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Minnesota State's Dorr, Bemidji State's Bakala, St. Cloud State's Dowd Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Michael Dorr • Junior, Forward, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Minnesota State University left winger Michael Dorr, who produced five scoring points and earned the Most Valuable Player award as the Mavericks captured the Shillelagh Tournament championship with wins over Notre Dame and Brown over the New Year's holiday, is the Red Baron WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 5, 2011.

A 5-10, 175-pound junior from Roseville, Minn., Dorr totalled five points with three goals and two assists and earned a +4 plus/minus rating in leading MSU to the title at the Shillelagh Tournament hosted by Notre Dame at Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill., last weekend. He was named the Most Valuable Player as the Mavericks claimed a 4-3 victory over host Notre Dame and a 7-3 triumph over Brown. Dorr had an assist and scored the game-winning goal with just :23 seconds remaining in the win over the 12th-rated Fighting Irish last Saturday (Jan. 1) and then racked up three more points on two goals and an assist as Minnesota State took the tournament crown with a 7-3 win over Brown on Sunday (Jan. 2).

With 10 points (5g, 5a) in the last eight games, Dorr has vaulted into a tie for a share of the team scoring lead. Dorr, who leads the Mavericks in goals (7), power-play goals (3), shots (68) and is tied for the team lead in game-winning goals (2), has 15 points (7g, 8a) in 20 games for the season.

Also nominated were: Jordan George, F, BSU; Tyler Johnson, F, CC; Luke Salazar, F, DU; Jack Connolly, F, UMD; Danny Kristo, F, UND; Cam Reid, F, SCSU; Podge Turnbull, F, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Dan Bakala • Junior, Goaltender, Bemidji State University

MADISON, Wis. – Goaltender Dan Bakala, who earned Most Valuable Player honors while leading the Bemidji State University ice hockey team to the Dodge Holiday Classic championship in Minneapolis last weekend, has been named the Red Baron WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 5, 2011. Dan Bakala was also named the league's co-defensive player of the week back on Dec. 7 (vs Nebraska Omaha).

A 5-11, 185-pound junior from Calgary, Alberta, Bakala recorded a 1.50 goals-against average in 119:42 of action in the annual holiday tourney hosted by the University of Minnesota, posted four shutout periods, and turned away 65 of 68 shots on goal for a .965 save percentage as Bemidji State won 3-2 over Ferris State on Dec. 31 and 3-1 over Union College on Jan. 1 in the championship game. In addition, he backstopped a BSU penalty-kill unit that conceded just one power-play goal in six opponent opportunities. Against Ferris State, Bakala recorded 35 saves, including 17 in the third period alone to hold off a late charge and preserve the 3-2 victory. Last Saturday versus Union, he held the nation's fourth-ranked scoring offense and top-ranked power-play unit (34% success rate) to just one goal while stopping 30 of 31 shots on goal.

Also nominated were: Kyle Ostrow, F, DU; Cameron Cooper, D, MSU; Aaron Dell, G, UND; Mike Lee, G, SCSU; Scott Gudmandson, G, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Nic Dowd • Freshman, Forward, St. Cloud State University

MADISON, Wis. – St. Cloud State University right winger Nic Dowd, who earned Most Valuable Player after helping the Huskies to a first place finish at the Florida College Hockey Classic in Estero, Fla., last week, has been named the Red Baron WCHA Rookie of the Week for Jan. 5, 2011.

A 6-2, 196-pound freshman from Huntsville, Ala., Dowd produced four scoring points (1g, 3a), including a game-winning goal, as St. Cloud State defeated Cornell 4-3 in overtime on Dec. 29 and No. 6-ranked Miami 4-3 on Dec. 30. His game-winning goal came in the third period vs Miami in the tournament's title game. In the contest, Dowd also had an assist on his team's first goal of the game and added a helper on a second period goal for three points.

Dowd opened the tournament vs Cornell on Dec. 29 with an assist on Cam Reid's goal in the third period. The goal was the first of two by SCSU in the third period, which helped the Huskies offset a 3-0 deficit in the game. In addition to his four points, Dowd also had four shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

Also nominated were: Sam Rendle, D, BSU; Archie Skalbeck, F, CC; David Makowski, D, DU; Frankie Simonelli, D, UW.