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## **NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

Kennedy Osterman of the University of Illinois Springfield and Jojo Wallace of Southern New Hampshire 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 Feb. 23-March 1.

### **MEN: Jojo Wallace, 6-3, So., Southern New Hampshire Hometown: Milford, Connecticut**

Wallace played a huge role for the Penmen last week in two victories over Bentley, the first to get his team into the Northeast-10 Tournament and the other to allow SNHU (15-13) advance to the semifinal round of the event. The first of those wins was a 67-64 on the final night of the regular season, as Wallace poured in 27 points on 11-of-25 shooting with a pair of three-pointers, while adding six rebounds, three assists and a steal. One of his assists came on a three-point basket that gave the Penmen the lead for good with 52 seconds remaining.

In Saturday's rematch in the opening round of the NE-10 Tournament, Wallace finished with a career-high 48 points as he went 19-of-37 from the field and connected six times from three-point range. He also added nine rebounds, four assists and a pair of steals in the 96-93 double overtime victory. His basket with 3:35 left in the second overtime period put SNHU in the lead as he scored his team's final 12 points. Wallace averaged 37.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists in the two wins over the Falcons; the 48 points tied the fourth-most in a game by a player in NCAA Division II this season.

### **WOMEN: Kennedy Osterman, 5-5, Gr., Illinois Springfield Hometown: Pewaukee, Wisconsin**

Osterman had a huge finish to her season and career at UIS by averaging 29.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, four steals and 3.5 assists per game to help lead the Prairie Stars (14-14) to two decisive victories last week. In a 105-55 win at William Jewell, Osterman went 11-of-20 from the field, four-of-eight from beyond the arc and made all five free throw attempts while adding four assists and three steals. The 31 points was a season-high and nine points better than her previous career high mark.

On Saturday in a 97-69 victory at Rockhurst, Osterman posted her second-best career scoring performance with 28 points as she was six-of-eight from three-point range as part of a nine-of-18 day from the field and went four-of-four at the line as well. She added nine rebounds, five steals and three assists along the way and also scored her 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point as a collegiate player during the contest. In helping her team close the season with wins in five of its final six games, Osterman was selected as the Player of the Week by the Great Lakes Valley Conference.