



## The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2012-2013 Preseason Poll

### *Back to Back Championships Earns UMES Top Spot*

**Nashville, TN** (September 28, 2012)— The talent in women's college bowling is overwhelming as six different teams received first place nods in the first annual National Tenpin Coaches Association preseason poll. With the start of the 2012-13 bowling season less than a week away, the Two-Time Defending NCAA Champion **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** (*634 points*) retains the top spot in this year's preseason poll with 14 first place votes.

"All the teams have been improving exponentially over the last few years and competition is getting tougher," said National Ten Pin Coaches Association President Becky Kregling, "This is the first time we've had six different teams receive first place votes, so it will be exciting to see how the season plays out."

University of Maryland Eastern Shore is poised for another trip to the NCAA Championship as only one Hawk crossed the stage at graduation last spring. The Hawks' first event is the FDU Invitational the first weekend of November.

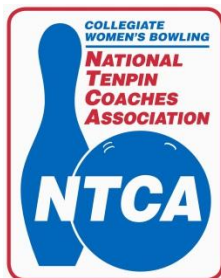
**Arkansas State University** (*589 points, 5 first*) earned the two spot. All the Red Wolves' starters from the dominating 2011-12 team, that finished no lower than fourth in a regular season, are back and ready for competition that starts October 19 in New Orleans at the Tulane Invitational.

Last year's NCAA Runner-Up, **Fairleigh Dickinson University** (*553 points, 1 first*), garnered the third spot in the poll. The Knights lost two regulars, but return NCAA Player of the year Danielle McEwan for her senior season as they look to repeat as Northeast Conference regular season champions.

Coming off a Semi-Final appearance in last year's Championship, **Vanderbilt University** (*495 points, 1 first*) takes the fourth spot in the poll. The Commodores look to replace two starters before they kick off the season October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bulldog Classic hosted by Alabama A&M.

Rounding out the top five is the **University of Nebraska** (477 points, 1 first). The perennial power Cornhuskers return a solid group as they look to make their ninth trip to the NCAA Championship. Nebraska starts the season the second week of November at the Crusader Classic hosted by Valparaiso.

The **University of Central Missouri** (471 points, 1 first) is in the sixth spot to start the year. Defending NEC Tournament Champion **Sacred Heart University** (435 points) is in the seventh place and **Sam Houston State University** (323 points) from Huntsville, TX sits in eighth. **Valparaiso University** (309 points) of Valparaiso, IN, which enjoyed their finest season last year making it to the NCAA Championships, enters the season in the ninth spot. The Lady Jacks from **Stephen F. Austin University** (285 points) retain their highest rank in program history round out the top ten of the poll in tenth.  
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## 2012-2013 NTCA PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standing	Previously Ranked
1.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	0-0	14	634	1
2.	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	0-0	5	589	5
3.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	0-0	1	553	2
4.	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	0-0	1	495	3
5.	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	0-0	1	477	4
6.	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	0-0	1	471	7
7.	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	0-0		435	8
8.	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	0-0		323	9
9.	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>	0-0		309	6
10.	Stephen F. Austin, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	0-0		285	10
11.	Norfolk State University, <i>Norfolk, VA</i>	0-0		240	11
12.	Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	0-0		182	13
13.	New Jersey City University, <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	0-0		158	12
14.	University of Wisconsin, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	0-0		116	16
15.	Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	0-0		104	15
16.	Alabama A&M University, <i>Huntsville, AL</i>	0-0		75	17
17.	Prairie View A&M University, <i>Prairie View, TX</i>	0-0		71	19
18.	Bethune Cookman University, <i>Daytona Beach, FL</i>	0-0		69	18
19.	St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	0-0		59	NR
20.	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	0-0		58	14

### Also receiving points:

Monmouth University, *West Long Branch, NJ*, Saint Francis College, *Brooklyn Heights, NY*, Alabama State University, *Montgomery, AL*, North Carolina A&T University, *Greensboro, 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. 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.