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UND'S ROWNEY & GRIMALDI, MSU'S NELSON, SCSU'S MORLEY NAMED RED BARON WCHA MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RED BARON WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CARTER ROWNEY • SENIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran University of North Dakota forward Carter Rowney, who contributed five scoring points and had a game-winning goal as his team took three of four points from league-leading and visiting Denver last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 11.

A 6-2 208-pound senior center from Sexsmith, Alberta, Rowney scored three goals and set up two others, had four shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating as North Dakota stretched its unbeaten streak to three and improved to 8-5-3 overall. He had career-high four points (2g, 2a) in last Saturday's (Dec. 8) 6-3 victory over the Pioneers, including the game-winning goal and his first career shorthanded goal to earn Second Star of the Game honors. Three of his four points came in the second period, enabling UND to erase a 1-0 deficit, as he set up Derek Forbort's go-ahead power-play goal early in the second period, then scored his two goals eight minutes apart to build a 4-1 lead. In the 2-2 (ot) tie in the series opener last Friday (Dec. 7), Rowney scored a goal to snap a seven-game drought, won 11 of 18 face-offs (61.1%), and was a +1. In 15 games this season, Rowney has 11 points (5g, 6a).

Also nominated: Rylan Schwartz, F, CC; Chris Knowlton, F, DU; Tom Serratore, F, UM; Eriah Hayes, F, MSU; Matt White, F, UNO.

RED BARON WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOSH NELSON • JUNIOR, DEFENSEMAN, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Defenseman Josh Nelson, who was part of a stellar Minnesota State University team effort that yielded just one goal in a two-game conference sweep over Bemidji State last weekend and stretched their winning streak to six games, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 11.

A 6-0, 180-pound junior from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Nelson and his teammates held the Seawolves to single digit shots on goal in all six periods of the series in their 3-1 and 3-0 victories on Dec. 7-8, blanked them over the final 11:11 after yielding the only goal at 1:49 of the first period in the series opener, put together five shutout periods and held them scoreless in all five power-play chances. In addition to his strong defensive play that earned him a +3 plus/minus rating, Nelson had an assist in each game, including one on teammate Chase Grant's game-winner last Saturday, and had three shots on goal. In 15 games this season, Nelson has six points (3g, 3a).

Also nominated: Matt Prapavessis, D, BSU; Eamonn McDermott, D, CC; Juho Olkinuora, G, DU; Nate Schmidt, D, UM; Bryce Aneloski, D, UNO.

RED BARON WCHA CO-ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

ROCCO GRIMALDI • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

DAVID MORLEY • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Two first-year forwards who played key roles for their respective teams last weekend – Rocco Grimaldi of the University of North Dakota and David Morley of St. Cloud State University – have been named Red Baron® WCHA co-Rookies of the Week for Dec. 11.

A 5-6, 170-pound right wing from Rossmoor, California, Grimaldi put together a pair of dynamic performances as UND took three points from first place and No. 6 Denver. He had a goal and three assists in last Saturday's 6-3 win, the first four-point game by a UND freshman since the 2003-04 season. He figured in on four straight goals as UND turned a 1-0 deficit into a 4-1 lead, scoring a first-period goal to tie the game and assisting on three second-period tallies, including the game-winner. He also led all players with a career-high eight shots on goal, was a +2 and was named the game's first star. In last Friday's 2-2 (ot) tie, Grimaldi was named the game's No. 3 star without even reaching the scoresheet, tying for a game-high with five shots on goal and earning a +1. In 16 games played, Grimaldi is second in scoring among first-year WCHA players with 15 points (6g, 9a).

Morley, a 5-7, 170-pound right wing from Richmond Hills, Ontario, helped the host Huskies to a weekend split against No. 14 Nebraska Omaha on Dec. 7-8 in St. Cloud. He opened the weekend with a career performance, charting his first collegiate three-goal hat trick, contributing four points and putting six shots on goal in a 6-5 loss after SCSU trailed 6-3 in the third period. It was the first hat trick by a St. Cloud State freshman since Drew LeBlanc against Colorado College in 2008-09. Last Saturday, Morley had three more shots on goal and was a perfect 6-0 on face-offs in the Huskies' 2-1 win over UNO, giving him nine shots on goal for the series. Morley now has 10 points in his first season with four goals and six assists.

Also nominated: Grant Arnold, F, DU; Stephon Williams, G, MSU.