



# NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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## **Vanderbilt Maintains Top Spot in NTCA Poll**

NASHVILLE, TN – **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN received 15 of the 18 first place votes and retained first place in the January national poll conducted by the National Tenpin Coaches Association.

The Commodores (57-13, .814) had moved into the No. 1 spot with the December poll after winning all three of its fall tournaments. **Vanderbilt** finished third at the Mid-Winter Invitational in Arkansas and third in the Greater Ozark Invitational in Missouri during January.

Three first place votes went to **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ, which moved the Knights (52-7, .881) from third to second place. **FDU** used an impressive 30-match winning streak and second place finish at the Bowie State Bulldog Classic in Maryland to bolster their ranking.

The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** (48-16, .750) slipped one place to third in the poll. The **Huskers** placed second at the Mid-Winter Invitational and finished fifth at the Greater Ozark Invitational.

Moving into fourth place was the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD. The **Hawks** (67-20, .770) won the Bowie State Bulldog Classic championship and finished fourth at the Mid-Winter Invitational since the last poll.

Despite winning the championship at the Mid-Winter Invitational and a third place showing at the Bowie State Bulldog Classic, **Delaware State University** of Dover, DE slid down a notch to fifth place. The **Hornets** are 65-22 (.747) for the season.

**New Jersey City University** (45-16, .738), **Arkansas State University** (48-19, .716), **Kutztown University** (45-17, .726), the **University of Central Missouri** (47-22, .681), and **Minnesota State Mankato** (36-18, .667) round out the Top Ten, respectively.



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## 2008-09 NTCA JANUARY NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W – L – T	1st Place Votes	Total Points	Previously Ranked
1.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	57 – 13 – 0	15	567	1
2.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	52 – 7 – 0	3	511	3
3.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	48 – 16 – 0		454	2
4.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	67 – 20 – 0		452	5
5.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	65 – 22 – 0		444	4
6.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	45 – 16 – 0		356	7
7.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	48 – 19 – 0		324	6
8.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	45 – 17 – 0		302	8
9.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	47 – 22 – 0		298	9
10.	Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN	36 – 18 – 0		225	12
11.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	46 – 19 – 0		206	10
12.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	31 – 17 – 0		172	11
13.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	55 – 27 – 0		149	13
14.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	52 – 35 – 0		101	17
15.	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, WI	20 – 18 – 0		72	15
16.	Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	27 – 23 – 0		68	14
17.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	36 – 32 – 0		58	16
18.	Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC	25 – 10 – 0		46	20
19.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	39 – 34 – 0		45	19
20.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	36 – 30 – 0		41	18

### Also receiving votes:

Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Texas Southern University, Houston, TX; Bowie State University, Bowie, MD; North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, NC; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ; Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

### Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 20 teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 32 points for first place and one point for twentieth place. Teams are ranked using total points standings, after the highest and lowest votes for every team are dropped. 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.**