

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Dec. 21, 2016)

MEN: BRAXTON REEVES, East Central University (Great American Conference), 6-4, Sr., G, Fort Worth, Texas

Braxton Reeves has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-4 guard led East Central University to a pair of non-conference victories with a historic scoring outburst last week.

After tying the Great American Conference single-game scoring record with 40 points in a 94-84 win over Texas A&M-Commerce, Reeves exploded for a new conference-record with 45 points to lead the Tigers to an 86-69 victory over Cameron. He scored 22 points in a 36-7 run that rallied East Central from a 10-point second-half deficit against Cameron, and he finished the game 15-for-25 from the field including 11-for-19 on three-pointers. Reeves was also a perfect 15-for-15 from the free throw line on the week.

WOMEN: KAYLA GABOR, Lake Erie College (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 5-10, Jr., G, Mentor, Ohio

Kayla Gabor of Lake Erie College was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending December 19.

Gabor, a 5-10 junior guard, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division Player of the Week after averaging 25.0 points, 7.0 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game in a pair of victories last week for the Storm.

Gabor began the week with a career-high 30 points in an 81-62 win over Lake Superior State last Thursday, netting 10-of-18 field goals, while adding eight assists and four steals.

She then capped her week with 20 points, knocking down 3-of-4 three-pointers, 10 rebounds and six assists in an 80-78 win over Northwood on Saturday.

In the two games, Gabor shot 51 percent from the floor, including 67 percent (8-of-12) from three-point range and made 6-of-7 free throw attempts.

Gabor leads the GLIAC and ranks 17th in NCAA DII in scoring with 20.0 points per game.

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Nov. 15: C.J. Carr, Missouri Southern (Men); Hailey Tucker, Southwestern Oklahoma State (Women)

Nov. 22: Michael Mallory, Southern Connecticut State (Men); McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne (Women)

Nov. 29: Michael Smith, California Baptist (Men); Laney Lewis, Ursuline (Women)

Dec. 6: Phil Taylor, Shorter (Men); Madison Rowland, Queens, N.Y. (Women)

Dec. 13: Petar Kutlesic, Azusa Pacific (Men); Dana Watts, American International (Women)

Dec. 20: Braxton Reeves, East Central (Men); Kayla Gabor, Lake Erie (Women)