

National Tenpins Coaches Association

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HUSKERS MARCH INTO #1 RANKING WITH STRING OF VICTORIES

DOVER, DE – After closing out the regular season with tournament championships at the Music City Classic in Nashville, TN and the Brunswick Windy City Classic in Waukegan, IL, the National Tenpins Coaches Association has ranked the **University of Nebraska** – Lincoln, as the nation's top ranked team in the final NTCA "Sweet 16" of the regular season. This is the sixth monthly poll that the NTCA conducted during the 2006-2007 season.

The **Huskies** (73-15-0), who were invited to the NCAA National Championship Tournament for the fourth consecutive season, won their final three tournaments of the year, giving **Nebraska-Lincoln** four titles for 2006-07.

Slipping to the No. 2 was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. Since the last poll the **Knights** (88-23-0) won the ECAC Championship, their fifth crown of the season, but struggled in their final event with a third place finish at the Brunswick Windy City Classic. **FDU**, the defending national champions, were selected for the fourth straight year to compete at the NCAA Championships, as well.

Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN held onto third place in the poll. The **Commodores** (70-14-0) finished third at the Music City Classic and was chosen for the second consecutive season to be in the NCAA Championship field of eight.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO climbed to the No. 4 ranking after back-to-back second place finishes at the Music City Classic and the Brunswick Windy City Classic. The **Jennies** (81-28-1) also landed a spot in the NCAA Championship field, their fourth straight invite.

Sliding down one spot to No. 5 was **New Jersey City University** of Jersey City, NJ. The **Gothic Knights** (69-21-1) took home the third place trophy at the ECAC Championship, their only competition since the last poll. **NJCU** gets to continue their season after receiving their fourth straight bid to the NCAA Championships.

The **University of Maryland – Eastern Shore** of Princess Ann, MD was ranked as the sixth place team, once again. The **Hawks** (85-21-0) won the MEAC Championship and was rewarded with their fourth consecutive NCAA Championship bid. The No. 7 squad was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **Pioneers** (57-26) had a rebound season and will return to the NCAA Championships for the third time, after missing last season. **Arkansas State University** of Jonesboro, AR (61-44-2) held onto eighth place, and **Alabama A&M University** of Huntsville, AL (61-31-0) remained as the ninth ranked team. Rounding out the top 10 was **Minnesota State University-Mankato** (45-37-0) which garnished the one of the eight NCAA Championship spots due to its strength of schedule.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: James Brown, **Morgan State**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland-Eastern Shore**; 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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2006-07 MARCH NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record	1st Place	Total	Previously
		W - L - T	Votes	Points	Ranked
1.	University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE	73 – 15 – 0	8	418	2
2.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	88 – 23 – 0	7	417	1
3.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	70 – 14 – 0	1	371	3
4.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	81 – 28 – 1		322	5
5.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	69 – 21 – 1		312	4
6.	Univ. of Maryland – Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	85 – 21 – 0		282	6
7.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	57 – 26 – 0		226	7
8.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	61 – 44 – 2		196	8
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	61 – 31 – 0		156	9
10.	Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN	45 – 37 – 0		147	11
11.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	67 – 23 – 0		130	10
12.	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, WI	51 – 49 – 0		72	13
13.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	60 – 46 – 0		64	12
14.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	60 – 21 – 0		55	14
15.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	57 – 54 – 0		40	15
16.	Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC	74 – 20 – 0		9	16

Also receiving votes:

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Adelphi University, Garden City, NY; St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA; University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; Delaware State University, Dover, DE; Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 16 teams on their ballot. Each position has an assigned point value, ranging from 28 points for first place and one point for sixteenth place. After the total points for every team is calculated, the totals are sorted in descending order. The specific point values follow:

1st place = 28 points, 2nd = 25, 3rd = 23, 4th = 21, 5th = 19, 6th = 17, 7th = 15, 8th = 13, 9th = 11, 10th = 9, 11th = 7, 12th = 5, 13th = 4, 14th = 3, 15th = 2, 16th = 1.