



NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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COMMODORES ARE STILL THE ONE

FAIRFIELD, CT – **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN held onto its number one position in the National Tenpin Coaches Association February national poll.

Vanderbilt (75-17-0, .815) has owned the #1 spot since the beginning of the season. Since the last poll, the **Commodores** won the Morgan State Invitational in Perry Hall, MD and finished second at the Holiday Classic in Bessemer, AL.

The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** (67-19-0, .779) moved up a spot to second after winning at the Holiday Classic and a runner-up finish at the Morgan State Invitational.

Fairleigh Dickinson University of Teaneck, NJ (92-20-0, .821) slipped a spot to third. The Knights won the Capital Classic in Dover, DE and finished second at the Kutztown Invitational in Reading, PA.

Two significant tournament finishes moved Delaware State University (99-30-0, .767) up to fourth. The Hornets took home the first place trophy at the Kutztown Invitational and second at the Capitol Classic.

Dropping a notch to fifth is the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD (98-32-0, .754).

Rounding out the Top Ten are **Arkansas State University**, Jonesboro, AR (70-24-0, .745), **New Jersey City University**, Jersey City, NJ (78-30-0, .722), **University of Central Missouri**, Warrensburg, MO (76-30-0, .717), **Sacred Heart University**, Fairfield, CT (63-28-0, .692), and **Alabama A&M University**, Huntsville, AL (62-26-0, .705).



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2008-09 NTCA FEBRUARY NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W-L-T	1st Place Votes	Total Points	Previously Ranked
1	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	75-17-0	18	573	1
2	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	67-19-0	1	502	3
3	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	92-20-0	1	496	2
4	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	99-30-0		446	5
5	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	98-32-0		420	4
6	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	70-24-0		372	7
7	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	78-30-0		336	6
8	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	76-30-0		328	9
9	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	63-28-0		236	12
10	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	62-26-0		232	11
11	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	84-43-0		191	8
12	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	49-32-0		169	10
13	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	65-28-0		168	13
14	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	75-53-0		124	14
15	Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	45-35-0		107	16
16	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	67-54-0		94	17
17	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	44-41-0		46	15
18	Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	43-33-0		45	---
19	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	59-56-0		36	19
20	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	51-44-0		26	20

Also receiving votes:

North Carolina A&T State, Greensboro, NC; Texas Southern, Houston, TX; Medaille, Buffalo, NY; Bowie State, Bowie, MD; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL; Fayetteville State, Fayetteville, NC; St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; Adrian College, Adrian, MI; Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC; Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

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.