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Wisconsin's Gardiner and Schultz, Denver's Shore, Minnesota State's Grant Named Red Baron® WCHA Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week

Jake Gardiner • Junior, Defenseman, University of Wisconsin

Drew Shore • Sophomore, Forward, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of six-point producers – defenseman Jake Gardiner of the University of Wisconsin and forward Drew Shore of the University of Denver – have been tabbed Red Baron® WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week for Nov. 30, 2010.

Gardiner, a 6-3, 193-pound junior from Minnetonka, Minn., and a draft choice of the NHL's Anaheim Ducks, collected six points as Wisconsin logged a 4-4 (ot) tie against Michigan and 4-1 victory over Michigan State in the College Hockey Showcase last weekend in Madison. He scored two power-play goals, including the game-tying goal in the third period, added an assist, recorded a game-high five shots on goal and was +1 against then-No. 8 Michigan last Friday. Last Saturday, Gardiner came back with three assists and four shots on goal while earning a +2 rating in the victory over the visiting Spartans. Gardiner, who now has a five-game scoring streak with nine points (2g, 7a), ranks second in the nation in scoring among defensemen with 18 points (4g, 14a), trailing only blueline partner Justin Schultz.

Shore, a 6-3, 190-pound sophomore from Denver, Colo., and draftee of the Florida Panthers (NHL), was named the MVP of the Denver Cup Classic tournament over Thanksgiving weekend after leading the Pioneers to their second straight Denver Cup title and 15th overall. He led the tourney with six points on four goals and two assists, including his first collegiate three-goal hat trick and a career-best four points in a 6-3 win over Lake Superior State on Nov. 26. Shore then added the game-winning goal and another assist in the championship game on Nov. 27 as Denver clinched a 3-1 win over Air Force. In addition to his six points in the two games, Shore had 10 hits, two blocked shots and a +1 rating. He currently has a four-game point streak, has at least one point in nine of the last 10 games and is tied for first in the WCHA in scoring overall with a career-best 22 points (12g, 10a).

Also nominated: Matt Bailey, F, UAA; Emil Billberg, F, BSU; Justin Jokinen, F, MSU; Jason Gregoire, F, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Justin Schultz • Sophomore, Defenseman, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin defenseman Justin Schultz, who contributed five points and earned a +3 plus/minus rating while helping the host Badgers to a win and tie in the College Hockey Showcase last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 30, 2010.

A 6-3, 185-pounder from West Kelowna, B.C., Schultz's five-point series included a three-goal hat trick and nine shots on goal. The Anaheim Ducks' (NHL) draftee opened the weekend with a goal and an assist last Friday as the Badgers overcame 2-0, 3-2 and 4-3 deficits for a 4-4 tie against then-No. 8 Michigan. Schultz scored Wisconsin's first goal of the game on a power-play to make it a 2-1 game. He then had the primary assist on UW's third goal, which made it 3-3 at the time. Then on Saturday, Schultz became just the fifth UW defenseman and the first in exactly 18 years to post a hat trick, scoring the first, third and fourth Badger goals in a 4-1 victory over Michigan State. He also fired a game-high eight shots on goal and finished +2 in the game. Schultz leads the nation's defensemen with 19 points and has nine goals on the season, four more than the next closest defenseman in the country.

Also nominated: Dan Bakala, G, BSU; David Makowski, D, DU; Alex Kangas, G, UM; Aaron Dell, G, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Chase Grant • Freshman, Forward, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Chase Grant, a freshman forward at Minnesota State University, is the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 30, 2010 as a result of his outstanding efforts in a two-game road sweep at UMass-Lowell last weekend.

A 5-11, 195-pound left winger from Oklahoma City, Okla., Grant totalled four points on a goal and three assists as Minnesota State posted 8-3 and 3-2 victories over the host River Hawks on Nov. 26-27. Grant assisted on a pair of goals by Rylan Galiardi and was +2 in the game one win last Friday. Then on Saturday, he drew an assist on a goal by Zach Lehrke in the second period before scoring an unassisted game-winning goal at 5:48 of the third period as the Mavericks completed the sweep. Named the game's No. 1 star, he also had four shots on goal and was +1.

The two wins at UMass-Lowell marked MSU's first non-conference road sweep since downing Bemidji State twice on Dec. 11-12, 2009. Grant, who leads the Mavericks with a +5 on the year, is tied for second on MSU's scoring charts with nine points (4g, 5a) in 12 games.

Also nominated: Rob Gunderson, G, UAA; Archie Skalbeck, F, CC; Sam Brittain, G, DU.