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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- For the second time this season, Illinois Wesleyan University's Brent Niebrugge has been named "Player of the Week" for men's basketball in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Niebrugge, a 6-foot-4 senior forward from **Teutopolis** (**HS**), scored 26 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and handed out five assists in the Titans' 85-80 win at Augustana on Jan. 21. He had 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds in a 77-66 victory at Carthage on Jan. 24. For the week, Niebrugge made 15 of 21 field goal attempts (.714 shooting percentage) and was nine of 16 from the free throw line.

For the season, Niebrugge is averaging 21.6 points and 9.7 rebounds, good for second and third, respectively, among CCIW statistical leaders. He is also fourth in the league in field goal percentage (125 of 195, .644) and third in steals (1.8 per game).

For his play in the Webber College (Fla.) Tournament over the holidays, Niebrugge was chosen Columbus Multimedia national Division III "Player of the Week." Niebrugge had 71 points and 24 rebounds in the three games and made 30 of 38 from the field (.789). He was CCIW "Player of the Week" Nov. 30 when he scored 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in the Titans' 94-86 win over Benedictine. The 19 rebounds is the most in a single game for IWU since Bill Braksick had 23 vs. LeMoyne-Owen on Nov. 30, 1987. The school record is 24, shared by Don Davidson (at MacMurray, Dec. 3, 1966) and Jack Sikma (at Bradley, Dec. 30, 1976).

IWU, 11-4 this season and 4-1 (first place) in the CCIW, was 29-2 last year in capturing the NCAA Division III men's basketball championship.