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Bauer NCHC Players of the Week: February 5-11, 2018 CC's Conzo, UND's Wolanin and Thome, and SCSU's Hrenák honored for week 17



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Troy Conzo, Colorado College
Freshman Forward
Nesconset, N.Y.

Entering with three goals all season, Conzo nearly doubled his goal total while compiling three points in a split at North Dakota. He logged his first career multi-goal game in Friday's 4-2 victory, CC's first in Grand Forks since 2014, scoring each of the Tigers' first two goals, putting CC in front both times. His second goal came unassisted and short-handed for his first career short-handed tally and the Tigers' first shorty of the season. He finished a career-best +3 in the win and earned First Star of the Game. The next night, Conzo had the primary assist on CC's only goal in a 5-1 defeat, stretching his point streak to a career-long three games. He finished the series with two goals, an assist, a +1 plus/minus, three shots on goal and three blocked shots. He was also 25-25 in the faceoff circle. On the season, Conzo now has five goals and 13 points in 26 games.



DEFENSEMAN OF THE WEEK

Christian Wolanin, North Dakota
Junior Defenseman
Detroit, Mich.

Wolanin compiled three points to lead all NCHC blue liners in scoring last weekend, while helping UND earn a split with Colorado College. On Friday, he scored the Fighting Hawks' first goal of the game on a penalty shot in the second period to tie the game. The Ottawa Senators draft pick also fired five shots on goal and blocked a shot in Friday's 4-2 loss and was tabbed Second Star of the Game. A night later, Wolanin handed out assists on each of UND's first two goals, both on the power play in the second period, to break a scoreless tie and put North Dakota in front for good, with his second helper coming on the game-winning goal. He finished the series with a goal, two assists, six shots on goal and one blocked shot, while helping the penalty kill finish 9-for-9 on the weekend. On the season, Wolanin has a team-best 25 points on nine goals and 16 assists, tying for third among NCHC defensemen in scoring.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Dávid Hrenák, St. Cloud State
Freshman Goaltender
Považská Bystrica, Slovakia

In his only outing of the weekend, Hrenák recorded his third shutout of the season in a 4-0 win at Miami on Saturday. He totaled 30 saves to earn the whitewash win, including 13 in the third period with SCSU holding to a slim, 1-0 lead. One of the 13 saves he turned aside was a penalty shot in the third period to keep the Huskies in front and the shutout intact. Hrenák also made five saves to help kill all four Miami power plays on Saturday, despite Miami's unit ranking second nationally. On the season, he is now 8-4-0, while dropping his goals-against average to 1.95 and upping his save percentage to .928. His three shutouts tie for second nationally among rookie netminders.



GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK

Peter Thome, North Dakota
Freshman Goaltender
Minneapolis, Minn.

Thome allowed only two goals all weekend in a split with Colorado College, while playing nearly 75 percent of the team's minutes in net. On Friday, the Columbus Blue Jackets prospect entered in relief with UND trailing 2-1 nearly midway through the game and gave up only one more goal in an eventual 4-2 defeat, while compiling 14 saves. The next night he earned his 10th start of the season and again allowed only one goal the entire game, stopping 20 shots in a 5-1 victory. He was named Second Star of the Game on Saturday, making seven saves during CC's power plays to kill all five of the Tigers' man advantages. Thome finished the series 1-1-0 with a .944 save percentage, a 1.35 goals-against average and 34 total saves in 89 minutes of action. On the season, he is 5-3-3 while he upped his save percentage to .917 and dropped his GAA to 2.15.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Offensive Player of the Week

Patrick Newell, Jr., F, SCSU – Totaled four points and was +3 in a sweep of Miami, handing out an assist Friday, while tallying three points Saturday, including a short-handed empty-net goal and assist to close the game.

Austin Poganski, Sr., F, UND – Compiled three points in a split with CC with an assist in Friday's loss, while scoring a goal and setting up the game-winner in Saturday's victory.

Defenseman of the Week

Jon Lizotte, Jr., D, SCSU – Had the lone assist on SCSU's first goal and blocked six shots in Friday's win at Miami when he was +2, while he finished the series +5 with nine blocked shots, helping pitch a shutout on Saturday.

Alex Pernitsky, So., D, CC – Scored his first career goal and point, which was the game-winner, in Friday's 4-2 win at UND when he was +2, while he finished the series +3 with a blocked shot.

Rookie of the Week

None

Goaltender of the Week

None

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2017-18 NCHC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (PREVIOUS WINNERS)

WEEK OF	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSEMAN	ROOKIE	GOALTENDER
Oct. 2-8	Colt Conrad, WMU	Jimmy Schuldt, SCSU	Scott Perunovich, UMD	Jeff Smith, SCSU
Oct. 9-15	Mason Bergh, CC	Jimmy Schuldt, SCSU	Grant Mismash, UND	Cam Johnson, UND
Oct. 16-22	Gordie Green, Miami	Grant Hutton, Miami	Nick Swaney, UMD	Cam Johnson, UND
Oct. 23-29	David Pope, Omaha	Louie Belpedio, Miami	Grant Mismash, UND	Hunter Shepard, UMD
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Wade Allison, WMU	Corey Schueneman, WMU	David Hrenák, SCSU	Peter Thome, UND
Nov. 6-12	Mason Bergh, CC	Adam Plant, Denver	Grant Mismash, UND	Ben Blacker, WMU
Nov. 13-19	Henrik Borgström, Denver	Scott Perunovich, UMD	Easton Brodzinski, SCSU	Jeff Smith, SCSU
Nov. 20-26	Zach Jordan, Omaha	Louie Belpedio, Miami	Ben Lown, Miami	Hunter Shepard, UMD
Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Jake Wahlin, SCSU	Jimmy Schuldt, SCSU	Grant Mismash, UND	Tanner Jaillet, Denver
Dec. 4-10	Wade Allison, WMU	Scott Perunovich, UMD	Phil Knies, Miami	Alex Leclerc, CC
Dec. 11-31	Nick Halloran, CC	Ryan Jones, Omaha	Kohen Olischefski, Denver	Hunter Shepard, UMD
Jan. 1-7	Dylan Gambrell, Denver	Blake Hillman, Denver	Casey Gilling, Miami	Evan Weninger, Omaha
Jan. 8-14	Jake Randolph, Omaha	Corey Schueneman, WMU	Phil Knies, Miami	Cam Johnson, UND
Jan. 15-21	Joey Anderson, UMD	Ian Mitchell, Denver	Scott Perunovich, UMD	Tanner Jaillet, Denver
Jan. 22-28	Nick Halloran, CC/Tyler Vesel, UNO	Joel Messner, Omaha	Nick Swaney, UMD	Hunter Shepard, UMD
Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Mikey Eyssimont, SCSU	Louie Belpedio, Miami	Ethen Frank, WMU	Tanner Jaillet, Denver
Feb. 5-11	Troy Conzo, CC	Christian Wolanin, UND	David Hrenák, SCSU	Peter Thome, UND