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TOP THREE GO UNCHANGED IN LATEST NTCA SWEET-16

DOVER, DE – **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ, **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN, and the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, NE reclaimed the top three spots, respectively, in the latest national poll conducted by the National Tenpins Coaches Association, the voice and leadership of NCAA bowling. This is the third of six monthly polls scheduled for the 2006-07 season by the NTCA.

Fairleigh Dickinson narrowly was ranked first for the third straight poll. While the **Knights** received 10 out of 19 first place votes (10), they held onto the top spot by a mere eight points. In their only competition during the latest evaluation period, **FDU** (37-8-0) finished third at the Holiday Jamboree in Glassboro, NJ.

Vanderbilt (28-4-0) maintained its second place ranking after its huge victory at the Mississippi Valley State Invitational in Greenwood, MS. The **Commodores'** 7-1 event match record was tied for first; but they gained the tournament title based on the overall total pin fall, the MVSU Invitational tie-breaker rule. In the poll **VU** (28-4-0) tallied seven first place votes.

The **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**, collected two first place votes and preserved its third place ranking. The **Huskers** are 27-7-0 and have won 21 of their last 22 matches. **UNL** placed second at the Mississippi Valley State Invitation.

New Jersey City University of Jersey City, NJ and the **University of Maryland – Eastern Shore** of Princess Ann, MD have moved up to the fourth and fifth place rankings, correspondingly. **NJCU** (34-9-0) traveled a tough road in winning the Holiday Jamboree championship, defeating **Fairleigh Dickinson** in the semifinals and **UMES** in the finals. The **UMES Hawks** improved its season match record to 47-9-0 with the second place finish at the Holiday Jamboree.

Leading the second half of the top 10 is **Central Missouri University** of Warrensburg, MO. The **Jennies** (21-6-1) were inactive during December and slipped to a sixth ranking. Retaining the seventh place ranking was **Alabama A&M University** of Normal, AL. The **Bulldogs** (19-9-0) also did not compete last month. Moving up a notch to the eighth place was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **Pioneers** (24-9-0) finished fourth at the Holiday Jamboree. Sliding down a spot to ninth was **Texas Southern University** of Houston, TX. The **Lady Tigers** are 32-11-0 this season. In tenth place for the second straight poll was **Minnesota State-Mankato**, MN. The **Mavericks** are 20-14-0 and finished fourth at the MVSU Invitational.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Carol Andrejak, **Delaware State**; James Brown, **Morgan State**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland-Eastern Shore**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi**; Karen Couvillon, **Southern**; Dawn Gugliaro, **St. Francis College**; Ron Holmes, **Central Missouri**; Chris James, **Arkansas State**; John Koltz, **Wisconsin-Whitewater**; Becky Kregling, **Sacred Heart**; Mike LoPresti, **Fairleigh Dickinson**; Jeff McCorvey, **Alabama A&M**; Jerry Norris, **Bethune-Cookman**; Chad Oachs, **Minnesota State-Mankato**; Frank Parisi, **New Jersey City**; Bill Straub, **Nebraska-Lincoln**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's College**; Bud Whitman, **St. Peter's College**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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Rank	Institution	W-L	Ists	Pts	Previous
1.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	37-8-0	9	491	1
2.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	28-4-0	7	483	2
3.	University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE	27-7-0	2	458	3
4.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	34-9-0	1	416	5
5.	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	47-9-0		373	6
6.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	21-6-1		332	4
7.	Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL	19-9-0		289	7
8.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	24-9-0		254	9
9.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	32-11-0		222	8
10.	Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN	20-14-0		164	10
11.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	27-14-0		106	12
12.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	16-8-0		94	11
13.	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, WI	23-20-0		89	NR
14.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	17-20-1		61	16
15.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	17-3-0		46	14
16.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	21-19-1		41	NR

Also receiving votes: Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA (22-14-0); Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC (55-6-0); Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL (11-18-1); Bowie State University, Bowie, MD (57-21-1); University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC (14-6-0); St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA (48-27-0); Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (15-20-0); University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff, AR (0-12-0); Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA (56-25-0); Alcorn State University, Alcorn State, MS (0-0-0); Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (18-14-0); Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL (10-15-0); Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA (9-21-0).

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