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CC's Dineen, UMD's Reiter, MSU's Lafontaine Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week for November 8

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Nick Dineen • Senior, Forward, Colorado College

MADISON, Wis. – Colorado College centerman and team captain Nick Dineen, who led all conference players with six scoring points as the Tigers split a conference road series at Nebraska Omaha last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for November 8.

A 5-10, 193-pound senior from Omaha, Neb., Dineen scored three power-play goals and set up three others for six points and fired 10 shots on goal in the two games as CC overcame a 7-5 setback to the host Mavericks last Friday with a 5-2 triumph on Saturday. After contributing two power-play goals on Nov. 4, Dineen came back to produce a career-best four points on Nov. 5 with a goal and three assists, including one on teammate Jaden Schwartz's third period, game-winning power-play marker at 13:33. In addition, Dineen won 22 of his 45 face-offs in the series and helped Colorado College successfully kill 10 of Nebraska Omaha's 12 man-advantage opportunities, including all seven last Saturday.

Through the first six games of the season, Dineen has seven points via four goals and three assists.

Also nominated: Shea Walters, F, BSU; Nick Bjugstad, F, UM; Ben Hanowski, F, SCSU; Justin Schultz, D, UW.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Kenny Reiter • Senior, Goaltender, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran goaltender Kenny Reiter, who backstopped the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs to an overtime conference road tie and victory for three-points against No. 8-ranked Denver last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for November 8.

A 6-0, 175-pound senior from Pittsburgh, Pa., Reiter stopped 59 of 62 shots on goal (.952 saves percentage) in the two-game series, posting five shutout periods and holding the host Pioneers scoreless on all nine of their power-play opportunities as the defending national champion Bulldogs recorded a 3-3 (tie) and 4-0 victory. He stopped 30 of 33 shots on goal last Friday (Nov. 4) night as UMD overcame a 3-1 second period deficit to gain the draw and then made 29 saves while registering his eighth career shut out – and second in three games – in leading the Bulldogs to the 4-0 win last Saturday (Nov. 5). Reiter held Denver scoreless for the final 101:37 of the weekend and kept his shutout intact Saturday by turning back Jason Zucker's penalty shot with 4:30 to go in the second period.

In nine games and 552:17 of action between the pipes this season, Reiter owns a 5-2-2 record with a 2.39 goals-against average and a .907 saves percentage.

Also nominated: Tim Hall, F, CC; Josh Robinson, G, MTU; Kent Patterson, G, UM; Austin Lee, G, MSU; Nick Jensen, D, SCSU.

Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week

Jean-Paul Lafontaine • Freshman, Forward, Minnesota State University

MADISON, Wis. – Left winger Jean-Paul Lafontaine, who scored a pair of goals and set up the game-winner to help Minnesota State University earn a 6-3 conference road victory at No. 16-ranked Michigan Tech last Saturday, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for November 8.

A 5-10, 172-pound freshman from Oxford, Mich., Lafontaine scored a game-opening, power-play goal for the visiting Mavericks on Nov. 4, notched a go-ahead, 5-on-5 goal at 13:32 of the second period that gave MSU a 3-2 lead, and then assisted on teammate Matt Leitner's game-winning, power-play tally at 4:49 of period three as his club secured the WCHA victory over the host Huskies. In addition to his three points, Lafontaine also fired seven shots on goal in the 1-0 loss and 6-3 victory and earned a +1 plus/minus rating.

Through the first eight games of the 2011-12 season, Lafontaine ranks as Minnesota State's top scorer with seven points on five goals and two assists.

Also nominated: Aaron Harstad, D, CC; Kyle Rau, F, UM; Andrew Prochno, D, SCSU; Matt Paape, F, UW.