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THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE LIFTS NEBRASKA-LINCOLN TO NO. 1 IN NTCA NEW YEAR'S POLL

HACKENSACK, NJ – The **University of Nebraska – Lincoln** was ranked as the nation's No. 1 team by the National Tenpins Coaches Association, the leadership of NCAA women's bowling. The **Huskers** received 12 of 19 first place votes in the NTCA's New Year's poll, the third of six scheduled national polls for the 2007-'08 season.

Nebraska-Lincoln (29-7) has won three team titles in as many outings this season. In their latest championship, the Capital City Classic in Jackson, MS, the **Huskers** came from behind in the final two matches of the event, eclipsing previously top ranked Vanderbilt by 63 pins. **UN-L** returns to action on January 18th at the Greater Ozark Invitational in Springfield, MO.

Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN, was ranked second in the poll, collecting seven first place votes. The **Commodores** (33-9) were edged by Nebraska in the event's final match to finish in second place at the Capital City Classic. Vanderbilt will look for revenge at the Greater Ozark Invitational later this month.

Ranked third for the second straight poll was the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD. The **Hawks** (51-12) competed in the Jeannette Lee Invitational in Richmond, VA and the FDU Holiday Jamboree in Elmwood Park, NJ since the last poll, finishing third in both.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO was ranked in fourth place once again. The **Jennies** (33-8) won the Jeannette Lee Invitational championship during their sole competition in December. **Central Missouri** will play host to their next event, the Greater Ozark Invitational.

Up one place to fifth was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. In December, the **Knights** (43-17) won the championship at the FDU Holiday Jamboree and finished fourth at the Jeannette Lee Invitational.

New Jersey City University (43-17) of Jersey City, NJ, moved up to a sixth place ranking after second place finishes at the Jeannette Lee Invitational and the FDU Holiday Jamboree. **Arkansas State University** (25-7) of Jonesboro, AR climbed two notches to seventh place after a third place finish at the Capital City Classic. **Sacred Heart University** (28-8) of Fairfield, CT, the leader in the North East Women's Bowling Conference, was ranked eighth. The ninth ranked squad was **Alabama A&M University** (29-8) of Huntsville, AL and **Delaware State University** (40-15) of Dover, DE closed out the Top-10.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Joe Ambrose, **Kutztown**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland Eastern Shore**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi**; Karen Couvillon, **Southern**; Amber Griffin, **Wisconsin-Whitewater**; Dawn Gugliaro, **St. Francis**; Ron Holmes, **Central Missouri**; Chris James, **Arkansas State**; Becky Kregling, **Sacred Heart**; Mike LoPresti, **Fairleigh Dickinson**; Jeff McCorvey, **Alabama A&M**; Chad Oachs, **Minnesota State-Makato**; Frank Parisi, **New Jersey City**; Joel Southern, **Elmhurst**; Bill Straub, **Nebraska-Lincoln**; Kim Terrell, **Delaware State**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's**; Glenn White, **Prairie View A&M**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record	1st Place	Total	Previously
		W - L - T	Votes	Points	Ranked
1.	University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE	29 – 7 – 0	12	587	2
2.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	33 – 9 – 0	7	572	1
3.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	51 – 12 – 0		477	3
4.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	33 – 8 – 0		461	4
5.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	43 – 17 – 0		409	6
6.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	43 – 17 – 0		407	7
7.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	25 – 7 – 0		359	9
8.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	28 – 8 – 0		349	5
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	29 – 8 – 0		299	10
10.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	40 – 15 – 0		249	8
11.	Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN	17 – 10 – 0		196	11
12.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	24 – 6 – 0		159	15
13.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	28 – 27 – 0		142	14
14.	Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC	60 – 7 – 0		113	13
15.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	30 – 32 – 0		105	12
16.	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, WI	20 – 23 – 0		94	19
17T	St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA	62 – 28 – 0		47	20
17T	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	16 – 22 – 0		47	16
19.	St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ	27 – 32 – 0		45	18
20.	Bowie State University, Bowie, MD	60 – 31 – 0		33	---

Also receiving votes:

Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD; Texas Southern University, Houston, TX; Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL; Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX; Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, NC; Howard University, Washington, DC; Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

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. The sums for every team receiving votes are then sorted into 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.