

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

MEN: ETHAN RIDGEWAY, Kutztown University (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference), 5-10, Sr., G
Hometown: West Chester, Pa.

Ethan Ridgeway claimed the first U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week award of the 2017-18 season after the 5-foot-10, 155-pound guard averaged 31 points to lead Kutztown University to two victories in three games last week.

Ridgeway tied his career-high in scoring with a 40-point effort against California University of Pennsylvania, hitting 13-of-26 from the field including 4-of-5 on 3-pointers. He was also a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line, part of an active streak of 23 consecutive made free throws. Ridgeway scored 23 points to open the week in an 88-81 win over University of the Sciences, and he followed his 40-point game with 30 points in an 86-72 win over Slippery Rock University.

In addition to his 31-point scoring average, Ridgeway averaged 5.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game. For the week, he shot 54.5 percent (30-for-55) from the field, 61.5 percent (8-for-13) from three-point range, and 96.2 percent (25-for-26) from the free throw line.

WOMEN: LANEY LEWIS, Ursuline College (Great Midwest Athletic Conference), 6-1, Sr., F
Hometown: Lynchburg, Ohio

Laney Lewis of Ursuline College has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending November 19.

The senior forward was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week after averaging a triple-double with 19 points, 13.5 rebounds and 11 assists per game as the Arrows defeated West Liberty and Saginaw Valley State.

Lewis, the two-time reigning Great Midwest Player of the Year, scored 23 points and dished out 11 assists to go with seven rebounds, four blocks and four steals in a 105-85 home victory over West Liberty.

Lewis then recorded 15 points, 20 rebounds and 11 assists in an 80-71 win at regional foe Saginaw Valley State, while adding two blocks and a steal.

The Lynchburg, Ohio native also averaged three blocks and 2.5 steals in the two victories, while shooting 45 percent from the field and 75 percent (12-of-16) at the free-throw line.

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