WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Week 5 - November 12, 2016

SPALDING NE10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Dana Watts, American International
(So., F - Rochester, N.Y.)
In a 3-0 week for the Yellow Jackets, Watts averaged 24.7 points and 10.7 rebounds per game, including five offensive boards per contest. She shot 50 percent overall and 83.9 percent from the free-throw line while adding 2.3 assists and 1.7 steals per game. Watts posted double doubles in wins over Le Moyne and Post before dropping 28 points on 10-of-15 shooting at New Haven.

SPALDING NE10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
Rashana Siders, American International
(Fr., G - Waterbury, Conn.)
Siders averaged 10.3 points and a steal per game over a 3-0 week for the Yellow Jackets. She shot 45.8 percent from the field and 50 percent from three-point territory off the bench. Siders tallied a career-best 14 points in a win over Post on Thursday.

AROUND THE NE10
• Four NE10 teams put together perfect records last week. American International went 3-0, while Adelphi, Assumption and Bentley each went 2-0.
• Bentley checked in at No. 14 in the WBCA Top 25 Coaches’ Poll last week.
• Through five weeks of action, AIC’s Dana Watts leads the nation with nine double doubles, followed by Adelphi’s Sierra Clark with eight. Watts is also third in the country in scoring with 22.8 points per game, followed by Southern Connecticut’s Taylor McLaughlin at 22.7.
• Bentley All-America Jen Gemma, the reigning NE10 Player of the Year, continued her climb up the Falcons’ all-time lists, moving to fourth in points (1,757), field goals (641) and rebounds (876).
• American International and Bentley were tabbed as the preseason favorites by the league’s coaches in the NE10 Preseason Coaches’ Poll.

NE10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Nov. 14 Emma Daly, Saint Anselm
Nov. 21 McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne
Dec. 5 Sierra Clark, Adelphi
Dec. 12 Dana Watts, AIC (2)

NE10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
Nov. 14 McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne
Nov. 21 McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne (2)
Nov. 28 McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne (3)
Dec. 5 McKayla Roberts, Le Moyne (4)
Dec. 12 Rashana Siders, AIC
Calli Balfour, Adelphi
(Sr., F - Hopewell Junction, N.Y.)
Balfour led Adelphi to a pair of NE10 wins on the week, averaging 24.5 points per game on 40 percent shooting from the floor. She posted 19 points and seven rebounds in an 80-54 win over Saint Rose, and her game-high 30 points led Adelphi to a 66-53 win over Pace on Saturday. Against Pace, she went 12-for-21 from the floor and swished a career-high four three-pointers. She also averaged 6.5 steals per game, with a career-high seven in the win over Saint Rose.

Jen Gemma, Bentley
(Sr., F - Milton, Mass.)
During a pair of NE10 wins, Gemma averaged 25.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists while shooting 58 percent overall and 75 percent from the line. The reigning NE10 Player of the Year scored 26 against Saint Michael's and 25 at Stonehill, and also had a block, a steal and three free throws in the final 67 seconds against the Skyhawks to preserve the win.

Alexandria Kerr, New Haven
(So., G - Montclair, N.J.)
Kerr averaged 14.0 points and 15.0 rebounds per game during two games this week. She set a school record with 12 offensive rebounds as part of a 19 point, 18 rebound performance at East Stroudsburg. She followed it up with 12 rebounds and nine points against American International on Saturday. For the week, she averaged 8.5 offensive rebounds per game.

Kirsten Dodge, Pace
(Sr., C - Fabius, N.Y.)
Dodge turned in a pair of double doubles this week, and now has one in three straight games. She averaged 13 points and 14 rebounds while also blocking five shots. She led the Setters with 16 points, 14 rebounds and a pair of blocks in Wednesday’s victory over Southern Connecticut. Dodge then grabbed another 14 boards, scored 10 points and rejected three shots in Saturday’s matchup with Adelphi. She shot 71.4 percent from the field for the week.

Candace Andrews, Saint Anselm
(Sr., G - Boston, Mass.)
Andrews helped lead Saint Anselm to a 1-1 mark in last week’s games, averaging 21.0 points on 54.3 percent shooting, 6.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 1.5 steals per game. She scored 26 points to go with four rebounds, one assist and one steal in a 62-52 setback to Assumption. Andrews followed that up with 16 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, two steals and a block in a 55-46 win over Franklin Pierce.

Karissa Birthwright, Saint Rose
(So., F - Rochester, N.Y.)
Birthwright had a career-high 25 points, behind 11-for-13 shooting from the floor, during Thursday’s 66-64 victory at Concordia. For the week, she averaged 19.5 points, 15 rebounds and two blocks per game while shooting 66.7 percent from the field.

Taylor McLaughlin, Southern Connecticut
(Sr., F - Colchester, Conn.)
McLaughlin averaged 26.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists per game while shooting 38.8 percent from the field, including 33.3 percent from beyond the arc and 75.0 percent from the stripe, over two games. She notched her sixth double-double of the season with 26 points and 11 rebounds in a loss at Pace on Wednesday and then registered 27 points, seven rebounds, a block, an assist and a steal in a win over Le Moyne on Saturday.

Kylie Lorenzen, Southern New Hampshire
(So., F - Holliston, Mass.)
Lorenzen posted 18.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.5 steals, while shooting 42.4 percent from the field and a perfect 8-for-8 from the line, during a 1-1 week for the Penmen. She posted 15 points, eight rebounds and two steals in a 73-61 victory at Stonehill on Wednesday and notched a double-double of 22 points, 11 rebounds and four assists in a 77-72 defeat against Saint Michael’s on Saturday.

Samantha Hyslip, Stonehill
(Jr., F - Westford, Mass.)
Hyslip averaged 18 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 2.0 blocked shots and a steal in two games for the Skyhawks last week. She shot 59.3 percent from the field (16-for-27) for the week. Hyslip tallied 16 points against SNHU before scoring 20 points against No. 14 Bentley.