the visiting Golden Knights. Last Friday (Oct. 12) night, Boivin assisted on teammate Jeff Collett's second period shorthanded goal that gave CC a 2-1 lead and had three shots on goal. Then last Saturday (Oct. 13) evening he assisted on William Rapuzzi's game-winning goal at 19:00 of the third period and had a game-high nine shots on goal as the Tigers completed the series sweep after rallying from 2-1 and 4-3 deficits.

Boivin has played 82 career games as a Tiger and has contributed 12 goals, 28 assists and 40 points.

Also nominated: Michael Shibrowski, G, Minnesota.

RED BARON WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

AUSTIN FARLEY • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota Duluth forward Austin Farley, who produced four scoring points in his collegiate debut weekend as the host Bulldogs split a two-game series with visiting Ohio State at AMSOIL Arena, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Oct. 16.

A 5-9, 170-pound rookie left winger from Nilus, Ill., Farley paced the 13th-ranked Bulldogs offensively with a team-high tying four points each on the Oct. 12-13 weekend. Last Friday (Oct. 12) night, Farley scored the game's first goal at 1:05 of the first period on his first shift at UMD and later set up two others for three points, put five shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating as Minnesota Duluth defeated the Buckeyes, 6-2. One of his two assists came on teammate Mike Seidel's game-winner. On Saturday (Oct. 13), Farley earned his third assist of the series when Seidel tied the game at 2-2 at 19:24 of the second period in an eventual 3-2 setback. He also had one shot on goal for a total of six in the two games and accrued an ample amount of time on the Bulldog power-play, which connected on five-of-14 series opportunities (35.7%).

Also nominated: Hunter Fejes, F, Colorado College; Brady Skjei, D, Minnesota.