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MINNEAPOLIS -- The USCHO/ITECH Men's Division III Players of the Week were announced today. Honored this week are Joe Lewis, a freshman forward from Finlandia University, as the Offensive Player of the Week and Steve Binswanger, a junior goaltender, from Wesleyan University, as the Defensive Player of the Week.

USCHO/ITECH Men's Division III Offensive Player of the Week For the week ending December 5, 2004

Joe Lewis

Freshman, Forward, Finlandia University

Finlandia forward Joe Lewis came up with huge goals all weekend against Marian. The freshman from Marquette, Mich. scored the game-tying goal with just 17 seconds left on Friday night before netting the game-winner for the Lions in overtime with 37 seconds remaining. On Saturday, he helped complete another Finlandia come-from-behind effort with the game-tying goal late in the third, in a 7-7 OT tie. He ended the weekend with four goals and three assists, and is currently tied for second in the MCHA in goals and points. Lewis is the first player for Finlandia coach Joe Burcar to be named MCHA Player of the Week.

Runner-Up: Jay Kuczmanski, Sr., SUNY-Geneseo

USCHO/ITECH Men's Division III Defensive Player of the Week For the week ending December 5, 2004

Steve Binswanger

Junior, Goaltender, Wesleyan University

Led by junior goalie Steve Binswanger, coach Chris Potter's Wesleyan Cardinals knocked off Mass.-Boston and Babson on the road. Making 76 saves while allowing only one goal each outing, Binswanger, from Blue Bell, Pa., posted a 1.00 goals against average and a .974 save percentage in the two wins. He had 51 saves in the 3-1 victory over Babson, which entered the contest ranked nationally in scoring offense averaging almost five goals per game. Binswanger was NESCAC Player of the Week.

Runner-Up: Matt Burzon, So., Milwaukee School of Engineering

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