

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Dec. 6, 2016)

MEN: PHIL TAYLOR, Shorter University (Gulf South Conference), 5-10, Sr., G, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Phil Taylor has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 5-foot-10 guard from Shorter University broke the Gulf South Conference single-game scoring record with a 62-point performance against Carver Bible College. Taylor leads the nation in scoring at 35.8 points per game, and he added 32 points in Shorter's second game last week, an 86-70 loss to Lee (Tenn.).

In Taylor's record-setting 62-point effort, he went 19-for-34 from the floor, including a 9-for-15 clip from 3-point range. He also knocked down 15-of-19 free throws to go with six rebounds and five assists in Shorter's 109-86 win over Carver Bible.

Taylor went 13-of-19 on free throws and 7-of-18 from the field with five three-pointers in Shorter's GSC opener at Lee.

WOMEN: MADISON ROWLAND, Queens College (East Coast Conference), 5-10, Sr., F, Albany, N.Y.

Madison Rowland of Queens (N.Y.) College was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending December 4.

Rowland, a 5-10 senior guard/forward, was named the East Coast Conference (ECC) Player of the Week for the second straight week after averaging 25.0 points, 15.0 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 4.5 steals in a pair of victories for the Knights last week.

Rowland opened the week with 25 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and three steals in an 82-54 home win over Mercy on Wednesday and followed that up with 25 points and a career-best 20 rebounds, including eight on the offensive end, to go with five assists and six steals in a 72-61 win at NYIT on Saturday.

Rowland, who shot 55.3 percent from the field on the week, also surpassed 400 career steals, becoming just the third player in ECC history and the 22nd in NCAA Division II to accomplish the feat.

Queens is 7-1 overall, including 3-0 in the ECC.

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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)