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Bauer NCHC Players of the Week: Jan. 2-8, 2017

Denver's Terry and Borgström, UND's Wolanin and CC's Leclerc honored for week 12



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Troy Terry, Denver
Sophomore Forward
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

After leading the U.S. National Junior Team to a gold medal at the IIHF World Junior Championship Thursday in Canada, Terry earned the night off Friday after returning to campus, but played his lone game of the weekend in Saturday's series finale with Arizona State, when he tallied a career-high five points. In the 6-1 victory, the Anaheim Ducks prospect tallied two goals, including the game-winner, and added three assists. Terry set up DU's first goal, then scored the second, which was the eventual game-winner, while handing out primary assists on a pair of back-to-back power play goals in the second period. He capped his scoring with the Pioneers' final goal in the third period. Terry posted a plus-3 rating in the win and put three shots on goal (scoring on two) en route to earning First Star of the Game honors.



DEFENSEMAN OF THE WEEK

Christian Wolanin, North Dakota
Sophomore Defenseman
Detroit, Mich.

Wolanin chipped in four points while helping anchor the blue line and playing on both special teams in a sweep at Omaha. In Friday's 9-1 route, the Ottawa Senators draft pick assisted on UND's third goal, which came on the power play as part of a five-goal first period. He also posted a plus-1 rating and helped the penalty kill go 3-for-3 in the contest. The next night, Wolanin tallied a career-high three points, scoring a pair of first-period goals, with one coming on the power play, to help UND overcome an early deficit. The goals were his first of the season and marked his first career multi-goal game. He also assisted on UND's fifth goal in a 7-3 victory, while logging a plus-2 rating and earning Second Star of the Game. Wolanin finished the weekend with two goals, two assists, a plus-3 rating and three shots on goal. On special teams, he helped the Fighting Hawks go 3-for-6 on the power play each night, while UND's penalty kill finished 8-for-9.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Henrik Borgström, Denver
Freshman Forward
Helsinki, Finland

Borgström was dominant in his return to collegiate action, totaling six points in a sweep of Arizona State after missing Denver's previous six games with either an illness or participating at the IIHF World Junior Championship for his native Finland. Playing in his first DU game since Nov. 26, the Florida Panthers first-round draft pick tied a career high with three points, having a hand in three straight goals in the second period after DU fell behind, 1-0. He tied the game with his first goal of the night, then assisted on the game-winning goal, and put Denver ahead 3-1 with a power play goal seconds after the game-winner. Borgström put six shots on goal in the 5-1 win while earning First Star of the Game. He repeated his performance on Saturday with another three points, again scoring two goals, including the game's first goal, while again setting up the game-winning goal en route to Second Star of the Game accolades. Borgström finished the series with four goals, two assists, nine shots on goal and a plus-4 rating, including plus-3 in Saturday's 6-1 victory.



GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK

Alex Leclerc, Colorado College
Freshman Goaltender
Longueuil, Quebec

Leclerc racked up his third straight NCHC weekly honor by leading the Tigers to a tie and a win at then No. 1 Minnesota Duluth. He allowed only three goals in the two games, while totaling 69 saves on 72 shots faced. In Friday's 2-2 overtime tie, Leclerc compiled a career-high 43 saves, including 23 in the third period and overtime combined, as he was named Second Star of the Game. He also made 10 saves on UMD's power plays, helping kill all five man advantages Friday. The next night, Leclerc turned aside 26 shots in a 2-1 victory, again earning the game's Second Star, with nine saves coming on UMD's power plays. He finished the series with a 1-0-1 record, a 1.44 goals-against average and a .958 save percentage, while backstopping CC's penalty kill to go 9-for-10 on the weekend.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Offensive Player of the Week

Brock Boeser, So., F, UND – Returned from injury to record five points in a sweep at Omaha, scoring two goals in Friday’s win when he was plus-2, while adding another goal and two assists Saturday.

Luc Gerdes, Sr., F, CC – Assisted on all four CC goals at UMD while logging a plus-1 rating, handing out two assists each night, including on the game-winning goal in Saturday’s upset win.

Josh Melnick, So., F, Miami – Tallied three goals and a plus-1 rating in a sweep of SCSU, scoring the game-tying and game-winning goals in a come-back overtime win Friday, while adding another marker in Saturday’s win.

Defenseman of the Week

Louie Belpedio, Jr., D, Miami – Dished out three assists, all on the power play, in Miami’s sweep of St. Cloud State, including two Friday, when he set up the game-winner in overtime.

Teemu Kivihalme, Jr., D, CC – Handed out an assist in Friday’s tie at UMD, before scoring the game-winning goal in Saturday’s 2-1 upset, while blocking four shots and putting seven shots on goal in the series.

Rookie of the Week

Tyson Jost, Fr., F, UND – Returned from the World Junior Championship and chipped in four points in UND’s sweep at Omaha, tallying a goal and an assist in his return Friday, before striking twice, including the game-winner, on Saturday.

Goaltender of the Week

Cam Johnson, Jr., G, UND – Backstopped UND to a sweep at Omaha, totaling 51 saves in the two games with a 2.00 GAA and a .927 save percentage on the weekend.

Ryan Larkin, Fr., G, Miami – Led the RedHawks to their first series sweep of the season, allowing only three goals and racking up 57 saves in two wins over St. Cloud State, compiling a .950 save percentage a 1.49 goals-against average.

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2016-17 NCHC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (PREVIOUS WINNERS)

WEEK OF	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSEMAN	ROOKIE	GOALTENDER
Oct. 1-9	Brock Boeser, UND	Neal Pionk, UMD	Ben Blacker, WMU	Nick Deery, UMD
Oct. 10-16	Adam Johnson, UMD	Will Butcher, Denver	Wade Allison, WMU	Tanner Jaillet, Denver
Oct. 17-23	Brock Boeser, UND	Louie Belpedio, Miami	Nick Halloran, CC	Ryan Larkin, Miami
Oct. 24-30	Alex Lafallo, UMD	Will Butcher, Denver	Jack Ahcan, SCSU	Hunter Miska, UMD
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Matheson Iacopelli, WMU	Carson Soucy, UMD	Joey Anderson, UMD	Trevor Gorsuch, WMU
Nov. 7-13	Austin Ortega, Omaha	Luc Snuggerud, Omaha	Jack Ahcan, SCSU	Tanner Jaillet, Denver
Nov. 14-20	Matheson Iacopelli, WMU	Tucker Poolman, UND	Ryan Larkin, Miami	Cam Johnson, UND
Nov. 21-27	Dylan Gambrell, Denver	Will Butcher, Denver	Henrik Borgstrom, Denver	Evan Weninger, Omaha
Nov. 28-Dec. 4	Austin Ortega, Omaha	Will Butcher, Denver	Tyson Jost, UND	Evan Weninger, Omaha
Dec. 5-11	Wade Allison, WMU	Neal Pionk, UMD	Alex Leclerc, CC	Ben Blacker, WMU
Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Austin Ortega, Omaha	Ian Brady, Omaha	Ben Blacker, WMU	Alex Leclerc, CC
Jan. 2-8	Troy Terry, Denver	Christian Wolanin, UND	Henrik Borgstrom, Denver	Alex Leclerc, CC