USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Nov. 15, 2016)

MEN: C.J. CARR, Missouri Southern State University (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association), 5-8, 160, Jr., G, Rock Island, Ill.

C.J. Carr has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men’s Basketball Player of the Week, earning the first national honor of the 2016-17 season after the 5-foot-8 junior guard led Missouri Southern State University to a pair of non-conference victories to open the season last weekend. Carr averaged 36.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, 7.5 assists, and 7.0 steals per game in victories over St. Cloud State and No. 17-ranked Minnesota State-Mankato at the MIAA/NSIC Challenge in St. Cloud, Minn.

Carr scored 47 points, the second most in school history, to lead the Lions to the 109-103 double-overtime win over Minnesota State-Mankato. That performance followed his 25-point, 12-rebound double-double in an 82-71 victory over tournament host St. Cloud State. He also recorded seven steals in each game of the opening-weekend tournament.

WOMEN: HAILEY TUCKER, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Great American Conference), 6-2., So., Bartlesville, Okla.

Hailey Tucker of Southwest Oklahoma State University was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women’s Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending November 13.

The sophomore guard was named the Great American Conference Player of the Week after averaging 23.0 points and 11.0 rebounds per game as the Lady Dawgs opened the season with a pair of games in the GAC/MIAA Crossover in Emporia, Kan.

Tucker, the reigning GAC Freshman of the Year, recorded 26 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots in an 87-65 loss at No. 4 ranked Emporia State before registering her second straight double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds in a 90-73 win over Missouri Southern State. She shot 60 percent from the floor in the win, connecting on 9-of-15 field goals.

The Bartlesville, Okla., native finished the week shooting 53 percent from the field and also averaged 2.0 assists per game.

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