



NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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COMMODORES CLAIM TOP SPOT IN DECEMBER NTCA POLL

RICHMOND, VA – Fresh off their victory in Millsboro, DE at the UMES Hawk Classic, **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN was selected as the top ranked NCAA women's bowling team in the December national poll conducted by the National Tenpins Coaches Association. The NTCA ranks the Top-20 teams monthly throughout the regular NCAA bowling season.

The **Commodores**, who received 14 out of a possible 19 first place votes, have launched their season in grand fashion. Not only did they claim the title of the 19-team Hawk Classic, **Vanderbilt** (29-10) won the championship of the 10-team Greater Ozark Invitational in Springfield, MO and finished in third place at the 8-team Big Red Invite in Lincoln, NE.

The **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD collected two first place votes and was ranked second overall. The **Hawks** (39-11) stand in second place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Northern Division after two meets, finished second at the 12-team Fright Knight Invite in Elmwood Park, NJ, and ended in third place at the Hawk Classic.

Ranked third was **Delaware State University** of Dover, DE. The **Hornets** (36-10) own the highest winning percentage of all ranked teams and are the MEAC Northern Division leaders. Moreover, **DSU** won the Fright Knight Invite championship; however, a 10th place finish at the Hawk Classic may have offset their stellar start of the season by the voters.

Arkansas State University of Jonesboro, AR climbed a few notches in the poll to fourth place. The strong start by the **Red Wolves** (26-14) includes second place finishes at the Greater Ozark Invitational and the Big Red Invite, and a sixth place conclusion at the Hawk Classic.

Slipping to the fifth place ranking was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. The **Knights** (19-13) have a second place finish (Hawk Classic) and third place finish (Fright Knight Invite) to their credit, but a sixth place finish at the 8-team Northeast Conference meet put a damper on **FDU's** season.

Ranked sixth was the **University of Nebraska** (13-11) of Lincoln, NE. The **University of Central Missouri** (17-15) of Warrensburg, MO was ranked seventh. **New Jersey City University** (18-15) of Jersey City, NJ and **Kutztown University** (22-16) of Kutztown, PA, were ranked eighth and ninth, respectively. Rounding out the Top-10 was **St. Francis College** (18-7) of Brooklyn Heights, NY, its highest ranking in program history.



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Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standings	Previously Ranked
1.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	29 - 10	14	528	2
2.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	39 - 11	2	472	T4
3.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	36 - 10	1	441	6
4.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	26 - 14		399	7
5.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	19 - 13		391	3
6.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	13 - 11	1	337	1
7.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	17 - 15		316	T4
8.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	18 - 15		269	8
9.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	22 - 16		190	10
10.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	18 - 7		189	18
11.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	23 - 15		184	13
12.	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN	27 - 21		180	20
13.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	21 - 15		159	12
14.	Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA	22 - 9		98	-
15.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	0 - 0		90	11
16.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	12 - 9		65	16
17.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	16 - 19		55	14
18.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	13 - 20		54	9
19.	Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	29 - 14		53	-
20.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	21 - 25		30	15

Also receiving points:

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, TX; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; Florida A&M, Tallahassee, FL; Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; Hampton University, Hampton, VA; Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL.

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.