

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Feb. 7, 2017)

MEN: SUKI WIGGS, University of Alaska Anchorage (Great Northwest Athletic Conference), 6-4, Sr., G, Seattle, Wash.

Suki Wiggs has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-4 guard posted back-to-back 30-point games for the second straight week as Alaska Anchorage posted Great Northwest Athletic Conference victories at home over No. 13-ranked Western Washington and Simon Fraser.

Wiggs averaged over a point per minute for the week, scoring 32 points on 12-of-17 shooting in the 87-79 upset of Western Washington before tallying 34 points on 8-of-15 shooting with five three-pointers and 13-of-15 free throws in a 73-45 victory over Simon Fraser. For the week, Wiggs averaged 33.0 point, 5.5 rebounds, and 3.0 assists per game, and he shot 62.5 percent (20-for-32) from the field, 53.8 percent (7-for-13) on three-pointers, and 82.6 percent (19-for-23) from the free throw line. Alaska Anchorage is now 17-5 overall, and the Seawolves are tied for the GNAC lead with Western Washington with an 11-3 conference record.

WOMEN: TESS BRUFFEY, Lubbock Christian University (Heartland Conference), 6-4, Jr., F, Lubbock, Texas

Tess Bruffey of Lubbock Christian University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending February 5.

Bruffey, a 6-4 junior forward, was named the Heartland Conference Player of the Week after averaging 21 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks per game, which included notching the program's third triple-double, as the Lady Chaps posted a 2-1 record.

Her triple-double came against previous conference leader St. Mary's as she posted 21 points, 13 rebounds and 10 blocks in the 70-56 victory last Saturday. The 10 blocks matched a program and Heartland Conference single-game record.

The Lubbock, Texas native opened the week with 25 points and 11 rebounds despite a 61-60 road loss at Newman. Bruffey followed with 17 points in an 84-49 win at Texas A&M International in the NCAA Division II Basketball Showcase game before a nationally televised audience.

She is averaging 14.3 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.4 blocks per game for Lubbock Christian, which is 12-9 overall, including 7-3 in the Heartland Conference.

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)

Jan. 24: Charles Clark, Carson-Newman (Men); Taylor Peacocke, Western Washington (Women)

Jan. 31: John Moon, Oklahoma Christian (Men); Kiara Etheridge, St.Mary's (Women)

Feb. 7: Suki Wiggs, Alaska Anchorage (Men); Tess Bruffey, Lubbock Christian (Women)