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Minnesota's Hoeffel, Denver's Brittain and Makowski Named Red Baron® WCHA Players of the Week for Nov. 23

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Mike Hoeffel • Sr., Forward, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – University of Minnesota left winger, who led all conference players with four goals and five points while helping the visiting Golden Gophers to a two-game road sweep at Michigan Tech last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 23, 2010.

A 6-2, 195-pound senior from North Oaks, Minn., Hoeffel scored two goals in both games and all four were scored at even-strength. His goals were all scored at opportune times as well, as three of them came in the first period. His two tallies last Friday (Nov. 19) gave Minnesota 2-0 and 3-0 leads, respectively, en route to a 6-4 win. On Saturday (Nov. 20), he scored the Gophers' first goal of the game at the 3:09 mark and increased Minnesota's lead to 3-1 with a second period strike in an eventual 4-1 triumph. His lone assist came on Friday and was the primary game-winning assist on teammate Jake Hansen's power-play goal. In addition to his five scoring points in the series, Hoeffel also fired 10 shots on goal and earned a +3 plus/minus rating. He now has six career goals at Michigan Tech.

A draftee of the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils, Hoeffel has 12 points (7g, 5a) while playing in all 12 games this season. Over his four-year career at UM, he has 75 points (42g, 33a) in 126 games.

Also nominated: Jason Zucker, F, DU; Alex Hudson, F, UNO; Matt Frattin, F, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Sam Brittain • Fr., Goaltender, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – Goaltender Sam Brittain, who backstopped his University of Denver Pioneers to a two-game home-ice sweep of league rival Bemidji State last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 23, 2010. This marks the second weekly defensive award for Brittain (also on Nov. 2) and he was also previously accorded the league's rookie of the week honor (Oct. 26).

A 6-3, 210-pound freshman from Calgary, Alberta and a draftee of the NHL's Florida Panthers, Brittain led DU to its second straight WCHA series sweep last weekend vs Bemidji State with 3-1 (Nov. 19) and 4-2 (Nov. 20) victories. He stopped 34 of 37 shots on goal in the two games while allowing just one even-strength goal (the others were 6x5 extra-man and 5x4 power-play goals) and recorded four shutout periods.

Brittain, now 7-3-2 on the 2010-11 season with a 1.95 goals-against average and a .934 save percentage has started the last 11 games for Denver and leads the WCHA in save percentage and ranks second in goals-against average.

Also nominated: Cade Fairchild, D, UM; Aaron Dell, G, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

David Makowski • Fr., Defenseman, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – University of Denver defenseman David Makowski, who stood out both offensively and defensively while helping the host Pioneers to a 3-1, 4-2 sweep over Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 23, 2010. It is the second straight time he has been so honored.

From Wildwood, Mo., the 6-0, 205-pound freshman blueliner contributed three scoring points and earned a +4 plus/minus rating in the two games as the defending WCHA-champion Pioneers improved to 8-4-2 overall and 7-2-0 in league play with the two wins. He had one assist last Friday in the 3-1 win and then a goal and an assist last Saturday in the 4-2 victory, extending his point streak to four games with his second career multi-point game. He scored a power-play goal for Denver's first marker and then assisted on teammate Jason Zucker's empty-net goal. In addition, Makowski added five hits and three blocked shots in the series.

Playing in all 14 of his team's games this season, Makowski is fourth in point production for the Pioneers with 11 points (3g, 8a).

Also nominated: Sam Rendle, D, BSU; Ryan Furne, F, MTU; Nate Condon, F, UM.