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DOWD JR. AND OSTMAN NAMED USHL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Defenseman and netminder helped Chicago to a weekend split on home ice

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — Two members of the Chicago Steel were named Players of the Week for their respective positions, the United States Hockey League announced Wednesday.

Defenseman Jimmy Dowd Jr. and netminder Victor Ostman were selected for their standout performances over a pair of games on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The honor is the first of the season for Dowd Jr. and second of the year for Ostman.

Dowd Jr., a Penn State University commit, registered a career-best three-point night (1G, 2A) in Friday's 4-0 win against the Madison Capitols and backed up the performance with another multi-point outing (1G, 1A) in a 7-6 loss to the Des Moines Buccaneers the following night.

"I've been a believer in Jimmy Dowd, Jr. for a long time," said Steel General Manager Ryan Hardy. "This year, he leads our team in expected goal percentage, as well as scoring chance differential. He has never received enough respect for how good of a player he is, so I'm thrilled to see him recognized by the league and I'm hopeful that NHL scouts will start recognizing his talent in short order."

Ostman turned away all 30 shots he faced in the 4-0 victory over Madison on Fri., Jan. 31 at Fox Valley Ice Arena. The Danderyd, Sweden, native now has two shutouts this season and his 18 wins between the Steel pipes pace USHL netminders. Ostman ranks fourth in the league with a 2.32 goals-against average and sixth with a save percentage of .909.

"Victor's work ethic is incredible," said Steel Assistant Coach Mike Garman. "He's one of the most purposeful goalies I've ever seen. Every day, every rep he's working to get better. He's been a rock for our team and will only keep improving."

Both players have helped the Chicago Steel to the top of the USHL standings just past the halfway-point of the season with a 28-7-1-0 record (57 pts).

Chicago Steel games may be heard on Mixlr at <http://mixlr.com/chicago-steel/> (AUDIO) and video may be streamed on available devices through HockeyTV at www.hockeytv.com (VIDEO).

Chicago Steel Upcoming Home Games:

Sun., Feb. 9 vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks 3:05 pm (Daddy Daughter Princess Day featuring an appearance by Belle!, Topgolf Family Pack)

Sat., Feb. 15 vs. Team USA 7:05 pm (Chicago Blackhawks Night)

Sun., Feb. 16 vs. Team USA 3:05 pm (LEGOLAND Day presented by LEGOLAND Schaumburg, Topgolf Family Pack)

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