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UMD's Connolly, UND's Dell, DU's Makowski Named Red Baron® WCHA Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Jack Connolly • Jr., Forward, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – Centerman Jack Connolly of the University of Minnesota Duluth, who collected five points while leading the No. 1 nationally-ranked and league-leading Bulldogs to a two-game conference sweep over Michigan Tech last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 16, 2010.

A 5-8, 160-pound junior All-American from Duluth, Minn., Connolly scored once and assisted on another goal as the Bulldogs rallied for a 5-3 victory over the visiting Huskies last Friday (Nov. 12). With his UMD team trailing 2-0 in the second period, Connolly drew an assist on a second period tally that closed the gap to 2-1 then scored a go-ahead power-play goal at 7:37 of the third period. Then last Saturday (Nov. 13) in Duluth, Connolly assisted on three of the Bulldogs' four goals in a 4-2 win, including teammate Justin Faulk's game-winner at 13:17 of the second period. Connolly, who also earned a +3 plus/minus rating in the series, centered a power-play unit which cashed in on 4 of its 11 opportunities over the two games.

Through 12 games this season, Connolly is tied for first in scoring overall among WCHA players with 18 points (4g, 14a).

Also nominated: Matt Read, F, BSU; Luke Salazar, F, DU; and Corban Knight, F, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Aaron Dell • So., Goaltender, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota goaltender Aaron Dell, who allowed just one even-strength goal while backstopping the No. 8-ranked Fighting Sioux to a two-game conference road sweep over Wisconsin last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 16, 2010.

A 6-0, 191-pound sophomore from Airdrie, Alberta, Dell started and won both games in UND's WCHA sweep at then No. 13-ranked Wisconsin, the first sweep for the Sioux at the Kohl Center in Madison since 2002-03.

He registered his first shutout of the season last Friday (Nov. 12) night, stopping all 16 shots he faced in a 1-0 North Dakota victory. He also helped UND kill all six UW power-plays, including a pair of 5:00-minute majors, in that game. Dell then played two more shutout periods last Saturday (Nov. 13) in a 4-2 North Dakota triumph before UW finally scored twice in the third period. Prior to those two goals, Dell had held the Badgers off the board for the first 104:36 of the series and in the two games he had a 1.00 goals-against average and .938 save percentage.

The series at Wisconsin marked Dell's third and fourth straight starts (and his eighth and ninth appearances of the season) after having played in only five games (none consecutive) as a freshman.

Also nominated: Brad Hunt, D, BSU; Sam Brittain, G, DU; John Faulkner, G, UNO; and Scott Gudmandson, G, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

David Makowski • Fr., Defenseman, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – David Makowski, who made an impact at both ends of the ice last weekend as the host University of Denver Pioneers posted a two-game league series sweep over Minnesota State, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 16, 2010.

A 6-0, 205-pound freshman from Wildwood, Mo., Makowski produced four scoring points in the two wins, earned a +2 plus/minus rating, fired five shots on goal, and added three hits and three blocked shots as defending WCHA champion and No. 13-ranked Denver skated to 3-2 and 6-1 wins over the visiting Mavericks at Magness Arena. His first collegiate goal was the game-winner last Friday, coming on a third period power at the 14:11 mark, and earned him No. 3 Star of the Game honors. Makowski then added one goal and two assists for three more points in his team's victory last Saturday and this time was recognized as the No. 2 Star of the Game.

Also nominated: Sam Rendle, D, BSU; Jaden Schwartz, F, CC; Justin Faulk, D, UMD; Ryan Walters, F, UNO.