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## **WCHA Offensive Player of the Week Jesse Rooney, F MSU, Mankato**

Jesse Rooney, a senior forward at Minnesota State University, Mankato, has been honored as the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for December 18th as a result of his outstanding efforts in a two-game home sweep over Bemidji State last weekend.

A 5-11, 190-pounder from White Bear Lake, Minn., Rooney recorded his second career hat trick and assisted on another goal in 6-2 nonconference win over Bemidji State last Saturday (Dec. 16) night at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center in Mankato. His four points in that game is also a career high.

A member of the WCHA All-Star Team for Norway Tour 2000 last August, Rooney has tallied nine goals and three assists in last seven games and also has scored at least one goal in six of the last seven games. He moved to the top of MSU's scoring charts with 13-6=19 and is MSU's active career leading scorer with 58-34=92 in 128 games. His 58 career goals rank 15th on MSU's all-time list.

The Mavericks, now 10-8-0 overall on the 2000-01 season, host the Russia Select Team on Tuesday (Dec. 19) night before breaking for the holidays.

Other nominees for the weekly award were: Ritchie Larson, F, SCSU.

## **WCHA Defensive Player of the Week Rob Anderson, G Minnesota-Duluth**

University of Minnesota-Duluth goaltender Rob Anderson, has been selected as the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for Dec. 18 after a strong performance in a two-game weekend conference series against visiting Denver.

A 6-0, 170-pound sophomore from Superior, Wisc., Anderson blanked the red-hot Pioneers in six of the seven periods (including one overtime) he played in the two-game series, stopped 58 of 61 shots on goal for a .951 saves percentage, and helped hold DU scoreless in six power-play chances on the weekend.

Last Friday (Dec. 15) night in a 1-1 overtime tie in Duluth, Anderson allowed only a first period tally at 1:36 while making 34 saves – including 17 in the first period. On Saturday (Dec. 16) evening, he came back to stop 24 of 26 shots on goal, including all 15 in the second period, as the Bulldogs yielded two third period goals in a 2-1 setback.

On the weekend, Anderson held Denver scoreless over a span of 104:56 between the first period last Friday and the third period on Saturday.

Also nominated for the weekly defensive award were: Wade Dubielewicz, G, DU; and Ben Christopherson, D, MSU.

## **WCHA Rookie of the Week Tim Jackman, F MSU, Mankato**

Minnesota State University, Mankato freshman forward Tim Jackman, who led all first-year players in scoring over the Dec. 15-17 weekend with four points in a two-game sweep over visiting Bemidji State, has been named the WCHA Rookie of the Week for December 18.

A 6-2, 190-pounder from Brooklyn Park, Minn., Jackman totalled two goals and two assists as the Mavericks posted a two-game sweep over nonconference foe Bemidji State over the weekend.

Jackman had a goal and an assist in MSU's 6-2 win last Saturday and then assisted on the game-tying goal before getting the game-winner in the Mavericks' 2-1 win over BSU on Sunday. Both goals on the weekend came via the power-play to give him a team-high five power-play markers for the season.

Jackman now has ten points (four goals and six assists) in last seven games.

Other nominees for the WCHA Rookie of the Week award for Dec. 18 were: Lukas Dora, F, DU.