

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Feb. 20, 2018)

MEN: TOMMY BOLTE, Concord University (Mountain East Conference), 6-1, Jr., G
Hometown: Chillicothe, Ohio

Tommy Bolte is the first player to receive U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week in consecutive weeks since the Division II national player of the week program's inception in the 2014-15 season. He also represents the third consecutive award winner from the Mountain East Conference. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard averaged 35.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists for Concord, which swept a pair of MEC contests last week.

Bolte is the leading scorer in NCAA Division II this season, averaging 30.3 points per game, and he is averaging 38 points over the past four games. He kicked off the week with 37 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals to lead the Mountain Lions to a 95-86 win over Notre Dame College, and he added 34 points and 7 rebounds in a 63-60 victory over Urbana University. Bolte scored the final eight points of Concord's win over Urbana.

On the week, Bolte shot 54 percent (22-for-41) from the field and shot 88 percent (21-for-24) from the free throw line.

WOMEN: MARISSA BROWN, West Liberty University (Mountain East Conference), 6-3, Jr., F
Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Marissa Brown of West Liberty University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending February 18.

The junior forward was named the Mountain East Conference Player of the Week after a pair of record-shattering performances in which she averaged 38.5 points and 17 rebounds.

The Columbus, Ohio native began the week by pouring in 34 points on 17-of-27 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds in an 81-19 last second loss at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Brown then nearly helped the Bobcats to an upset against No. 8 ranked Glenville State on Saturday, connecting for a NCAA DII season-high 43 points, while pulling down 25 rebounds to go along with five blocked shots and three steals in the 106-103 loss. She went 20-of-24 from the field, setting a Mountain East Conference record for field goals made, which is also the most by an NCAA woman, regardless of division, this season.

Brown finished the week connecting at a 72.5 percent clip and averaged 3.5 blocks per game. She ranks fifth in NCAA DII with 23 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)
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)
Jan. 30: Kyle Monroe, Michigan Tech (Men); Kori West, King (Women)
Feb. 6: Haywood Highsmith, Wheeling Jesuit (Men); Felecity Havens, Mount Olive (Women)
Feb. 13: Tommy Bolte, Concord (Men); Jessica Kelliher, Lewis (Women)
Feb. 20: Tommy Bolte, Concord (Men); Marissa Brown, West Liberty (Women)