The National Tenpin Coaches Association Announces the 2013-2014 March Poll

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Arkansas State Tops March Poll

NASHVILLE, TN---The Arkansas State Red Wolves (*800 points, 91-29*) were a unanimous choice as the NCAA's No. 1 ranked bowling team in the March poll of the National Ten Pin Coaches Association. The Red Wolves month was highlighted by winning the Sam Houston Track Kat Klash in convincing fashion and a second place finish at the Columbia 300 Music City Classic.

Arkansas State held a wide edge over second-place Nebraska (*679 points, 68-28*), which maintained its position from the February poll. The Cornhuskers were ahead of third place Maryland-Eastern Shore (*643 points, 78-19*) and fourth place Central Missouri (629 points, 77-26) while Fairleigh Dickinson (625 points, 84-25) dropped from a third-place tie last month into fifth.

Vanderbilt (541 points, 79-40) jumped two spots into sixth after finishing second at the Greater Ozark Invitational and winning the Music City Classic. Sam Houston State (443 points, 90-42) is seventh, followed by Wisconsin-Whitewater (413 points, 71-38), Stephen F. Austin (387 points, 76-43) and St. Francis (Pa) (347, 61-27) round out the top 10.

The field of eight for April's NCAA Championship will be announced next Wednesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. (EDT). The announcement can be viewed on www.ncaa.com

2013-2014 NTCA MARCH POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standing	Previously Ranked
1.	Arkansas State University, *Jonesboro, AR*	91-29	27	800	1
2.	University of Nebraska, *Lincoln, NE*	68-28		679	2
3.	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, *Princess Anne, MD*	78-19		643	3
4.	University of Central Missouri, *Warrensburg, MO*	77-26		629	5
5.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, *Teaneck, NJ*	84-25		625	3
6.	Vanderbilt University, *Nashville, TN*	79-40		541	8
7.	Sam Houston State University, *Huntsville, TX*	90-42		443	7
8.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	71-38		387	9
9.	Stephen F. Austin, *Nacogdoches, TX*	76-43		413	5
10.	St. Francis University, *Loretto, PA*	61-27		347	10
11.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	75-45		283	11
12.	Sacred Heart University, *Fairfield, CT*	53-43		214	12
13.	North Carolina A&T, *Greensboro, NC*	72-30		165	17
14.	Valparaiso University, *Valparaiso, IN*	59-64		152	14
15.	McKendree University, *St. Louis, MO*	39-40		139	15
16.	LIU Brooklyn, *Brooklyn, NY*	67-56		133	16
17.	Delaware State University; *Dover, DE*	70-49		96	20
18.	Saint Francis Brooklyn College, *Brooklyn Hieghts, NY*	76-32		86	13
19.	Norfolk State University, *Norfolk, VA*	54-40		80	17
20.	Alabama State University, *Montgomery, AL*	46-37		29	19

Also receiving points:
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ; Adelphi University, *Garden City, NY*; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX*;* 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.