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HCAC Players of the Week

The following athletes were named players of the week in their respective sports for the week ending February 19, 2012.

Men's Basketball – Anthony Brown, Defiance College

Defiance College senior guard Anthony Brown (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) led the Jackets to a pair of must-win victories and has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week. The senior averaged 20.0 points per game, shot 63.6% from the floor, and had only one turnover, helping DC clinch a spot in the HCAC tournament. Brown scored a game-high 22 points in a 55-53 win over Bluffton, fueling a decisive 11-4 run with 10 points late in the game to give Defiance a 50-46 advantage. The senior guard led all scorers once again Saturday, sinking four-of-five attempts from beyond the arc and ending with 18 points in a 70-68 win over Franklin. The two victories gave DC six-straight wins over the final three weeks and capped the Jackets' late-season turnaround that allowed DC to overcome a four-game deficit in the standings with six games remaining in the regular season. Defiance (13-12, 9-9 HCAC) will open the HCAC tournament against No. 3 seed Rose-Hulman in Lexington Friday.

Women's Basketball – Alicia Hopkins, Hanover College

Hanover College's Alicia Hopkins (Columbus, Ind./East) led the Panthers to a share of the HCAC title with two wins last week and has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week. The freshman guard posted 17 points, four rebounds, six assists, and six steals in an 85-69 win at Transylvania and followed that performance with 17 points, four rebounds, four assists, and three steals in an 83-57 win at Rose-Hulman Saturday. For the week, Hopkins averaged 17.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists, and 4.5 steals, while shooting 55.0% from the floor, 60.0% from three-point range, and 85.7% from the free throw line. Hanover (20-4, 16-2 HCAC) earned the No. 2 seed in this weekend's HCAC tournament and will face the winner of Manchester and Rose-Hulman Saturday.

Men's Tennis – Nathan Moore, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman's Nathan Moore (Scottsdale, Ariz.) led the Engineers with a pair of victories against Trine Saturday and has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week. The sophomore earned a 6-2, 7-5 win at No. 5 singles and moved to 2-0 in doubles action with an 8-5 win at the No. 3 position. Rose-Hulman (0-2, 0-1 HCAC) will return to the court on March 10 against Franklin and Indiana Tech.

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