



# NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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### **TWO TOURNEY TITLES LIFTS VANDERBILT TO THE TOP OF FINAL NTCA POLL**

SMYRNA, TN – **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN moved back to the top of the national rankings in the final National Tenpins Coaches Association poll of the 2009-10 season by edging out last month's #1 **UMES**. Throughout the regular season, the NTCA conducts monthly national polls, which rank the Top-20 NCAA women's bowling teams.

Nine out of a possible nineteen coaches listed **Vanderbilt** (67-24) at the top of their ballot. The **Commodores**, went 29-6 while capturing the ECAC Championship and Music City Classic whose field included 17 of the top-20 teams. **VU**, along with the other top 8 NTCA ranked teams, will be competing at the national championship this week in North Brunswick, NJ.

The **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD collected six first place votes and moved down to second. After an amazing January and February, **UMES** (102-32) settled for two runner-up finishes at the Holiday Classic in Bessemer, AL and the MEAC Championships.

Moving up to third is the **University of Nebraska** of Lincoln, NE. After a slow start to the season, the reigning national champions finished the regular season strong with a win at the Holiday Classic and a second place finish at the Music City Classic. The **Cornhuskers** (74-27), who received four first place votes, were the most successful team in March winning 22 of their 25 matches.

Dropping a spot to fourth was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. The **Knights** (79-36) went 19-9 since the last poll. They had a respectable third place finish at the **ECAC Championships** and were runner-ups at the **NEC Championships**.

The **University of Central Missouri** (74-36) of Warrensburg, MO kept their sixth place ranking. The **Jennies** bowled steady in March with two top 6 finishes in their last two tournaments.

**Delaware State University** (105-38) of Dover, DE dropped a couple spots to sixth despite defending the MEAC Championships. **Arkansas State University** (72-36) of Jonesboro, AR and **New Jersey City University** (72-41) of Jersey City, NJ retained their seventh and eighth place rankings. Making their first Top-10 appearance this season is **Sacred Heart University** (59-36) of Fairfield, CT in the ninth spot. **Valparaiso University** (68-46) of Valparaiso, IN finished their first season in tenth.

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## 2009-10 NTCA FINAL NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standings	Previously Ranked
1.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	67 - 24	9	513	2
2.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	102 - 32	6	494	1
3.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	74 - 27	4	480	4
4.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	79 - 34		433	3
5.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	74 - 36		371	6
6.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	105 - 38		353	5
7.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	72 - 36		349	7
8.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	72 - 41		287	8
9.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	59 - 36		242	13
10.	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN	68 - 46		203	10
11.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	85 - 53		174	9
12.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	68 - 45		171	11
13.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	62 - 28		146	15
14.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	61 - 58		105	12
14.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	46 - 42		93	14
16.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	42 - 32		80	16
17.	Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL	77 - 44		76	18
18.	Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA	44 - 31		47	17
19.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	70 - 68		34	20
20.	Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	70 - 57		18	19

### Also receiving points:

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; Bowie State University, Bowie, MD; Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA; 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.**

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