

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Feb. 21, 2017)

MEN: MARTYCE KIMBROUGH, Findlay University (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 6-1, Jr., G, Lima, Ohio

Martyce Kimbrough has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-1 guard averaged 35.0 points in a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference victories for Findlay, which improved to 21-5 overall and 15-4 in GLIAC play. Kimbrough scored a career-high 41 points in a 105-87 win over Tiffin University, hitting a school-record 11 three-pointers in the victory. He added 29 points in an 85-65 win over Ashland University to close out the week.

Kimbrough shot 57 percent (24-for-42) from the field for the week, and he was even better from beyond the three-point line, converting three-pointers at 59 percent (16-for-27) while hitting 6-of-6 free throws on the week. In his 41-point effort, he was 14-for-19 from the field and 11-for-15 on three-pointers, and he added three rebounds and three assists. Two nights later, he was 10-for-23 from the field, hitting 5-of-12 three-pointers in a 29-point, three-rebound, two-assist performance.

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

For the second time in the last three weeks, Tess Bruffey of Lubbock Christian has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending February 21.

Bruffey, a 6-4 junior forward, was named the Heartland Conference Player of the Week for the third straight week after averaging 24 points, 8.5 rebounds and 5.5 blocks per game in helping the Lady Chaps to a pair of home victories.

Bruffey began the week with a career-high 30 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in a 60-55 win over Newman last Thursday, becoming the first Lady Chap since the 2013-14 season to notch 30 points.

She then added 18 points, six rebounds and eight blocks in just 23 minutes in a 100-60 victory over Oklahoma Panhandle State on Saturday. Bruffey also netted three three-pointers in that victory, helping LCU not a program single-game record 18 three-pointers. On the week, Bruffey was 6-of-11 (.545) from long range and also eclipsed the 250 career blocks mark.

Bruffey is averaging team-bests of 15.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game and ranks second nationally in NCAA DII with 3.87 blocks per game.

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)

Feb.14: Gage Davis, St. Cloud State (Men); Autummn Williams, Alaska Anchorage (Women)

Feb. 21: Martyce Kimbrough, Findlay (Men); Tess Bruffey, Lubbock Christian (Women)