

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Jan. 3, 2017)

MEN: MARC MATTHEWS, Montana State University Billings (Great Northwest Athletic Conference), 6-2, Sr., G, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Marc Matthews has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-2 guard led Montana State University Billings to a pair of Great Northwest Athletic Conference road victories, including an upset over No. 19-ranked Western Washington.

Matthews finished with 48 points and shot 61 percent (17-for-28) from the field and 56 percent (10-for-18) from three-point range on the week. After leading the Yellowjackets to a 107-66 win at Simon Fraser with 20 points, five rebounds, four assists, and four steals, he poured in 28 points with eight rebounds and five assists to lead MSU Billings (8-4 overall, 3-1 GNAC) to the 100-93 upset of No. 19 Western Washington.

WOMEN: ANDI DAUGHERTY, Ashland University (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 6-1, Jr., F, Fresno, Ohio

Andi Daugherty of Ashland University was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending January 1.

Daugherty, a 6-1 junior forward, was selected as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division Player of the Week after leading the top-ranked Eagles to an 88-83 win at No. 4 Bellarmine last Friday.

Daugherty posted 28 points, the second-most of her Eagle career, and a season-high-tying nine rebounds in the victory, connecting on 12-of-17 field goal attempts. She scored nine points as Ashland jumped out to a 17-2 lead, then recorded eight points as Bellarmine attempted a fourth-quarter comeback. Ashland improved to 14-0 with the win.

Daugherty recorded her 17th 20-plus-point game of her career and now has 1,156 career points, the 15th most in Ashland history.

2016-17 USBWA National Players of Week:

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)

Jan. 3: Marc Matthews, Montana State Billings (Men); Andi Daugherty, Ashland (Women)