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HOT SECOND HALF START LIFTS FDU TO TOP SPOT IN NTCA FEBRUARY COACHES' POLL

HACKENSACK, NJ – **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ was voted as the No. 1 ranked team in the 2012 February national poll conducted by the membership of National Tenpin Coaches Association, the coaches coalition of NCAA participating women's bowling programs. The **Knights**, who were ranked second in the last NTCA coaches poll, won 29 of their first 34 matches since getting back to action after being idle during the five-week winter recess.

FDU (74-17, 0.813), which received 21 out of a possible 27 first place votes, won a pair of single-day team titles while competing in the 8-team **Terriers New Year Knock Down** in Brooklyn, NY. They followed that up with a second place finish at the 28-team **Kutztown Invitational** in Reading, PA. In tournaments for the season, the **Knights** have four championships, two second place finishes, and a third place finish; plus, they currently sit in first place in **Northeast Conference**.

Ranked second was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **Pioneers** (51-19, 0.729) moved up a spot and received one first place vote. In their only tournament appearance since the last poll was released, **SHU** finished in third place at the huge **Kutztown Invitational**. They are also in second place in the **NEC**, one game out of first.

The third ranked team was **Valparaiso University**, Indiana. **Valpo** (63-29, 0.685), which collected four first place votes and was the top ranked team in the last poll, had a challenging start of the second half. The **Crusaders** competed in four major events, going 33-21 in matches during that span. They finished the 16-team **A-State Mid-Winter Classic** in Jonesboro, AR in seventh; completed the 12-team **NU Big Red Invitational** in Lincoln, NE in seventh; closed out the **Kutztown Invitational** in fifth, and ended the 12-team **PVAMU Invitational** in Arlington, TX in seventh.

Climbing four spots to No. 4 was **Arkansas State University** of Jonesboro, AR. The **Red Wolves** (58-19, 0.753) continued their stellar season, going 31-8 in matches since the last poll. In its three appearances in the second half, **A-State** won the **Big Red Invitational**, took second at the **Mid-Winter Classic**, and finished in third at the **PVAMU Invitational**.

At No. 5 was the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD. **UMES** (71-26, 0.732) entered four events since the start of the second half. The **Hawks** captured the championship at the **Kutztown Invitational**, ended in second place at both **Terriers New Year Knock Down** single-day events and the **PVAMU Invitational**, and finished in fifth place at the **A-State Mid-Winter Classic**, going 34-17 for the duration.

The NTCA, which has honored NCAA women's bowling programs and student-athletes by conducting national polls and selecting all-America teams, has scheduled 10 national polls, six coaches' polls and four media polls, for the 2011-12 season. This poll is the third of six coaches' polls.....Since the NTCA began conducting polls in January of 2005, this is the ninth time that **Fairleigh Dickinson** has gotten top billing. Only **Nebraska** exceeds that count with 10. **Vanderbilt** has eight No. 1's and **UMES** has four.....**Sacred Heart's** No. 2 ranking is its highest in program history.....**Arkansas State's** No. 4 ranking ties its best (Dec. 2009).....**Stephen F. Austin's** cracked the Top-10 for the first time.



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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>	74 – 17	21	781	2
2.	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	51 – 19	1	651	3
3.	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>	63 – 29	4	622	1
4.	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	58 – 19		615	9
5.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	71 – 26		555	4
6.	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	55 – 22		551	7
7.	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	58 – 26	1	545	6
8.	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	47 – 16		489	8
9.	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	53 – 26		383	5
10.	Stephen F. Austin University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	52 – 43		266	11
11.	Norfolk State University, <i>Norfolk, VA</i>	59 – 28		237	13
12.	New Jersey City University, <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	40 – 26		221	10
13.	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	42 – 28		200	12
14.	Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	40 – 28		179	15
15.	University of Wisconsin, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	28 – 25		166	18
16.	Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	48 – 32		114	19
17.	Alabama A&M University, <i>Huntsville, AL</i>	28 – 16		67	--
18.	Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>	42 – 42		62	16
19.	St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	45 – 36		59	14
20.	St. Peter's College, <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	51 – 32		41	17

Also receiving points:

St. Francis College, *Brooklyn Heights, NY*; Fayetteville State University, *Fayetteville, NC*; Long Island University, *Brooklyn, NY*; St. Augustine's College, *Raleigh, NC*; Morgan State University, *Baltimore, MD*.

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. 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.**