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Weekend Update/March 6, 2011

WCHA First Round Playoff Pairings Set

Friday-Sunday, March 11-13 Best-of-Three Series to Feature No. 12 MTU at No. 1 UND, No. 11 MSU at No. 2 DU, No. 10 BSU at No. 3 UNO, No. 9 SCSU at No. 4 UMD, No. 8 UAA at No. 5 UM, No. 7 UW at No. 6 CC; Single Game Tickets for 2011 Red Baron WCHA Final Five Go on Sale Monday

MADISON, Wis. – The first round of the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs, consisting of six best-of-three series and scheduled for Friday, March 11, Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 (if necessary), are set.

WCHA regular season/MacNaughton Cup champion and No. 1 seed North Dakota (26-8-3) will host No. 12 seed Michigan Tech (4-28-4) at Ralph Engelstad Arena, No. 2 seed Denver (21-10-5) will host No. 11 seed Minnesota State (14-16-6) at Magness Arena, No. 3 seed Nebraska Omaha (21-13-2) will entertain No. 10 seed Bemidji State (12-17-5) at Qwest Center Omaha in a series between the league's two new member teams, No. 4 seed Minnesota Duluth (20-9-6) will host No. 9 St. Cloud State (15-16-5) at AMSOIL Arena, No. 5 seed Minnesota (16-12-6) welcomes No. 8 Alaska Anchorage (14-17-3) to Mariucci Arena, and No. 6 seed Colorado College (19-16-3) will host No. 7 Wisconsin (20-14-4) at Colorado Springs World Arena.

The results on the final day of the regular season saw North Dakota win 11-2 at Michigan Tech to complete a sweep, Nebraska Omaha capture a 5-2 victory at Minnesota Duluth for a weekend split, visiting Minnesota upend Bemidji State 3-2 (ot) for a three-point series, host Wisconsin defeat Colorado College 3-1 for a split, visiting Alaska Anchorage skate past Minnesota State 4-1 for a sweep, and host Denver prevail 3-2 over St. Cloud State for a split. UAA gained the No. 8 seed over SCSU by virtue of more league wins.

Following the first round of WCHA playoffs, the six winning teams will be re-seeded No. 1 thru No. 6 according to their regular season finish and then will advance to the 2011 Red Baron™ WCHA Final Five, set for Thursday, March 17, Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

2010-11 WCHA Men's Standings

	Pts	Conference Only					Overall				
		GP	Record	Win%	GF- GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF- GA		
1 North Dakota!*	43	28	21- 6- 1	.768	112- 62	37	26- 8- 3	.743	148- 85		
2 Denver*	37	28	17- 8- 3	.661	93- 75	36	21-10- 5	.653	117- 96		
3 Nebraska-Omaha*	36	28	17- 9- 2	.643	94- 69	36	21-13- 2	.611	122- 89		
4 Minnesota Duluth*	35	28	15- 8- 5	.625	91- 73	35	20- 9- 6	.657	120- 93		
5 Minnesota*	31	28	13-10- 5	.554	91- 78	34	16-12- 6	.559	110- 96		
6 Colorado College*	28	28	13-13- 2	.500	83- 84	38	19-16- 3	.539	120-112		
7 Wisconsin	27	28	12-13- 3	.482	75- 72	38	20-14- 4	.579	122- 91		
8 Alaska Anchorage	26	28	12-14- 2	.464	62- 78	34	14-17- 3	.456	81- 99		
St. Cloud State	26	28	11-13- 4	.464	84- 80	36	15-16- 5	.486	108-106		
10 Bemidji State	21	28	8-15- 5	.375	62- 78	34	12-17- 5	.426	77- 90		
11 Minnesota State	20	28	8-16- 4	.357	67- 90	36	14-16- 6	.472	101-109		
12 Michigan Tech	6	28	2-24- 2	.107	49-124	36	4-28- 4	.167	74-158		

! MacNaughton Cup champion; *first round playoff host

WCHA First Round Playoffs – Best-of-Three Series

Friday, March 11: (12) Michigan Tech @ (1) North Dakota, 7:37 pm CT; (11) Minnesota State @ (2) Denver, 7:37 pm MT; (10) Bemidji State @ (3) Nebraska Omaha, 7:37 pm CT; (9) St. Cloud State @ (4) Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT; (8) Alaska Anchorage @ (5) Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; (7) Wisconsin @ (6) Colorado College, 7:37 pm MT.

Saturday, March 12: (12) Michigan Tech @ (1) North Dakota, 7:07 pm CT; (11) Minnesota State @ (2) Denver, 7:07 pm MT; (10) Bemidji State @ (3) Nebraska Omaha, 7:07 pm CT; (9) St. Cloud State @ (4) Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT; (8) Alaska Anchorage @ (5) Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; (7) Wisconsin @ (6) Colorado College, 7:07 pm MT.

Sunday, March 13 (if necessary): (12) Michigan Tech @ (1) North Dakota, 7:07 pm CT; (11) Minnesota State @ (2) Denver, 7:07 pm MT; (10) Bemidji State @ (3) Nebraska Omaha, 7:07 pm CT; (9) St. Cloud State @ (4) Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT; (8) Alaska Anchorage @ (5) Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; (7) Wisconsin @ (6) Colorado College, 7:07 pm MT.