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UND's Malone, CC's Howe, UM's Patterson, DU's Zucker Named Red Baron® WCHA Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Brad Malone • Senior, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota center iceman Brad Malone, who propelled his team to a pair of come-from-behind conference road victories at Minnesota State last weekend and into first place in the league race, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Dec. 14, 2010.

A 6-2, 212-pound senior from Miramichi, New Brunswick, Malone led all players with four points and a +4 plus/minus rating in UND's sweep over the host Mavericks, which enabled the Sioux to take over first place in the race for the WCHA regular season title and MacNaughton Cup. In a 4-3 victory last Friday (Dec. 10), Malone matched his career high with three assists, setting up three straight UND goals after his team trailed 2-0. Then last Sunday afternoon (Dec. 12) and with the Sioux trailing 2-1 in the second period, he capped another rally by scoring the game-winning goal at 14:47 to complete the sweep. Malone also earned a +3 in Sunday's game and was named the No. 1 star. In addition to his four points, Malone also won 56.8% (25-of-44) of his face-offs in the series.

A Colorado Avalanche (NHL) draftee, Malone ranks fourth in scoring for North Dakota with 16 points (5g, 11a) in 19 games and has eight points in his last four outings, including a pair of three-point efforts.

Also nominated this week: Tyler Johnson, F, CC; Matt Ambroz, F, UNO.

Red Baron® WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week

Joe Howe • Sophomore, Goaltender, Colorado College

Kent Patterson • Junior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – Two goalkeepers who were instrumental in their respective team's successes last weekend – Joe Howe of Colorado College and Kent Patterson of the University of Minnesota – have been named Red Baron® co-Defensive Players of the Week for Dec. 14, 2010.

Howe, a 6-0, 188-pound sophomore from Plymouth, Minn., was the No. 1 star of the game in a 3-0 road victory at St. Cloud State last Friday (Dec. 10) and the No. 3 star in a 5-2 triumph last Saturday (Dec. 11) as the Tigers boosted their winning streak to five straight. He allowed just one even-strength goal in the back-to-back wins over the Huskies, stopped 55 of 57 shots on goal for a .965 save percentage, and recorded four shutout periods. His 26-save shutout in the series opener was his third whitewash of the season to match the three he posted as a rookie a year ago.

Patterson, a 6-1, 180-pound junior from Plymouth, Minn., was the key figure as host Minnesota earned three of four points against No. 2 Minnesota Duluth with a 3-2 win on Dec. 10 and a 2-2 (ot) tie on Dec. 12. Named the No. 1 star in both games, he stopped 78 of 82 shots on goal for a .952 series save percentage, with two of the four goals he surrendered coming on the power-play. The Bulldogs, who entered the match ups with the nation's second most prolific offense at 3.94 goals per game, were also held to just two power-play goals in 12 opportunities.

A draftee of the NHL's Colorado Avalanche, Patterson made 37 saves in the victory last Friday and 41 in the tie last Sunday. He had 21 saves in the second period on Sunday and 16 in the third period on Friday.

Also nominated this week: Aaron Dell, G, UND; Scott Gudmandson, G, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Jason Zucker • Freshman, Forward, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – University of Denver left winger Jason Zucker has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for Dec. 14, 2010 as a result of his efforts in a two-game league road series at Alaska Anchorage last weekend. This marks the second straight time Zucker has earned the weekly honor.

A 5-10, 175-pound freshman from Las Vegas, Nev., Zucker scored a pair of goals and added an assist as visiting Denver took three points from the Seawolves with a 5-3 victory last Friday (Dec. 10) and a 2-2 (ot) tie on Saturday (Dec. 11). He netted his sixth multi-point effort of the season with two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in the win. He then added a team-leading five shots on goal in the overtime tie, had a team-leading nine shots on goal in the series, earned a +3 plus/minus rating and delivered six hits and two blocked shots.

A draftee of the NHL's Minnesota Wild, Zucker leads the WCHA in goals (14), is tied for the lead in points (19) in 14 league games, and ranks third in rookie scoring for all games with 21 points (14g, 7a). Zucker is among 29 players vying for 22 roster spots on the U.S. World Junior Team, which will compete at the IIHF World Junior Championship, Dec. 26-Jan. 5 in Buffalo and Niagara, N.Y.

Also nominated this week: Radoslav Illo, F, BSU; Archie Skalbeck, F, CC.