

## **USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Jan. 23, 2018)**

**MEN: MIKE WELLS, Saginaw Valley State University (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 5-8, Sr., G**  
**Hometown: Delaware, Ohio**

Mike Wells Jr. was selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 5-foot-8, 170-pound guard averaged 27.0 points, 3.0 rebounds, and 5.0 assists to lead Saginaw Valley State University to a pair of GLIAC victories last week. Wells Jr. scored a career-high 35 points, including 31 points in the second and 21 consecutive points in one stretch to lead the Cardinals to a 72-66 win over GLIAC South Division-leading Ashland University. He added another 19 points with 6 assists in an 86-69 win over Tiffin University.

For the week, Wells Jr. shot 67 percent (18-for-27) from the field, including 8-of-10 three-pointers, and he was also 10-for-11 from the free throw line. Saginaw Valley State has three consecutive wins, improving to 8-11 overall (5-6 GLIAC).

**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 21.

The junior forward was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week for the fifth time this season after averaging a double-double of 27 points and 10.33 rebounds per game in helping the Flyers to three league wins. The Waukesha, Wis., native also shot 65.9 percent from the field and added 1.7 assists and 1.3 steals per game as Lewis extend its win streak to nine games.

In last Monday's 87-51 win at Wisconsin-Parkside, Kelliher scored 24 points on 8-for-11 shooting, while grabbing 10 rebounds and recording three assists and a steal. She followed that up with 31 points on 11-for-17 shooting to go with 11 boards, two assists and a steal in a 71-57 win over Rockhurst on Thursday, marking the fifth time this season she has scored at least 30 points in a game. Kelliher concluded the week with 26 points on 8-for-13 shooting, while also tallying 10 rebounds, two blocks and two steals in a 65-51 win over William Jewell on Saturday.

Kelliher, who was also named the USBWA Women's DII National Player of the Week for the week of January 7, leads NCAA Division II in scoring with 25.2 points per game and is third in field goal shooting percentage at 66 percent.

### **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)  
Jan. 16: Ryan Quaid, West Texas A&M (Men); Riley Fitzwater, Concord (Women)  
Jan. 23: Mike Wells, Saginaw Valley State (Men); Jessica Kelliher, Lewis (Women)