

USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Feb. 27, 2018)

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

For the third consecutive week, Tommy Bolte was selected as the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week, becoming the first-ever three-time winner of the award since the Division II national player of the week program's inception in the 2014-15 season. He also represents the fourth consecutive national player of the week from the Mountain East Conference.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard averaged 40.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 6.5 assists for Concord, which swept a pair of MEC games last week to finish the regular season with a four-game winning streak. He started the week by tying the conference scoring record with 49 points along with 7 rebounds and 6 assists in a 95-91 win over West Virginia State. Three nights later, he scored 32 points with 8 rebounds and 7 assists and 3 steals to lead the Mountain Lions to a 90-81 victory over University of Virginia's College at Wise. It was his 13th game of 30 points or more on the season.

Bolte is the leading scorer in NCAA Division II this season, averaging 31.2 points per game, and over the past three weeks (six games) he is averaging 38.8 points per game. On the week, Bolte shot 48 percent (24-for-50) overall from the field, including a 60 percent (9-for-15) clip from three-point range, and he shot 92 percent (24-for-26) from the free throw line.

WOMEN: CASSIDY BOENSCH, Grand Valley State University (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), 6-4, So., C
Hometown: Au Gres, Mich.

Cassidy Boensch of Grand Valley State University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women's Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending February 25.

The sophomore center earned her third straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference North Division Player of the Week award after leading the Lakers to two wins behind a pair of double-doubles, averaging 24.5 points, 11.5 rebounds and five blocks per game.

Boensch scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in last Thursday's 82-43 win at Lake Superior State, knocking down 7-of-11 field goals and all three free throws, while also blocking four shots.

The Au Gres, Mich., native then poured in a career-high 32 points on 13-of-16 shooting in a 77-64 win at Ferris State on Saturday, while also collecting 12 rebounds and six blocked shots.

On the week, Boensch shot 74.1 percent from the field and 75 percent at the free throw line.

She leads the GLIAC in field goal percentage at 63.8 percent and is fourth with 51 blocked shots.

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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)
Feb. 27: Tommy Bolte, Concord (Men); Cassidy Boensch, Grand Valley State (Women)