USBWA NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (Jan. 24, 2017)

MEN: CHARLES CLARK, Carson-Newman University (South Atlantic Conference), 6-2, Jr., G, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Charles Clark has been selected the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-2, 185-pound guard averaged 27.5 points and 13.0 rebounds with back-to-back double-doubles while leading Carson-Newman to a pair of South Atlantic Conference victories last week.

Clark scored 27 points with 13 rebounds and 6 assists in a 100-77 win over Anderson, and he followed that performance with 28 points, 13 rebounds, and 7 assists to lead the Eagles to a 110-91 win over Newberry. For the week, he shot 66 percent (21-for-32) from the field, including an 11-for-14 effort in the Anderson win. His 13 rebounds in both games were career-bests, and his performances marked the first time in his career that the junior guard produced consecutive double-doubles.

WOMEN: TAYLOR PEACOCKE, Western Washington University (Great Northwest Athletic Conference), 5-9, Sr., G, Kenmore, Wash.

Taylor Peacocke of Western Washington University has been named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Women’s Division II National Player of the Week for the week ending January 22.

Peacocke, a 5-9 senior guard from Kenmore, Wash., earned Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Player of the Week honors after exploding for 68 points in two wins for the Vikings.

She poured in a career-high 41 points in last Tuesday’s 84-72 win at Simon Fraser, the second most single game points in WWU history and tied for third-best in GNAC history. Peacocke finished 13-of-19 from the field, including 5-of-8 from three-point range, and netted all 10 of her free throw attempts. She also recorded four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Peacocke went on to score 27 points in last Saturday’s 63-59 win over Montana State Billings. She converted a four-point play with 1:28 left to give WWU the lead and proceeded to score the final eight points of the game. Peacocke was 9-of-14 from the field, including 2-of-3, from long distance and made all seven free throw attempts.

On the week, she shot 66.7 percent from the field, including 63.6 percent (7-of-11) from three-point range and was a perfect 17-17 at the charity stripe.

Peacocke leads all of NCAA Division II averaging 23.7 points per game. Western Washington is 15-3 overall, including 9-1 in the GNAC, and has won nine straight.

2016-17 USBWA National Players of Week:
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)
Nov. 29: Michael Smith, California Baptist (Men); Laney Lewis, Ursuline (Women)
Dec. 6: Phil Taylor, Shorter (Men); Madison Rowland, Queens, N.Y. (Women)
Dec. 13: Petar Kutlesic, Azusa Pacific (Men); Dana Watts, American International (Women)
Dec. 20: Braxton Reeves, East Central (Men); Kayla Gabor, Lake Erie (Women)
Jan. 3: Marc Matthews, Montana State Billings (Men); Andi Daugherty, Ashland (Women)
Jan. 10: Will Vorhees, Notre Dame, Ohio (Men); Miki Glenn, California, Pa. (Women)
Jan. 17: Devin Schmidt, Delta State (Men); Cassidy Mihalko, California Baptist (Women)
Jan. 24: Charles Clark, Carson-Newman (Men); Taylor Peacocke, Western Washington (Women)