



NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPS TOP NTCA PRESEASON POLL

HACKENSACK, NJ – The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, the defending NCAA national champions of women's bowling, was voted as the No. 1 team in the 2009-10 National Tenpin Coaches Association preseason poll. The NTCA conducts monthly polls during the NCAA women's bowling regular season.

The 2009 NCAA title was the **Huskers'** third in the six-year history of NCAA women's bowling championships. No other program has more than one. **Nebraska**, which received 18 out of a possible 19 first place votes in the poll, will initiate its defense of the title in Springfield, MO at the Greater Ozark Invitational on October 24th.

Ranked second was **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN. The **Commodores** have advanced to the national championship tournament the past four seasons – winning the title in 2007. **Vanderbilt** will open the season in Springfield, MO, as well.

The third ranked squad was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. Last Spring, the **Knights** were semifinalists at NCAA championship for the fifth time in six seasons. The 2006 national champs will kick off the season by hosting the Fright Knight Invite in Elmwood Park, NJ on October 30th.

Tied for the No. 4 spot were the **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO and the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD. The **UCM Jennies**, who were runner-ups at the NCAA Championship last season – their third second place finish in six years, launch their 2009-10 campaign as the host of the Greater Ozark Invitational. The **UMES Hawks**, who won the 2008 NCAA national championship and have qualified for NCAA nationals six consecutive years, begin their season at the Fright Knight Invite.

Delaware State University of Dover, DE was ranked sixth. Last season, the **Hornets** were selected to the NCAA championship tournament, where they advanced to the semifinals. **DSU** will start its schedule in Elmwood Park, NJ.

In seventh place was **Arkansas State University** of Jonesboro, AR. The **Red Wolves**, who were national championship tournament qualifiers for the second straight season a year ago, will open up in Springfield, MO.

Ranked eighth and ninth, respectively, were **New Jersey City University** of Jersey City, NJ and the **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **NJCU Gothic Knights** are six-time NCAA championship tournament participants. The **SHU Pioneers** have made it there four times. Both programs will get its season started in Elmwood Park, NJ.

Rounding out the Top Ten was **Kutztown University** of Kutztown, PA. Only in their third year of existence, the **Golden Bears'** season opens at the Fright Knight Invite.



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Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record	1st Place	Total	Previously
		W - L	Votes	Points	Ranked
1.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	0 - 0	18	544	-
2.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	0 - 0		477	-
3.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	0 - 0		453	-
4T.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	0 - 0		397	-
4T.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	0 - 0		397	-
6.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	0 - 0		327	-
7.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	0 - 0	1	325	-
8.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	0 - 0		313	-
9.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	0 - 0		245	-
10.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	0 - 0		222	-
11.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	0 - 0		174	-
12.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	0 - 0		157	-
13.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	0 - 0		142	-
14.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	0 - 0		125	-
15.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	0 - 0		100	-
16.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	0 - 0		87	-
17.	Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	0 - 0		71	-
18.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	0 - 0		39	-
19.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	0 - 0		33	-
20.	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN	0 - 0		30	-

Also receiving points:

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Texas Southern University, Houston, TX; Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; 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 the adjusted total point standings, after the highest and lowest votes 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.