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FOX SPORTS NORTH TO TELEVISION 2011 RED BARON™ WCHA FINAL FIVE

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – [Xcel Energy Center](#) and [FOX Sports North](#), in conjunction with the [Western Collegiate Hockey Association \(WCHA\)](#), announced today the [2011 Red Baron™ WCHA Final Five](#) will once again be telecast on FOX Sports North and produced by Minnesota Wild Broadcasting. The entities have televised the tournament since 2000.

Anthony LaPanta will handle play-by-play duties for the tournament. **Casey Hankinson** will serve as color analyst on Thursday and Saturday and **Kevin Gorg** will partner with LaPanta on Friday. Gorg will report rinkside Thursday and Saturday and **Jim Rich** will take over those duties on Friday.

"The WCHA is extremely gratified to continue our long-standing television partnership with FOX Sports North, the Minnesota Wild and Xcel Energy Center for what should be one of the best Final Fives ever – and that's saying something," said WCHA Commissioner Bruce McLeod.

The **2011 Red Baron™ WCHA Final Five** will be held **Thursday – Saturday, March 17 – 19**, at Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul for the 11th straight year. There will be a **new twist on the popular tournament** with Bemidji State University and University of Nebraska-Omaha bringing WCHA membership to 12 teams. For the first time, six teams will advance, battling it out over five games for the Broadmoor Trophy and entrance to the NCAA Tournament. The brackets will be pre-set and the top two seeded teams will receive a bye. The third place game has been eliminated.

2011 RED BARON™ WCHA FINAL FIVE TELEVISION SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Time CST</u>
Thur., March 17	Game 1	3:30 p.m.
	Game 2	7 p.m.
Fri., March 18	Semifinal 1	2 p.m.
	Semifinal 2	7 p.m.
Sat., March 19	Championship Game	7 p.m.

All times Central (CST)

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FOX Sports North reaches more than 2 million homes throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North and South Dakota and telecasts nearly 2,600 hours of locally produced programming per year. For more information on the Emmy Award-winning regional sports network, visit www.foxsportsnorth.com.

Tickets to the 2011 Red Baron™ WCHA Final Five can be purchased at the Xcel Energy Center Box Office, Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, charge by phone at 800-745-3000 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone using Ticketmaster TDD/TTY, call 800-359-2525. Groups (10+) call 651-312-3486. Single-session tickets are on sale starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 7. A limited number of all-session ticket packages for the tournament are still available.

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