



NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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VANDERBILT RETAINS TOP BILLING IN NTCA JANUARY POLL

READING, PA – **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN remained as the top ranked team in the nation by the National Tenpins Coaches Association in its January national poll. Throughout the regular season, the NTCA conducts monthly national polls, which rank the Top-20 NCAA women's bowling teams.

Thirteen out of a possible twenty coaches listed **Vanderbilt** (29-10) at the top of their ballot. The **Commodores**, who captured the UCM Greater Ozark Invitational and the UMES Hawks Classic during the Fall semester, have been idle since the last NTCA poll was released. **VU** will be back in action this weekend in Reading, PA when they attend the KU Golden Bear Invitational along with 27 other teams. Sixteen of the NTCA Top-20, including nine Top-10 teams, will be there.

The **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD was ranked second, collecting four first place votes. **UMES** (66-18) is arguably the hottest team in the country. Since the last poll, the **Hawks** have gone 27-7 in NCAA matches and have won two tournaments, the 14-team A-State Mid-Winter Classic in Little Rock, AR and the 19-team Bowie State Invitational in Laurel, MD.

The third place ranked team was **Delaware State University** of Dover, DE. The **Hornets** (56-14), recipients of three first place votes, won the MEAC Northern Division regular season championship and had a strong third place finish at the Mid-Winter Classic since the last poll.

Moving up a notch to fourth place was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. After an inconsistent first month, the **Knights** (37-16) seem to be turning things around, winning their last two tournaments, the 20-team Jeanette Lee Invitational in Richmond, VA and the 8-team SFC Terriers New Year Knock Down in Staten Island, NY.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO climbed a couple of spots to fifth place. The **Jennies** (38-18) have kicked it into high gear recently, winning 21 of their last 24 matches, and taking home the second place trophy at the Mid-Winter Classic.

Arkansas State University (48-21) of Jonesboro, AR was ranked sixth. Leaping four places to seventh place, its first ever Top-10 ranking, was **Adelphi University** (48-20) of Garden City, NY. Ranked eighth was the **University of Nebraska** (33-19) of Lincoln, NE. The ninth ranked squad was **New Jersey City University** (34-20) of Jersey City, NJ. Rounding out the Top-10 for the second straight poll was **St. Francis College** (39-16) of Brooklyn Heights, NY.



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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	13	556	1
2.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	66 - 18	4	523	2
3.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	56 - 14	3	468	3
4.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	37 - 16		462	5
5.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	38 - 18		388	7
6.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	48 - 21		376	4
7.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	48 - 20		322	11
8.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	33 - 19		316	6
9.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	34 - 20		288	8
10.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	39 - 16		226	10
11.	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN	35 - 26		167	12
12.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	34 - 25		156	9
13.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	29 - 21		149	13
T14.	Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA	33 - 13		113	14
T14.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	22 - 10		113	16
16.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	17 - 12		78	15
17.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	24 - 20		75	18
18.	Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL	35 - 16		51	-
19.	Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	43 - 27		50	19
20.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	41 - 39		26	20

Also receiving points:

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA; Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, TX; Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC.

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.