

NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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FDU KNIGHTS RECAPTURE #1 RANKING IN 2011 NTCA FEBRUARY NATIONAL POLL

BALTIMORE, MD – After winning both tournaments it entered in the second half, **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ received 20 out of a possible 24 first place votes and regained the top spot in the **National Tenpins Coaches Association** national poll. The NTCA conducts monthly polls that rank and list the top twenty NCAA women's bowling programs during the regular season.

The **FDU Knights** (71-15, .826), who were the preseason #1 ranked team and the #2 ranked team in the national poll released prior to this one, have been hot in the second half. **FDU** won tournament titles at the 28-team Kutztown Invitational in Reading, PA and the 15-team DSU Capital City Classic in Dover, winning 31 of its last 37 matches along the way.

Ranked second was the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD. **UMES** (73-25, .745) competed in four 3-day events during the first five weeks of the second half. The **Hawks**, who collected three first place votes, finished fourth at the 14-team Mid-Winter Classic in Cabot, AR; fourth at the 10-team Big Red Invitational in Lincoln, NE; second at the Kutztown Invitational; and third at the DSU Capital City Classic.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO was the third ranked team. The **Jennies** (47-18, .723), who garnished one first place vote, have begun the second half just like they ended the first. **UCM** closed out the first half in Midlothian, VA with the Jeannette Lee Invitational championship. Since then, the **Jennies** have placed second at the Mid-Winter Classic and won the Big Red Invitational championship.

The fourth ranked team was the **University of Nebraska** of Lincoln, NE. After winning the only two events they entered during the first half of the season, the **Huskers** (35-10, .778) are returning to action this weekend after a fifth place finish at the Mid-Winter Classic and a third place finish at the Big Red Invitational.

Making the biggest move, **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN navigated seven places up the poll to fifth place. Following an uncharacteristic first half, the **Commodores** (50-30, .625) have turned their season around. It began by winning the tournament championship at the Mid-Winter Classic. **Vanderbilt** has since followed that up with second place finishes at the Big Red Invitational and the DSU Capital City Class, as well as a third place finish at the Kutztown Invitational.

Arkansas State University (43-16, .729) of Jonesboro, AR was ranked sixth. Moving up to seventh was **New Jersey City University** (61-25, .709) of Jersey City, NJ. The eighth ranked team was **Kutztown University** (67-20, .770) of Kutztown, PA. **Sacred Heart University** (51-22, .699) of Fairfield, CT was ranked ninth, and **Sam Houston State University** (49-26, .653) of Huntsville, TX was tenth.

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Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standings	Previously Ranked
1.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	71 – 15	20	695	2
2.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	73 – 25	3	616	1
3.	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	47 – 18	1	578	4
4.	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	35 – 10		554	3
5.	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	50 – 30		488	12
6.	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	43 – 16		434	6
7.	New Jersey City University, <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	61 – 25		394	9
8.	Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	67 – 20		388	7
9.	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	51 – 22		354	8
10.	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	49 – 26		296	5
11.	Alabama A&M University, <i>Huntsville, AL</i>	31 – 12		200	14
12.	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>	48 – 37		184	13
13.	Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	59 – 37		181	10
14.	Stephen F. Austin University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	39 – 29		165	15
15.	St. Francis College, <i>Brooklyn Heights, NY</i>	57 – 37		141	11
16.	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	42 – 31		102	17
17.	Norfolk State University, <i>Norfolk, VA</i>	54 – 34		95	16
18.	University of Wisconsin, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	22 – 20		65	19
19.	St. Peter's College, <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	40 – 34		33	20
20.	Florida A&M University, <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	44 – 36		89	18

Also receiving points:

Minnesota State University, *Mankato, MN*; Fayetteville State University, *Fayetteville, NC*;
Morgan State University, *Baltimore, MD*; Bowie State University, *Bowie, MD*; Louisiana Tech, *Ruston, LA*; Jackson State University, *Jackson, Mississippi*.

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. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. In this poll, three votes were necessary for consideration. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped.

The specific point values are: **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.**