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NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Ryan Blount of the University of Tampa and Natalie Bremer of Minnesota State University have been selected as this week's national players of the week by the NCAA Division II Conference Information Directors of America for the week of Dec. 15-21.

MEN: Ryan Blount, 6-6, Sophomore, Tampa

Hometown: Oviedo, Florida

Blount propelled the Spartans to a 3-0 week and 7-4 overall mark heading into the holiday break as he averaged 25.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game, scoring at least 20 points in all three contests. He opened the week by tallying 27 points on eight-of-12 shooting from the field – including five-of-six from three-point range – and adding 11 rebounds and five assists in a 79-78 win over Lynn, as he scored 17 of his points in the second half. Blount followed that with a 20-point effort with seven rebounds four assists and three steals in the Spartans' 79-73 win over Indianapolis on Saturday.

On Sunday, Blount finished with 30 points in Tampa's 92-77 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas, adding four rebounds and four assists as he also made six three-pointers as part of an 11-of-20 shooting day. For the week, Blount shot 56 percent (27-of-48) from the field, 52 percent (13-of-25) from three-point range and was 10-of-12 at the free throw line. Blount was selected as the Player of the Week in the Sunshine State Conference.

WOMEN: Natalie Bremer, 5-11, Senior, Minnesota State

Hometown: Lake City, Minnesota

Bremer was named as the D2CIDA National Player of the Week for the second time this season after averaging 26 points, five rebounds, five steals and 1.5 assists per game in two wins that kept the second-ranked Mavericks undefeated on the season at 13-0. Bremer paced a 94-49 road win over Southwest Minnesota State by scoring 20 points on 10-of-17 shooting and recording a season-high seven steals in the contest.

In Saturday's 93-82 win at Sioux Falls, Bremer went 13-of-19 from the field as part of a 32-point performance that moved her within 120 points of the Mavericks' all-time scoring record. She scored 10 straight points in one stretch to help MSU extend its lead, while also adding seven rebounds, three steals and two assists along the way. She was 23-of-48 (64 percent) from the field and five-of-six at the free throw – all in the USF game – as she was named as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Player of the Week. She was also named as the D2CIDA National Player of the Week on Dec. 2.