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Lions Awarded Player of the Week Honors

HANCOCK, MI – Two Finlandia University men's hockey student-athletes have been awarded player of the week honors by the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association for the week of February 9, 2009.

Lions junior forward Brandon VanAcker (Lincoln Park, Mich.) is this week's MCHA Player of the Week. His play sparked the Lions to back-to-back wins in two contests against University of Minnesota-Crookston last weekend. VanAcker posted two assists in Friday's win and four more points (2 PP G/2A) on Saturday to complete the weekend sweep. He was +3 on the weekend and helped the power play unit go 5-for-15 in the two games.

MCHA Freshman of the Week honors went to Finlandia freshman forward Charlie Benik (Andover, Minn.). Benik scored the first hat trick of his career Friday and added an assist. He followed that up with another assist in Saturday's victory and finished the weekend +3 on the ice.

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