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MTU's Baker, Denver's LaLeggia and Loney, UW's Rumpel Named Red Baron® WCHA Men's Players of the Week

Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week

Jordan Baker • Senior, Forward, Michigan Technological University

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran Michigan Technological University forward Jordan Baker, who registered a hat trick and five scoring points while leading the Huskies to a two-game conference sweep over visiting Alaska Anchorage last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Jan. 17.

A 5-7, 180-pound senior from Chestermere, Alberta, Baker drew an assist on the game-opening goal in Michigan Tech's 6-2 victory over the Seawolves last Friday at John MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton with a three-goal hat trick and another assist for four points on Saturday (Jan. 14) as the Huskies completed the sweep with a 6-4 triumph. Baker scored once in the first period and twice more in the third as MTU overcame a 4-3 deficit. He had the game-tying goal and the primary assist on the game-winning goal by teammate Milos Gordic. Baker's hat trick was the second of the season by a Husky, with Gordic netting the other Oct. 28 vs. Denver.

In addition to his five points in the series, Baker earned a +3 plus/minus rating and had six shots on goal. Through 23 games this season, he has 20 points (7g, 13a) to rank second on the team in scoring.

Also nominated: Andrew Krushelnyski, F, CC; Drew Shore, F, DU; J.T. Brown, F, UMD.

Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

Joey LaLeggia • Freshman, Defenseman, University of Denver

MADISON, Wis. – University of Denver defenseman Joey LaLeggia, who recorded five points, earned a +2 plus/minus rating and had six hits and two blocked shots as the Pioneers forged a two-game league sweep over visiting Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Jan. 17.

A 5-10, 180-pound rookie freshman from Burnaby, British Columbia, LaLeggia netted a go-ahead goal and one assist in DU's 6-3 triumph over the Beavers at Magness Arena last Friday (Jan. 13). He then came back on Saturday (Jan. 14) to assist on all three Denver goals in a 3-2 comeback win over BSU, including one on teammate Jason Zucker's game-winning goal at 11:50 of the third period.

LaLeggia, who leads all NCAA Div. 1 rookie blueliners in points (24), goals (9) and assists (15) this season, has also put together a six-game point-scoring streak during which he has 11 points (3g, 8a). He also ranks second among WCHA defenseman in goals and third in points.

Also nominated: Kyle Brodie, D, BSU; Gabe Guentzel, D, CC; Carl Nielsen, D, MTU; Phil Cook, G, MSU.

Red Baron® WCHA co-Rookies of the Week

Ty Loney • Freshman, Forward, University of Denver

Joel Rumpel • Freshman, Goaltender, University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of first-year players who made strong contributions to their respective teams over the weekend – forward Ty Loney of the University of Denver and goaltender Joel Rumpel of the University of Wisconsin – have been named Red Baron WCHA co-Rookies of the Week for Jan. 17.

Loney, a 6-3, 195-pounder from Valencia, Pa., helped DU to a two-game sweep over Bemidji State on Jan. 13-14. He netted first career two-goal game in a 6-3 win over the Beavers on Jan. 13 and then added a game-winning assist in 3-2 victory on Jan. 14. In addition, Loney had nine shots on goal in the series and earned a +2 plus/minus rating. He now has nine points (4g, 5a) during a career-high, five-game point streak.

Rumpel, a 6-3, 180-pounder from Swift Current, Saskatchewan, earned his first collegiate shutout with a 36-save, 4-0, gem against host Minnesota State last Friday (Jan. 13) and then went on to stop 29 of 31 shots on goal in a 3-0 setback to the Mavericks last Saturday (Jan. 14). One goal he allowed was an empty-netter while the other two came on first period MSU power-plays. For the series, Rumpel stopped 65 of 68 shots on goal for a .956 saves percentage with four shutout periods.

Also nominated: Danny Mattson, F, BSU; Peter Stoyewych, D, CC; Blake Pietila, F, MTU.