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MSU'S LEITNER & WILLIAMS, SCSU'S FARAGHER NAMED RED BARON WCHA MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR NOVEMBER 27

RED BARON WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MATT LEITNER • SOPHOMORE, FORWARD, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University forward Matt Leitner, whose five scoring points provided the offensive thrust as the visiting Mavericks swept a two-game conference road series at Wisconsin over the Thanksgiving weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 27.

A 5-9, 170-pound centerman from Los Alamitos, Calif., Leitner struck for two goals and three assists, had four shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating as Minnesota State picked up its first-ever road sweep over the Badgers with back-to-back 4-2 victories. Last Friday (Nov. 23), he assisted on the game-opening goal just 2:11 into the first period and then gave his team a 2-1 advantage with a score of his own at 10:18. Leitner then notched the first goal of the game last Saturday (Nov. 24) at 4:38 of the first period to stake MSU to a 1-0 lead and followed with two more assists for a three-point game as the Mavericks completed the sweep over Wisconsin.

Seeing action in all 12 of Minnesota State's games this season, Leitner leads the club and is tied for seventh overall among WCHA players in scoring with 15 points (3g, 12a) and he is currently riding a six-game point-scoring streak with two goals, seven assists and nine points. He now has 44 points (14g, 30a) in 50 collegiate games.

Also nominated: Jeff Jubinville, F, BSU; Rylan Schwartz, F, CC; Ty Loney, F, DU; Kyle Rau, F, UM; Ryan Walters, F, UNO.

RED BARON WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RYAN FARAGHER • SOPHOMORE, GOALTENDER, ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Goaltender Ryan Faragher, who allowed just one even-strength goal in six periods while making 59 saves as St. Cloud State University split a two-game conference road series at Minnesota Duluth last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 27.

A 6-2, 205-pound sophomore from Fort Frances, Ont., Faragher stopped 59 of 62 shots on goal for a .952 save percentage in the two games, recorded three shutout periods and held the host Bulldogs to two power-play goals and one even-strength tally. In game one last Friday (Nov. 23) night, he charted 27 saves and gave up just two goals – one on the power-play – in a well-played 2-1 loss. Then in game two last Saturday (Nov. 24) evening, Faragher and the Huskies rebounded with a 5-1 win at UMD, as he yielded a single power-play goal and totalled 32 saves –including 15 stops in the second period. His defensive prowess helped SCSU gain the win despite being outshot 33-22.

In his last four outings in nets, Faragher has allowed just seven goals and on the season he sports a 6-5-0 record with a 2.14 goals-against average and a .927 save rate.

Also nominated: Sam Rendle, D, BSU; Ian Young, D, CC; Adam Wilcox, G, UM; Bryce Aneloski, D, UNO; Clarke Saunders, G, UND.

RED BARON WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

STEPHON WILLIAMS • FRESHMAN, GOALTENDER, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University goaltender Stephon Williams, who made 65 saves and earned his first two collegiate victories in a pair of conference road wins at Wisconsin last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 27.

A 6-2, 190-pound freshman from Fairbanks, Alaska, Williams got the start between the pipes in both games for the Mavericks over the Thanksgiving holiday and responded with back-to-back 4-2 wins as MSU logged its first-ever road sweep at Wisconsin. He gained his first win as a collegian with 32 saves in last Friday's (Nov. 23) triumph over the Badgers, stopping all eight power-play shot attempts. He then earned his second collegiate victory last Saturday (Nov. 24), making 33 saves on 35 shot and stopping 5-of-6 power-play shots. For the weekend, Williams turned aside 65 of 69 shots for a .942 save percentage and a 2.00 goals-against average.

In six games played for the Mavericks this season, Williams stands 2-3-1 with a 2.46 goals-against average and .910 save percentage.

Also nominated: Graeme McCormack, D, BSU; Jared Hansen, F, CC; A.J. Michaelson, F, UM.