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UND's Gregoire, UNO's Faulkner and Searfoss, SCSU's Jensen Named Red Baron® WCHA Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Jason Gregoire • Junior, Forward, University of North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. – University of North Dakota left winger Jason Gregoire, who led all league players with four scoring points while helping his team take over first place, clinch a home playoff berth and post a two-game sweep over Alaska Anchorage last weekend in Grand Forks, has been named the Red Baron WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Feb. 15, 2011.

A 5-11, 196-pound junior from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Gregoire had a goal and assist in each game of host North Dakota's 6-1 and 3-1 victories over the Seawolves, fired 12 shots on goal, earned a +3 plus/minus rating and extended his point streak to six games, one short of his career high. In North Dakota's win last Saturday (Feb. 12) night, he was named the game's No. 1 star after putting a season-high eight shots on goal along with his goal and assist. In addition to his four points, Gregoire was a key cog of UND's penalty-killing unit that was a perfect 9-for-9 in the series.

A draftee of the NHL's New York Islanders, Gregoire has 14 goals, 11 assists and 25 points in 24 games this season for the No. 2-ranked Sioux, while his three-year totals show 91 points (46g, 45a) in 109 games.

Also nominated: Jordan George, F, BSU; Tyler Johnson, F, CC; Matt Ambroz, F, UNO; Jared Festler, F, SCSU.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

John Faulkner • Sophomore, Goaltender, University of Nebraska Omaha

MADISON, Wis. – John Faulkner, who backstopped his University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks to a key two-game sweep of visiting conference rival Wisconsin last weekend with 4-1 and 4-3 victories, has been named the Red Baron WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Feb. 15, 2011.

A sophomore from Sarnia, Ontario, Faulkner allowed just two even-strength goals while making 58 saves (.935 saves percentage) and posting three shutout periods against the then No. 7-ranked Badgers on Feb. 11-12 as UNO moved into a share of third place in the WCHA, just two points out of first. Last Friday, he stopped 31 of 32 shots in UNO's 4-1 victory and blanked Wisconsin on all five power-play chances. Then in last Saturday's 4-3 triumph, he allowed just one even-strength goal on 30 shots, surrendering two on the power-play.

In earning both wins last weekend, Faulkner now has a career-best 17 victories this season, just four from tying the school record for wins in a season set by Dan Ellis. He is sixth in the WCHA in goals-against average at 2.43 and save percentage at .913 while playing a league-high 1700:34 minutes.

Also nominated: Dan Bakala, G, BSU; Eamonn McDermott, D, CC; Cade Fairchild, D, UM; Aaron Dell, G, UND; Mike Lee, G, SCSU.

Red Baron® WCHA co-Rookies of the Week

Nick Jensen • Freshman, Defenseman, St. Cloud State University

Johnnie Searfoss • Freshman, Forward, University of Nebraska Omaha

MADISON, Wis. – Two first-year skaters who played key roles in their respective team's success last weekend – defenseman Nick Jensen of St. Cloud State University and forward Johnnie Searfoss of the University of Nebraska Omaha – have been named Red Baron WCHA co-Rookies of the Week for Feb. 15, 2011.

Jensen, a 6-1, 195-pound freshman from Rogers, Minn., and a draft pick of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings, helped the visiting Huskies take three of four points at No. 3-ranked Minnesota Duluth on Feb. 11-12 with an 8-2 win and 3-3 (ot) tie. He enjoyed a three-point night with a goal and two assists in SCSU's 8-2 win last Friday, earned a +2 plus/minus rating in the series and fired four shots on goal from his blueline position. On the season, Jensen now has 5 goals, 11 assists and 16 points for the Huskies.

Searfoss, a 6-1, 185-pound freshman left winger from Colleyville, Tex., put together the finest weekend of his young career while playing in place of the injured Terry Broadhurst, factoring in both game-winning goals as UNO defeated then No. 7 Wisconsin, 4-1 and 4-3 on Feb. 11-12. He posted a goal and two assists to tie for the team lead in scoring in the sweep, tallying the game-winner last Friday and then setting up two goals on Saturday – including teammate Matt Ambroz's winner. Searfoss also tied for the team lead with a +4 rating.

Also nominated: Josh Thorimbert, G, CC; Jason Zucker, F, DU; Erik Haula, F, UM; Derek Forbort, D, UND.