

## **USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Jan. 9, 2018)**

**MEN: KEDAR SALAM, Simon Fraser University (Great Northwest Athletic Conference), 6-5, Sr., G**  
**Hometown: Toronto, Ontario**

Kedar Salam was selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-5, 205-pound guard averaged 33.5 points in two games for Simon Fraser University last week. Salam scored 40 points to lead the Clan to a 91-78 win over Central Washington University, and he scored a team-high 27 points with five assists in a narrow 82-81 defeat to Northwest Nazarene University to close out the week.

Salam shot 54 percent (22-for-41) from the field on the week, including a 47 percent (8-for-17) clip from three-point range, and he shot a perfect 15-for-15 from the free throw line. He added six rebounds in each game. With the split on the week, Simon Fraser is now 8-6 overall with a 2-4 record in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

**WOMEN: JESSICA KELLIHER, Lewis University (Great Lakes Valley Conference), 6-0, Jr., F**  
**Hometown: Waukesha, Wis.**

Jessica Kelliher of Lewis University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending January 7.

The junior forward was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week for the fourth time this season after averaging 28 points, 10 rebounds, two assists, 1.5 steals and 1.5 blocks per game in leading the Flyers to a pair of league victories.

Kelliher recorded 30 points on 12-of-17 shooting to go along with nine rebounds and two blocks in an 82-59 win over Illinois Springfield on Thursday. The Waukesha, Wis., native followed that up with 26 points on 11-of-13 shooting in a 73-58 road win at Truman State on Saturday, while adding 11 rebounds, four assists and three steals.

She finished the week shooting 76.7 percent (23-of-30) from the field, while Lewis improved its record to 11-4.

Kelliher leads NCAA DII in scoring with 25.3 points per game.

### **2017-18 USBWA National Players of Week:**

Nov. 21: Ethan Ridgeway, Kutztown (Men); Laney Lewis, Ursuline (Women)

Nov. 28: Drew Guebert, Sioux Falls (Men); Hailey Tucker, Southwestern Oklahoma State (Women)

Dec. 5: Trey Dreschel, Western Washington (Men); Alisha Breen, Montana State Billings (Women)

Dec. 12: Sam Daniel, Florida Tech (Men); Jodi Johnson, Ashland (Women)

Dec. 21: Darien McClain, Azusa Pacific (Men); Martha Burse, Indianapolis (Women)

Jan. 3: Justin Reyes, St. Thomas Aquinas (Men); Zhane Robinson, Bloomfield (Women)

Jan. 10: Kedar Salam, Simon Fraser (Men); Jessica Kelliher, Lewis (Women)