USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Nov. 22, 2016)

MEN: MICHAEL MALLORY, Southern Connecticut State University (Northeast-10 Conference), 6-1, Sr., G, Waterbury, Conn.

Michael Mallory has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men’s Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-1 guard led Southern Connecticut State University to a pair of victories last week. Mallory, a Sporting News preseason second team All-American, averaged 31.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.5 blocks, and 2.0 steals in the Owls’ victories over Adelphi University and University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

Mallory scored 29 points and recorded six rebounds in an 82-70 win over Adelphi, which was the Northeast-10 Conference opener for SCSU, and he moved into second place on the Owls’ all-time scoring list after a 34-point performance in Saturday’s 81-71 win at USciences in Philadelphia. Mallory now has 1,908 points in his career and needs 28 points to break the SCSU career scoring record, which was set in 1990 by Rich Radicioni.

WOMEN: MCKAYLA ROBERTS, Le Moyne College (Northeast-10 Conference), 5-4, Fr., North Syracuse, N.Y.

McKayla Roberts of Le Moyne College was named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women’s Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending November 22.

Roberts, a 5-4 freshman guard, was named the Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Week after averaging 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 5.5 rebounds as the Dolphins went 2-0 last week.

Roberts flirted with a triple-double with 23 points, nine assists and eight rebounds in a 72-56 win at New Haven last Wednesday. She then tallied a freshman program record-tying 28 points, including 15 in the second half, to go along with four assists and three rebounds in a 63-40 victory over Pace on Saturday.

The North Syracuse, N.Y., native finished the week shooting 61.5 percent from the field, including 60 percent (9-of-15) from three-point range. She also connected on 10-of-12 (83.3 percent) at the free throw line.

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Nov. 15: C.J. Carr, Missouri Southern (Men); Hailey Tucker, Southwestern Oklahoma State (Women)
Nov. 22: Michael Mallory, Southern Connecticut State (Men); McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne (Women)