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2013 WCHA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND HOBEBY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER DREW LEBLANC TO THROW OUT FIRST PITCH AT MINNESOTA TWINS BASEBALL GAME WEDNESDAY

MADISON, Wis. – Drew LeBlanc, who became the first player to be honored as both the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's men's Player of the Year and Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year while also becoming the league's 16th Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner overall, will be throwing out the first pitch at the Minnesota Twins' Major League Baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday (June 12). Pre-game ceremonies, which will also include additional members of the SCSU team and staff, are expected to get underway at 6:50 pm CT at Target Field in Minneapolis. Game time is 7:10 pm CT.

LeBlanc, a senior from Hermantown, Minn., was a driving force behind the Huskies' (25-16-1) success in earning a share of the program's first-ever conference regular season championship and MacNaughton Cup in 2012-13. He was honored as both the WCHA Player of the Year and the WCHA Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year to highlight the league's individual men's awards announced by the conference on March 14. Also a member of the All-WCHA First Team, LeBlanc led the league with 25 assists and had 10 goals for 35 points in conference play, charted 10 multiple-point games in WCHA action and was 10th in scoring and first in assists among Division 1 players with 50 points (13g, 37a). St. Cloud State went on to capture the Midwest Regional Championship in Toledo and earn a berth in the 2013 NCAA Men's Frozen Four.

A four-time recipient of the WCHA Scholar-Athlete Award and a four-time All-WCHA Academic Team honoree, LeBlanc served as a team captain for the past two seasons at SCSU. A math education major and member of the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America Division 1 At-Large Team, LeBlanc carried a cumulative grade-point average in excess of 3.6 and participated in numerous community service activities during his collegiate years, including programs such as Skate With the Huskies and Husky Haulers, helping first-year students move into their dormitories.

Following his final collegiate season, LeBlanc signed a professional contract with the Chicago Blackhawks and made his National Hockey League debut in April.

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