

Gesell receives first conference honor

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Iowa freshman guard Mike Gesell was named the Big Ten's Freshman of the Week on Monday following the Hawkeyes' 80-73 win over Northern Iowa in the Big Four Classic. In that game, Gesell scored a career-high 23 points on 6-of-9 shooting and was 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point range.

Gesell is the first Hawkeye player to garner a conference accolade this season and the first since Aaron White received the freshman honor last February.

Iowa plays two games this week at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the first of which is Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. Central against South Carolina State.