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Cleveland State University

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

Sophomore averaged 16.3 points, 11.7 rebounds as Bulldogs clinched League title

University of Detroit Mercy INDIANAPOLIS – Butler sophomore guard/forward **Gordon Hayward** has been named the Horizon League Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 14. The weekly honor was Hayward's second of the season.

University of Illinois at Chicago

A native of Brownsburg, Ind., Hayward averaged 16.3 points and 11.7 rebounds per game to lead #18/15 Butler to three wins last week that extended the Bulldogs' winning streak to 15 in a row and clinched Butler's fourth consecutive regular-season League title. In back-to-back games, he had 22 points and a career-high 17 rebounds at Youngstown State on Thursday and 19 points and 11 boards at Cleveland State on Saturday. Hayward shot 53 percent (17-of-32) from the floor and was 12-of-13 from the free-throw line last week.

Loyola University Chicago For the season, Hayward ranks fourth in the Horizon League with 16.0 points per game and third with 8.3 rebounds per contest. He is the only player to rank among the top five in both categories.

Valparaiso University Butler (23-4, 16-0 Horizon League) has tied the school record for consecutive wins and now owns the nation's longest active winning streak heading into home games this week against UIC on Wednesday and Siena on Saturday in BracketBusters (ESPN2, 11 a.m. ET). The Bulldogs are only the second League team to start 16-0 in conference play, joining Green Bay, which was a perfect 16-0 in 1995-96.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Other Top Performances for the Week

Todd Brown, Wright State (Sr., G) -- Led the Raiders to two wins with averages of 16 points and 3.5 rebounds per game and also grabbed his 500th career rebound

Jeremy Buttell, UIC (Sr., F) -- Averaged 16.5 points and 9.5 rebounds while shooting 57 percent from the field as the Flames went 0-2 last week

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee **Norris Cole, Cleveland State**, (Jr., G) -- Averaged 19.5 points, 6 assists and 4.5 rebounds as Cleveland State defeated Valparaiso and lost to League-leading Butler last week

James Eayrs, Milwaukee (Sr., F) -- Averaged 17.5 points, 5 rebounds and 3.5 assists in a 1-1 week for the Panthers and scored 20 points at Wright State

Wright State University **Rahmon Fletcher, Green Bay** (Jr., G) -- Averaged 15 points, 5 assists and 2 steals as the Phoenix went 1-1 on a road trip to northeast Ohio

Eli Holman, Detroit (So., C) -- Averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds in the Titans' 1-2 week, including 13 points and a career-high 18 rebounds against Milwaukee

Geoff McCammon, Loyola (Jr., G) -- Averaged 17.5 points per game in a 1-1 week for the Ramblers, including a career-tying 26 points in a victory over city-rival UIC

Youngstown State University

Vytas Sulskis, Youngstown State (Jr., G) -- Averaged 19 points and 6 rebounds in two losses last week and scored a season-high 24 versus Valparaiso

Brandon Wood, Valparaiso (So., G) -- Averaged 18 points while shooting 61 percent (20-for-33) from the field with six three-pointers in a 2-1 week for the Crusaders

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