### SPALDING NE10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Chris Walters, Southern New Hampshire**  
*Junior, Forward - Stamford, Conn.*

Walters posted 20.5 points, 10 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.0 block per game, while shooting 59% (16-27) from the floor during a 2-0 week for the Penmen. He notched a double-double with 17 points (7-13 FG, 3-4 FT) and 11 rebounds in Wednesday’s 94-92 win at Franklin Pierce, and then stuffed the stat sheet with 24 points (9-14 FG), nine boards, three assists, three steals and two blocks in a 76-58 win over Stonehill on Saturday that clinched the NE10 Northeast Division Regular-Season Championship and the No. 1 overall seed for the NE10 Championship.

### SPALDING NE10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**Juvaris Hayes, Merrimack**  
*Freshman, Guard - Paterson, N.J.*

Hayes averaged 11.0 points, 8.5 assists, 7.5 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game in two contests last week. He led the Warriors with 18 points against Franklin Pierce on Saturday, while pulling down nine rebounds and six assists. He started the week with an 11-assist performance against Assumption, his 15th 10-plus assist game this season. He also added six total steals, increasing on his conference-leading total. It’s the fifth time this season that Hayes has been recognized with this award from the league office.

### AROUND THE NE10

- The NE10’s 15 men’s basketball programs have combined to post a 61-30 (.670) mark in non-league action so far this season. By month:  
  - November: 30-16  
  - December: 25-12  
  - January: 6-1  
  - February 0-1

- The Golden Knights put five players in twin-figures for the eighth time this season during Saturday’s 108-71 home win versus American International.

- Southern Connecticut senior Michael Mallory has moved into second-place on the NE10’s all-time scoring list. Mallory currently has 2,415 career points.

- For the first time since the NE10 split into two divisions in 2013, the Southwest won the head-to-head competition with the Northeast, 30-26.

- The 2016-17 NE10 Championship will begin on Friday, February 24 with First Round action, and will culminate with the Finals on Saturday, March 4.
NE10 PRESEASON COACHES’ POLL

First Round: Friday, February 24
Quarterfinals: Sunday, February 26
Semifinals: Wednesday, March 1
Finals: Saturday, March 4
Hosted by High Seeds Throughout

NCAA Selections - Sunday, March 5
NCAA Regionals - March 11-14
NCAA Elite Eight - March 22-25
Host: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

NE10 CHAMPIONSHIP

Northeast Division
1. Franklin Pierce - 94 Pts. (7)
2. Saint Anselm - 87 (3)
3. So. New Hampshire - 81 (2)
4. Stonehill - 78 (3)
5. Bentley - 55
6. Assumption - 28
7. Merrimack - 27
8. Saint Michael’s - 26

Southwest Division
2. Saint Rose - 79 (4)
3. Adelphi - 71 (3)
4. Le Moyne - 40
5. New Haven - 39
6. American Int’l - 31
7. Pace - 26

(#) - indicates first-place votes

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

2017 DIVISION II MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
SIOUX FALLS, SD

Michael Bourke, New Haven
(R-Sr., G - South Orange, N.J.)
Bourke averaged 24.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game this week, while connecting on 12 three-pointers and all seven of his free throws in a 2-0 week for New Haven. He scored a career-high 31 points and snagged a personal best 11 rebounds for his first ever double-double. Lackey dropped 12-of-15 (80.0%) from the floor. In the win versus Merrimack, he scored 14, and grabbed six boards.

Harrison Taggart, Saint Anselm
(Sr., F - Wallingford, Vt.)
Taggart helped lead the Hawks to a 1-1 mark this week, averaging 21.5 points, 8.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game. He scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds to go with three assists and two steals in an 85-84 win over Stonehill. He wrapped up the week with a team high 28 points to go with eight rebounds and five assists in a 91-85 setback at Bentley. Against the Falcons, Taggart scored his 1,000th career point.

Matt Bonds, Saint Michael’s
(Sr., F - Accokeek, Md.)
Bonds averaged 20.5 points (54.8 FG%, 7x10 FT), 11.0 rebounds, and 2.5 assists in just 29.0 minutes last week. During a 93-75 loss against Bentley on Wednesday, he had 15 points, 17 rebounds, seven offensive boards, three assists and one block in 25 minutes before totaling 26 points (10x14 FG, 6x8 FT) in 33 minutes of a 98-88 setback versus Assumption on Saturday.

Tyler Sayre, Saint Rose
(Sr, F - Gamerville, N.J.)
Sayre averaged 21 points on 72-percent shooting throughout a 2-0 week for the Golden Knights. He also pulled down three rebounds and handed out two assists.

Devin Gilligan, Southern New Hampshire
(Sr., F - Amherst, N.H.)
Gilligan averaged 17.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game, while shooting 52% from the floor, 57% from downtown during a 2-0 week for the Penmen. He netted 20 points (8-14 FG) to go along with three rebounds and three assists in a 94-92 victory at Franklin Pierce on Wednesday, and then overcame a slow start to post 14 points (4-5 FG), eight boards, two assists and two steals in a 76-58 win over Stonehill.

Ryan Logan, Stonehill
(Sr, F - Fredericktown, Ohio)
Logan averaged 16.5 points, eight rebounds and two assists per game over two games for the Skyhawks. He totaled a season-high 29 points on 13-of-22 shooting against regionally-ranked Saint Anselm on Wednesday, with eight rebounds and two assists.

Vasic averaged 18.0 points per game while shooting 82.4 percent (14-for-17) from the field and 8-for-8 from the line during a 2-0 week for the Chargers. He netted a career-high 24 points, going 5-for-9 from the field against Southern Connecticut on Wednesday. He followed that performance by shooting 5-for-5 from the floor, scoring 12 points and distributing a career-best five assists against Pace on Saturday.

Damien Rance, Assumption
(Sr., F - Melbourne, Australia)
Rance averaged 20 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game in a 1-1 week while shooting 59% from the floor and making 10 of 11 free throw attempts. The sophomore opened the week with 24 points and eight rebounds as the Hounds nearly took down Merrimack 80-74. Rance followed it up with 16 points, five rebounds and five assists as Assumption took down Saint Michael’s 58-88.

Ryan Richmond, Bentley
(Sr., G - Toronto, Ont.)
In two much-needed wins for the Falcons, Richmond averaged 26.5 points, 4.5 assists and three rebounds while shooting .500 overall, .538 from three and .923 free throws. After scoring 19 at Saint Michael’s, he erupted for 34, including 25 2nd half, in a 91-85 win over Saint Anselm.

Jordan Lackey, Franklin Pierce
(Jr., F - South Plainfield, N.J.)
Lackey averaged 22.5 points and 8.5 rebounds while connecting on 18-of-25 (72%) of his field goal attempts, 4-of-8 (50%) from long range and 5-of-6 (83%) from the charity stripe. Against SNHU, he dropped a career-high 31 points and snagged a personal best 11 rebounds for his first ever double-double. Lackey went 12-of-15 (80.0%) from the floor. In the win versus Merrimack, he scored 14, and grabbed six boards.

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