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Butler's Hayward named Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Cleveland State University

Sophomore averaged 24 points against two nationally ranked opponents

INDIANAPOLIS - Butler sophomore guard/forward Gordon Hayward has been named the Horizon League Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Dec. 13.

University of **Detroit Mercy**

A native of Brownsburg, Ind., Hayward averaged 24 points and eight rebounds per game as the #22/20 Bulldogs went 1-1 last week against a pair of nationally ranked opponents.

University of Illinois at Chicago

Hayward had 24 points and eight rebounds in Butler's 72-65 loss to #15/13 Georgetown Tuesday in the Jimmy V Classic and posted identical numbers in the Bulldogs' 74-66 victory over #13/15 Ohio State Saturday at Hinkle Fieldhouse. For the week, he was 16-for-35 (.457) from the field -- including 7-of-17 (.412) from three-point range -- and also made all nine of his free-throw attempts to extend his streak to 22 in a row.

Loyola **University Chicago**

Hayward ranks third in the Horizon League in scoring with 16.9 points per game and second with 8.2 rebounds per contest. He is the only player to rank among the top three in both categories.

Valparaiso University

Butler (7-3, 2-0 Horizon League) will take the week off for final exams before returning to action Saturday when the Bulldogs play host to Xavier (6-3) on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. ET. Like Butler, the Musketeers are coming off a victory over a top-25 opponent after upsetting #19/19 Cincinnati 83-79 in double overtime Sunday.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Other Top Performances for the Week

Jared Cunningham, Cleveland State (Jr., F) -- Scored a career-high 18 points and had five rebounds in the Vikings' only game of the week, a 113-61 victory over Wilberforce

Vaughn Duggins, Wright State (Jr., G) -- Averaged 15 points, 3.5 assists and two steals per game as the Raiders split a pair of road games

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Ricky Franklin, Milwaukee (Sr., G) -- Averaged 15.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists as the Panthers went 1-1 last week

Xavier Keeling, Detroit (Jr., F) -- Averaged 14 points in a pair of games, including 18 in the Titans' 75-64 loss at Michigan

Wright State University

Robo Kreps, UIC (Jr., G) -- Scored a team-high 18 points with four three-pointers in UIC's loss at city-rival DePaul

Geoff McCammon, Loyola (Jr., G) -- Had a game-high 21 points while hitting 9-of-13 from the field in the Ramblers' 66-63 victory over San Francisco

Youngstown State University

Bryquis Perine, Green Bay (Jr., G) -- Had a career-high 22 points with three assists, three steals

and two blocked shots in the Phoenix' 88-84 overtime upset of #20/23 Wisconsin Brandon Wood, Valparaiso (So., G) -- Averaged 17 points and seven rebounds -- including 21

points and nine rebounds at #5/5 Purdue -- in a 1-1 week for the Crusaders