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## UAA's Spencer, MSU's Lee and UM's Patterson, MTU's Pietila Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week for Oct. 11

### Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

#### Mickey Spencer • Junior, Forward, University of Alaska Anchorage

MADISON, Wis. – University of Alaska Anchorage left winger Mickey Spencer, who produced six scoring points, had a three-goal hat trick and earned the Most Outstanding Player award to help the Seawolves capture their own Kendall Hockey Classic title last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Oct. 11.

A junior from Gibbons, Alberta, Spencer scored four goals and set up two others while firing 10 shots on goal as Alaska Anchorage first tied Clarkson 4-4 (ot) (won 1-0 shootout) on Oct. 7 and then defeated St. Cloud State 4-3 in overtime on Oct. 8 to win the Classic title for the first time since 2006. He notched a power-play goal and one assist against Clarkson and then scored three goals, including the game-winner at 3:06 of overtime, and set up another in the victory over SCSU. Spencer became just the sixth player and the second Seawolf (Rob Conn vs Dartmouth, 1990) to record a hat trick in the Classic and it was also the Seawolves' first hat trick and first four-point game since Kevin Clark accomplished both at in a 5-4 win at Michigan Tech on Jan. 16, 2010.

Spencer currently stands tied as the nation's leading point scorer with six points in the first two games of the 2011-12 season (along with Minnesota's Jake Hansen, 1-5=6).

Also nominated: Aaron McLeod, F, BSU; Jake Hansen, F, UM; Mike Seidel, F, UMD; Brock Montpetit, F, UNO; Brock Nelson, F, UND.

### Red Baron® co-WCHA Defensive Players of the Week

#### Austin Lee • Senior, Goaltender, Minnesota State University

#### Kent Patterson • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of veteran goaltenders – Austin Lee of Minnesota State University and Kent Patterson of the University of Minnesota – have been honored as Red Baron WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week for Oct. 11.

Lee, a senior from Bloomington, Minn., backstopped the visiting Mavericks to 1-0 non-conference road victory over No. 18-ranked Rensselaer last Friday night (Oct. 7) in Troy, N.Y. Including 17 third-period saves, Lee turned aside a total of 36 shots on goal by the host Engineers in earning his first collegiate shutout. He had a total of 16 saves on RPI power-play opportunities, holding them scoreless on all 10 man-advantage opportunities. Lee's feat marks the first time a Maverick netminder has earned a season-opening shutout during MSU's NCAA Div. 1-era and is the first opening-night shutout since Ken Hilgert whitewashed Gustavus in an 11-0 MSU win to start the 1986-87 campaign.

Patterson, a senior from Plymouth, Minn., led host Minnesota to season-opening back-to-back shutout victories over Sacred Heart, stopping a perfect 20-of-20 shots on goal each night in 9-0 and 6-0 verdicts. They were the first and second shutouts of his collegiate career. It was the first time that the Gophers won their first two games of the season by shutout since 1936 when Bud Wilkerson blanked Carleton (7-0 on Dec. 11, 1936) and Dartmouth (2-0 on Dec. 29, 1936). Patterson, who was named All-WCHA Second Team last year, also became the first UM goaltender to shutout the same opponent on consecutive nights since Adam Hauser blanked Alaska Anchorage (4-0 and 1-0) in the WCHA playoffs on March 12-13, 1999.

Also nominated: Brad Hunt, D, BSU; Steven Seigo, D, MTU.

### Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

#### Blake Pietila • Freshman, Forward, Michigan Technological University

MADISON, Wis. – Blake Pietila, a freshman forward at Michigan Technological University, has been named the Red Baron WCHA Rookie of the Week for Oct. 11.

From Brighton, Mich., Pietila turned in a stunning debut with two goals and an assist in Michigan Tech's 4-3 comeback win over visiting American International last Friday (Oct. 7). The rookie left wing put home two power-play goals to pull the Huskies within 3-2 early in the third period, then had the primary assist on Steven Seigo's game-tying goal at the 17:47 mark. In addition to his three points in the series, Pietila also fired nine shots on goal as the Huskies opened a new era under first-year coach Mel Pearson with back-to-back victories (MTU also won 3-1 over AIU last Saturday). The two-game sweep was Tech's first since Dec. 19-20, 2008, in a home-and-home series vs Northern Michigan and was their first two-game home sweep since Oct. 19-20, 2007 vs. Minnesota State.

Also nominated: Sam Warning, F, UM; Josh Archibald, F, UNO; Mark MacMillan, F, UND; Joseph LaBate, F, UW.