

National Tenpins Coaches Association

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COMMODORES ARE NUMBER 1, UNANIMOUSLY

HACKENSACK, NJ – The reigning national champions, Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN, were the unanimous choice as the No. 1 team in the nation by the National Tenpins Coaches Association in its first Top-20 poll of the NCAA bowling season. The NTCA is the voice and leadership of NCAA bowling, and this is the first of six monthly polls that the NTCA will conduct throughout the 2007-'08 season.

The Commodores, who defeated the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the NCAA Championships final match last April, received all 16 first place votes. Vanderbilt will open its defense of their title this weekend at the Central Region Fall Jamboree in Jonesboro, AR.

Two-time national champion, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was ranked second by the NTCA membership. The Huskers, who finished fourth at last year's national final, initiate their season in Fort Atkins, WI at the Cheeseland Classic on November 9, 2007.

Ranked third was Fairleigh Dickinson University of Teaneck, NJ. The Knights, who were third place finishers at the national finals a year ago, will kick-off their 2007-08 campaign at a North East Women's Collegiate Bowling Conference meet in North Arlington, NJ this weekend.

The University of Maryland – Eastern Shore of Princess Ann, MD and the University of Central Missouri of Warrensburg, MO tied for the fourth place ranking. The UMES Hawks, last season's national championship runner-up, will start their season in Dover, DE on November 3, 2007 at the opening round of the Mid-East Athletic Conference schedule. The UCM Jennies, qualifiers to the national championship tournament the past four seasons, will travel to Jonesboro, AR this weekend to launch their season at the Central Region Fall Jamboree.

The No. 6 ranked team was New Jersey City University of Jersey City, NJ, and the No. 7 ranked team was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **NJCU Gothic Knights** along with the **SHU Pioneers** will begin their season at the NEWCBC meet this weekend .

Arkansas State University of Jonesboro, AR and **Alabama A&M University** of Huntsville, AL were the eighth and ninth place ranked programs, respectively. Both squads start their season in Jonesboro, AR this weekend.

Closing out the top 10 was **Minnesota State University-Mankato**. The **Mavericks**, a national championship qualifier in 2007, get their season started in Fort Atkins, WI in early November.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Joe Ambrose, **Kutztown University**; James Brown, **Morgan State**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland-Eastern Shore**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi University**; Karen Couvillon, **Southern**; Dawn Gugliaro, **St. Francis College**; Ron Holmes, **Central Missouri**; Chris James, **Arkansas State**; Amber Griffin, **Wisconsin-Whitewater**; Becky Kregling, **Sacred Heart**; Mike LoPresti, **Fairleigh Dickinson**; Jeff McCorvey, **Alabama A&M**; Frank Parisi, **New Jersey City**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's**; Bud Whitman, **St. Peter's**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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2007-08 NTCA PRESEASON NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L - T	1st Place Votes	Total Points	Previously Ranked
1.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	0 - 0 - 0	16	512	--
2.	University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE	0 - 0 - 0		432	--
3.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	0 - 0 - 0		430	--
4T	Univ. of Maryland - Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	0 - 0 - 0		370	--
4T	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	0 - 0 - 0		370	--
6.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	0 - 0 - 0		358	--
7.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	0 - 0 - 0		314	--
8.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	0 - 0 - 0		214	--
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	0 - 0 - 0		210	--
10.	Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN	0 - 0 - 0		196	--
11.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	13 - 1 - 0		163	--
12.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	0 - 0 - 0		138	--
13.	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, WI	0 - 0 - 0		134	--
14.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	0 - 0 - 0		109	--
15.	Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC	21 - 0 - 0		78	--
16.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	0 - 0 - 0		77	--
17.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	1 - 1 - 0		74	--
18.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	0 - 0 - 0		53	--
19.	St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ	0 - 0 - 0		49	--
20.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	0 - 0 - 0		37	--

Also receiving votes:

St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY; Bowie State University, Bowie, MD; St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA; University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC; Hampton University, Hampton, VA; Virginia State, VA; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA; North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC; St. Augustine University, Raleigh, NC.

Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 20 teams on their ballot. Each position has an assigned point value, ranging from 32 points for first place and one point for twentieth place. After the total points for every team is calculated, the totals are sorted in descending order. The specific point values follow:

1st place - 32 points, 2nd - 29, 3rd - 27, 4th - 25, 5th - 23, 6th - 21, 7th - 19, 8th - 17, 9th - 15, 10th - 13, 11th - 11, 12th - 9, 13th - 8, 14th - 7, 15th - 6, 16th - 5, 17th - 4, 18th - 3, 19th - 2, 20th - 1.

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