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MTU's Gordic and Robinson, UM's Patterson, SCSU's Faragher Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Milos Gordic • Sophomore, Forward, Michigan Technological University

MADISON, Wis. – Michigan Technological University winger Milos Gordic, who returned to the lineup from injury to score four goals – including a hat trick – in a conference victory and tie against nationally-ranked University of Denver last weekend, has been named Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for November 1.

A 6-5, 210-pound sophomore from Burnaby, B.C., Gordic was the offensive catalyst against the visiting Pioneers for the upstart Huskies, who are off to an impressive 5-2-1 start to the season under first-year head coach Mel Pearson. After missing the first six games recovering from offseason surgery, Gordic tallied a three-goal hat trick in his first action of the season last Friday (Oct. 28) in a 7-2 triumph over Denver. He scored two power-play goals and an empty-netter in the game for the first hat trick by a Tech player since Brett Olson's vs. Northern Michigan on Oct. 9, 2009. Gordic then came back to score the game-opening goal in a 2-2 (ot) tie vs. DU last Saturday (Oct. 29). In addition to his four goals, Gordic also fired eight shots on goal in the series as MTU remained unbeaten at home at 5-0-1.

Also nominated: Scott Winkler, F, CC; Kyle Rau, F, UM; Jack Connolly, F, UMD; Terry Broadhurst, F, UNO; Mark Zengerle, F, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week

Josh Robinson • Senior, Goaltender, Michigan Technological University

Kent Patterson • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of veteran goaltenders who led their respective teams to success in league play last weekend – Josh Robinson of Michigan Technological University and Kent Patterson of the University of Minnesota – have been named Red Baron® WCHA co-Defensive Players of the Week for November 1. This marks the second time this season each player has been so honored.

Robinson, a 6-0, 185-pound senior from Frankenmuth, Mich., had another strong weekend in net in helping Michigan Tech take three points from No. 2-ranked Denver. He stopped 61 of 65 shots on goal for a .938 series save percentage and surrendered just two even-strength goals. He had 38 saves on 40 shots last Friday (Oct. 28) in a 7-2 MTU victory followed by 23 saves on 25 shots last Saturday (Oct. 29) in a 2-2 overtime tie. On the season, Robinson is now 4-1-1 with a 2.28 goals-against average and a .922 saves percentage.

Patterson, a 6-1, 195-pound senior from Plymouth, Minn., stopped 48 of 49 shots on goal for a .979 saves percentage and allowed just one power-play goal as visiting Minnesota fashioned a 5-0, 3-1 WCHA weekend sweep at Alaska Anchorage. The Colorado Avalanche (NHL) draftee picked up his nation-leading fourth shutout of the season last Friday, marking the first time the Seawolves had been shutout at home since Oct. 23, 2009. The only goal he allowed in the series was a power-play goal on Saturday that found the net after making its way through traffic. Through eight games this season, Patterson sports a 7-1-0 record with a 1.74 goals-against average and a .939 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Joe Howe, G, CC; Kenny Reiter, G, UMD; Ryan Faragher, G, SCSU.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Ryan Faragher • Freshman, Goaltender, St. Cloud State University

MADISON, Wis. – St. Cloud State University goaltender Ryan Faragher, who turned in an impressive series performance that included 67 saves and a first-ever team shutout of nationally-ranked league rival North Dakota on the road last weekend, has been honored as the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for November 1.

A 6-2, 205-pound freshman from Fort Frances, Ont., Faragher registered a 44-save, 4-0 shutout over the host Sioux last Friday (Oct. 28) in Grand Forks. A late replacement for injured regular Mike Lee in the nets, Faragher rose to the challenge in his first WCHA start by tying a school record with 24 saves in the second period alone and helping the Husky penalty-kill go 7-of-7 in the contest. To finish the weekend, Faragher then had 23 saves in a well-played 3-1 loss at UND on Saturday (Oct. 29). He had five consecutive periods of shutout hockey before allowing his first goal in the second period on Oct. 29 while two of UND's three goals in the contest were scored on the power-play.

Also nominated: Peter Stoykewych, D, CC; Joey LaLeggia, D, DU; Tanner Kero, F, MTU; Kyle Rau, F, UM; Joel Rumpel, G, UW.