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Stevenson is NJCAA Player of the Week

After earning the KJCCC Player of the Week award on Tuesday, Seward freshman Niem Stevenson one-upped himself on Wednesday as he was named the NJCAA National Player of the Week for the February 3-9 period.

Stevenson averaged 24.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game for the Saints last week, leading them to a pair of wins over Colby and #12 Hutchinson to take first place in the Jayhawk West back over. On Wednesday in a 78-64 win over Colby, Stevenson had a pedestrian game by his standards, scoring 21 points and grabbing 4 rebounds as the Saints rolled against the Trojans. Saturday he took his game to the next level, outdueling Arizona signee and two time NJCAA Player of the Week Kadeem Allen with a game high 28 points as well as 7 rebounds as Seward shocked the Dragons in the Sports Arena for the first time since 2005.

Including the Colby and Hutchinson games, Stevenson is now averaging over 20 points per game during Jayhawk West Conference tilts. On the year he leads the Saints in scoring at 17.9 points per game.

Stevenson becomes the first Saint to win the NJCAA National Player of the Week award since Deverell Biggs garnered honors during the Saints 2011-2012 Region VI Championship season.

Stevenson will look to continue his magic tonight in the Greenhouse as the Saints take on Jayhawk West rival Garden City at 8:00.

Roy Allen

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