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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK FOR JANUARY 9, 2012

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Athlete of the Week selections are drawn from nominees submitted by member institution coaches and sports information directors. **UAA Athletes of the Week** are selected in each sport in which the **UAA** sponsors competition. They are selected on the basis of their individual performances and contributions to team efforts during the past week in both Association and non-Association competition.

Women's Basketball

Jodie Luther — University of Rochester — Gibsonia, PA (Hampton)

University of Rochester senior Jodie Luther scored a team-high 20 points and added six rebounds, three assists, one block, and one steal in 27 minutes to help the Yellowjackets defeat Emory University 76-64 in the UAA season opener. She hit 8 of 11 from the floor (73%) and 4 of 5 from the line (80%), pouring in 18 points by halftime as Rochester built a 42-31 lead.

Men's Basketball

Austin Claunch — Emory University — Cypress, TX (Strake Jesuit Prep)

Austin Claunch of Emory University turned in a pair of outstanding performances in helping the fifth-ranked Eagles improve to 12-0 last week. In wins over Piedmont College and the University of Rochester, the senior averaged 25 points, 6.5 assists, and 2 steals. He shot 50 percent (17-for-34) from the floor, including 42.9 percent (6-for-14) from three-point range, and sunk 90 percent (10 of 11) of his free throws. Claunch guided Emory to a dramatic 83-81 victory over Rochester on Saturday, pacing all players with a career-high tying 27 points and doling out a game-high tying eight assists. He contributed 23 points, five assists, and four steals in a 95-78 win over Piedmont on Tuesday, hitting 7 of 11 from the floor and 7 of 8 from the charity stripe.

Tim Cooney — Washington University — St. Louis, MO (St. Louis University High)

Washington University guard Tim Cooney tied career-highs with 19 points and six assists in 79-72 win over University of Chicago on Saturday. The sophomore shot a perfect 7-for-7 from the field, hitting all three shots from 3-point range and a pair of free throws in the win. Cooney also contributed four rebounds and two steals in 30 minutes off the bench.

Women's Swimming and Diving

Tara Levens — University of Chicago — Palo Alto, CA (Gunn)

Senior Tara Levens of the University of Chicago won all four of her events as the Maroons defeated Kalamazoo College 209-90. She took top honors in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.93 and touched the wall first in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:12.06. Levens helped Chicago win the 200-yard medley relay with a 1:53.00 finish and the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:41.14.

Men's Swimming and Diving

Eric Hallman — University of Chicago — Oak Park, IL (Oak Park River Forest)

University of Chicago sophomore Eric Hallman won all four of his events as in a 214-86 triumph over Kalamazoo College. Hallman took top honors in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.31 and the 200-yard butterfly with a 1:56.09 finish. He posted a time of 1:56.79 to win the 200-yard individual medley and swam a leg on the 200-yard medley relay team that finished first in 1:37.26.

Women's Track & Field

Laura Santoski — NYU — Grand Rapids, MI (Forest Hills Central)

NYU senior distance runner Laura Santoski was the Violets' lone winner at the season-opening Metro Coaches Invitational on Friday in Manhattan. She captured first place in the mile with a 5:21.66 finish and helped the distance medley relay team post a second-place finish with a time of 13:07.57. There was no team scoring at the meet.

Wrestling

James Layton — University of Chicago — Chesterfield, MO (DeSmet)

Junior James Layton of the University of Chicago posted a 3-1 record at the Knox College Duals, competing at 157 and 165 pounds. He split a pair of decisions in the 157-pound weight class and won by major decision (9-0) and by fall (:18) at 165 pounds.

Jake Pawlowski — NYU — Rockaway Park, NY (Midwood)

NYU junior Jake Pawlowski recorded a second-place finish in the 184-pound weight class at the Williams College Invitational on Saturday. He pinned his first opponent in just 36 seconds, then produced a 4-2 decision in his second match. In the semifinals, he recorded a 13-4 major decision over his opponent from Roger Williams University before falling in the championship match. Pawlowski's performance helped NYU finish fifth at the nine-team tournament.