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UND's Nelson, CC's Schwartz, UW's Schultz, DU's Olkinuora Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week for November 29

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Brock Nelson • Sophomore, Forward, University of North Dakota

Rylan Schwartz • Junior, Forward, Colorado College

MADISON, Wis. – Two forwards who put on offensive shows in last weekend's University of North Dakota vs Colorado College league series – the Fighting Sioux's Brock Nelson and the Tigers' Rylan Schwartz – have been named Red Baron® WCHA co-Offensive Players of the Week for Nov. 29.

Nelson, a 6-4, 192-pound sophomore left winger from Warroad, Minn., produced six scoring points and factored in on both game-winning goals to propel host North Dakota to a WCHA sweep over No. 4-ranked CC at Ralph Engelstad Arena. Nelson recorded three points in each game, a 7-6 victory last Friday (Nov. 25) and a 4-3 win on Saturday (Nov. 26). In Friday's win, Nelson scored a pair of power-play goals, including the game-winner at 11:54 of the third period, and also added an assist. The following night, he scored another power-play goal and added a pair of assists, helping setting up teammate Danny Kristo's shorthanded game-winner in the third period to earn first star honors. In addition, Nelson fired eight shots on goal on the weekend and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. The New York Islanders' (NHL) draftee shares the scoring lead for North Dakota this season with 17 points (10g, 7a) in 14 games.

Schwartz, a 5-10, 196-pound junior center from Wilcox, Sask., notched back-to-back three-goal hat tricks for Colorado College in their two-game WCHA series at North Dakota. In a 7-6 setback last Friday, he tied the game at 5-5 in the second period with an unassisted tally and then completed his hat trick with a go-ahead power-play goal at 10:54. On Saturday, Schwartz again scored three times, giving CC leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first period and closing the Tigers to within one with a third period tally in an eventual 4-3 loss. Named the No. 2 star of each game, Schwartz also put 11 shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. He, too, is tied for his team scoring lead with 17 points (13g, 4a) in 11 games this season.

Also nominated: Zach Lehrke, F, MSU; Mark Zengerle, F, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Justin Schultz • Junior, Defenseman, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin All-American blueliner Justin Schultz, who produced seven scoring points and earned a +4 plus/minus rating while boosting the Badgers to a two-game non-conference sweep over visiting Mercyhurst last weekend, has been named Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 29.

A 6-2, 185-pound junior from West Kelowna, B.C., Schultz scored three goals and four assists for seven points in Wisconsin's 7-2 and 5-2 sweep over Atlantic Hockey Association-leading Mercyhurst over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Kohl Center. He scored two goals and set up two others last Friday (Nov. 25) for a four-point game, which included the game-winning goal, a shorthanded assist and a power-play goal. Last Saturday (Nov. 26), Schultz added a power-play goal and two assists to finish his seven-point weekend. He also took three shots and was plus-1 in the game. An Anaheim Ducks (NHL) draftee, Schultz's 25 points (7g, 18a) this season tie him for the national scoring lead, as well as a 1.56 points-per-game scoring average, with teammate Mark Zengerle and Minnesota's Nick Bjugstad.

Also nominated: Josh Robinson, G, MTU; Ben Blood, D, UND.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Juho Olkinuora • Freshman, Goaltender, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – University of Denver goaltender Juho Olkinuora, who posted a 38-save shutout and yielded just two even-strength goals in two games at the Denver Cup Classic last weekend, has been named Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 29.

From Helsinki, Finland, the 6-2, 200-pound Olkinuora recorded his first collegiate shutout with a 38-save, 3-0 triumph against Princeton at the Pioneers' Magness Arena on Friday, Nov. 25. He then added 24 more saves, yielding just two even-strength goals (1 PPG, 1 ENG), in a 4-2 loss to Miami in the championship game. Named the No. 1 star against Princeton, Olkinuora stopped a total of 62 of 65 shots on goal in the tournament for a .959 save percentage and led DU's penalty-kill to a 9-for-10 (.900) effort. Currently DU's No. 1 goaltender due to injuries to Sam Brittain and Adam Murray, Olkinuora owns a 1.91 goals-against average and .933 saves percentage with a 1-2-2 record.

Also nominated: Tanner Kero, F, MTU; Matt Leitner, F, MSU; Nick Mattson, D, UND.