

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Jan. 17, 2017)

MEN: DEVIN SCHMIDT, Delta State University (Gulf South Conference), 6-4, Sr., G, Sevierville, Tenn.

Devin Schmidt has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-4, 215-pound guard averaged 29.3 points and 6.0 rebounds in three Gulf South Conference victories last week which propelled Delta State University into a tie for the lead in the Gulf South standings.

Schmidt scored a career-high 47 points with nine rebounds and a block in the Statesmen's 90-81 win over No. 21-ranked Alabama-Huntsville, hitting 18-of-29 shots from the field including 7-of-13 from three-point range. That performance came on the heels of a 26-point, four-rebound effort in an 84-80 win over North Alabama. Schmidt also tallied 15 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists in Delta State's 57-54 victory over West Alabama, and he now ranks second in the league and fifth nationally in scoring with 24.9 points per game. The senior guard has 2,246 points in his career, which ranks second in GSC history, and he is 323 points away from the league's all-time scoring record, which was set in 1979 by Larry Wilson, who scored 2,569 points in his career at Nicholls State.

WOMEN: CASSIDY MIHALKO, California Baptist University (Pacific West Conference), 5-10, Sr., G, Franklin, Wis.

Cassidy Mihalko of California Baptist University was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending January 15.

Mihalko, a 5-10 senior guard from Franklin, Wis., was selected the PacWest Conference Player of the Week after averaging 28.5 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game in helping Cal Baptist to a pair of victories last week, bringing the Lancers' winning streak to 14.

Mihalko scored 27 points in an 82-76 road victory at Azusa Pacific last Thursday, knocking down 8-of-17 field goals, including 5-of-7 from three-point range, while adding six rebounds and three steals.

She then scored 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in a 109-82 win over Concordia (CA) on Saturday. Mihalko went 12-of-19 from the floor and converted all five free throw attempts, while also collecting four steals.

She finished the week shooting 55.5 percent from the floor and was 11-of-14 (78.6 percent) at the free-throw line.

Mihalko has helped No. 11 ranked Cal Baptist to an 18-2 record, including a 9-0 PacWest record.

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)

Jan. 10: Will Vorhees, Notre Dame, Ohio (Men); Miki Glenn, California, Pa. (Women)

Jan. 17: Devin Schmidt, Delta State (Men); Cassidy Mihalko, California Baptist (Women)