

## **USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Dec. 12, 2017)**

**MEN: SAM DANIEL, Florida Institute of Technology (Sunshine State Conference), 6-8, Sr., F**  
**Hometown: Kingsland, Ga.**

Sam Daniel was selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward exploded for 47 points in a 103-99 road win over Nova Southeastern University, which was ranked 24th in the D2SIDA national poll and was receiving votes in the weekly coaches poll.

Daniel hit 15-of-23 (65 percent) from the field in the Panthers' only game of the week, hitting 7-of-12 (58 percent) three-pointers and 10-of-14 (71 percent) free throws. The 47 points was Daniel's career-high, and he scored 26 points in the first half before added 21 points in the second half to help Florida Tech hang on for the win. Daniel also set the Rick Case Arena scoring record with his 47-point effort, and he added 8 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals to help the Panthers improve to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in Sunshine State Conference play.

**WOMEN: JODI JOHNSON, Ashland University (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 5-10, So., G**  
**Hometown: Wadsworth, Ohio**

Jodi Johnson of Ashland University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending December 10.

The sophomore guard was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division Player of the Week after helping the top-ranked Eagles to two victories to open conference play. Johnson filled the stat sheet by averaging 19.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 7.0 steals and 5.5 assists per game, all while averaging just 23.5 minutes per outing.

She began the week with 18 points, six rebounds, seven assists and six steals in a 120-70 win over Wayne State on Thursday, netting 6-of-11 field goals and going 5-of-6 at the free throw line.

Johnson then added 21 points on 10-of-15 shooting in a 96-50 victory over Davenport on Saturday, while adding eight rebounds, eight steals and four assists.

The Wadsworth, Ohio native finished the week shooting 61.5 percent from the field and 83 percent at the free-throw line to help Ashland improve to 10-0.

Johnson leads the GLIAC in field goal percentage (60.6) and is second in scoring (19.8 ppg).

### **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)