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C-USA MEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PRESENTED BY TOP OF THE WORLD HEADWEAR

IRVING, Texas – Kentucky's Kalil ElMedkhar was named the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week after totaling seven points across two wins. Old Dominion's Mertcan Akar was tabbed Defensive Player of the Week after an eight-save week that helped secure two road victories for the Monarchs. All C-USA weekly awards are presented by Top of the World Headwear.

C-USA Offensive Player of the Week – Kalil ElMedkhar, Kentucky, So., Middletown, Delaware

ElMedkhar captured his second conference weekly award this season after he finished with a team-high seven points. The sophomore scored three goals and tallied an assist in two wins for the Wildcats. He started the scoring in a 3-0 shutout over Ohio State. Against New Mexico, ElMedkhar scored a first-half brace and assisted in the second half to propel Kentucky to a 6-1 victory. He now has 20 points, tied for tenth most by a Wildcat in a single campaign.

C-USA Defensive Player of the Week – Mertcan Akar, Old Dominion, Jr., Cologne, Germany

Akar started both games in goal for Old Dominion in two road victories over Campbell and UAB this past week. The junior collected four saves at Campbell and four at UAB totaling eight saves and a .800 save percentage. His key saves against Campbell allowed the Monarchs to come back from a two-goal deficit and win 3-2. He then recorded a clean sheet against the Blazers, snapping their four-game unbeaten streak. He now has 33 saves this season and has not allowed a goal in the last 136 minutes in net.

2018 C-USA Offensive Players of the Week

8/27 – Matt Puig, New Mexico

9/3 – JJ Williams, Kentucky

9/10 – JJ Williams, Kentucky

9/17 – Joris Ahlinvi, FIU

Max Wilschrey, Old Dominion

9/24 – Philip Makinde, UAB

Andrew Booth, FIU

10/1 – Kalil ElMedkhar, Kentucky

10/8 – Max Wilschrey, Old Dominion

10/15 – Adam Brooker, UAB

10/22 – Kalil ElMedkhar, Kentucky

2018 C-USA Defensive Players of the Week

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