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## NORTHERN COLORADO'S BARDEN NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**OGDEN, Utah (Nov. 11, 2013)** - Northern Colorado's Derrick Barden has been selected as the first Big Sky Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week of the 2013-14 season.

Barden, a 6-foot-5 senior forward from Detroit, Mich., scored 16 points with a career-high 17 rebounds as Northern Colorado upset Kansas State 60-58 on Friday, Nov. 8.

Barden, who earned First Team All-Big Sky honors last season, made 8-of-16 shots from the field, pulled down three offensive rebounds and 14 defensive rebounds. Barden also had three steals.

The win was the first for Northern Colorado over a Big 12 team, and was the first for a Big Sky team over a Big 12 team since December of 2008. Northern Colorado also snapped Kansas State's 47-game home non-conference winning streak, and ended the Wildcats' 19-game winning streak in home openers.

Barden averaged 13.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game as a junior. This is Barden's second career Player of the Week honor.

### **Others Nominated**

Venky Jois, F, Eastern Washington: Scored 22 points with 11 rebounds in a win.

Jeffrey Solarin, G, Idaho State: Scored 23 points with 10 rebounds in a win.

Max Jacobsen, F, Northern Arizona: Averaged 16 points and five rebounds in a win and a loss.

Tim Douglas, G, Portland State: Scored 18 points with three rebounds in a loss.

Mikh McKinney, G, Sacramento State: Tallied 14 points, three rebounds and three assists in a win.

A.J. Hess, Soph, G, Southern Utah: Scored 16 points with six rebounds in a win.

Kyle Tresnak, C, Weber State: Scored a career-high 24 points in a loss.