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## UND'S KRISTO, DU'S LALEGGIA, MTU'S KHAIRA NAMED RED BARON WCHA MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR NOVEMBER 20

### RED BARON WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### DANNY KRISTO • SENIOR, FORWARD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

MADISON, Wis. – Veteran University of North Dakota forward Danny Kristo, who produced three goals and five points and earned First and Second Star of the Game honors while helping his team earn three of four points over visiting conference rival Minnesota Duluth last weekend, is the Red Baron® WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for Nov. 20.

A 5-11, 185-pound senior from Eden Prairie, Minn., Kristo opened the two-game series with a pair of goals from his left wing position last Friday (Nov. 16) night at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks to earn First Star of the Game honors, scoring at 1:39 of the second period to give UND a 2-1 lead and then again at 10:39 to even the score at 3-3 as the two teams played to a 4-4 (ot) tie. Then on Saturday (Nov. 17) evening, Kristo moved over to right wing and was named the Second Star of the Game, scoring UND's first goal of the game and adding two assists in a 4-3 overtime win over the Bulldogs. He set up linemate Mark MacMillan for both the game-tying (5:53 of the third period) and game-winning goals (4:26 of overtime) on highlight-reel plays and was named the Second Star of the Game. In addition to his five points in the series, Kristo also fired nine shots on goal and earned a +2 plus/minus rating.

A draftee of the NHL's Montreal Canadiens, Kristo has now reached the scoresheet in all but one of his eight games this season and leads the North Dakota team with 12 points (4g, 8a).

Also nominated: Jordan George, F, BSU; William Rapuzzi, F, CC; Chris Knowlton, F, DU; Alex Petan, F, MTU.

### RED BARON WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### JOEY LALEGGIA • SOPHOMORE, DEFENSEMAN, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

MADISON, Wis. – University of Denver defenseman Joey LaLeggia, who was instrumental at both ends of the ice as the Pioneers swept a home-and-home conference series from arch-rival Colorado College last weekend and improved to 9-1-0 on the season, is the Red Baron® WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 20.

A 5-9, 180-pound sophomore from Burnaby, B.C., LaLeggia was the First Star of the Game last Friday (Nov. 16) night as Denver went on the road and claimed a 6-5 victory over the host Tigers at Colorado Springs World Arena. He assisted on teammate David Makowski's first period power-play goal and then scored himself at 11:03 of period two to stake DU to a 5-2 lead. Then back home at Magness Arena last Saturday (Nov. 17) evening, the Pioneers fashioned a 6-2 win over CC to earn their first weekend sweep of the Tigers since 2005, with LaLeggia assisting on Chris Knowlton's third period goal to put DU up 4-2. Along with his three points in the series, LaLeggia also put six shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating while helping Denver kill 7-of-9 opponent power-plays.

The WCHA Rookie of the Year and an All-WCHA First Team selection in 2011-12, LaLeggia is the top scoring defenseman in the league with 12 points (5g, 7a) in 10 games. He is a draftee of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers.

Also nominated: Jake Areshenko, D, BSU; Eamonn McDermott, D, CC; Kevin Genoe, G, MTU; Andrew MacWilliam, D, UND.

### RED BARON WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

#### JUJHAR KHAIRA • FRESHMAN, FORWARD, MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wis. – Michigan Technological University forward Jujhar Khaira, who had a breakout weekend with four points as the visiting Huskies' fashioned a pair of overtime league victories at Bemidji State last weekend, has been named the Red Baron® WCHA Rookie of the Week for Nov. 20.

A 6-3, 195-pound freshman center from Surrey, B.C., Khaira scored two power-play goals in the final eight minutes last Friday (Nov. 16) night at Sanford Center in Bemidji to tie the score at 4-4, then contributed the primary assist on teammate Alex Petan's game-winner at 2:12 of the extra session as MTU rallied for a 5-4 triumph. Khaira then had the primary assist on the overtime game-winner in last Saturday's (Nov. 17) 2-1 win, setting up teammate Blake Pietila for the deciding marker at 4:30. Along with his four points in the series, he also totaled seven shots on goal and earned a +1 plus/minus rating.

A draftee of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, Khaira is tied for third in scoring overall among WCHA freshmen with eight points (2g, 6a) in 10 games played.

Also nominated: Quentin Shore, F, DU.