



The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2015-2016 Preseason Poll

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December 17, 2015

Arkansas State Holds Poll Lead

NASHVILLE, TN---Arkansas State maintained its lead in the latest monthly poll by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association while there was considerable shake-up in much of the other standings.

The Red Wolves bowled a relatively light November schedule, finishing sixth at the Crusader Classic and second at the Big Red Invitational. That was enough to earn the first-place votes of 16 of the 31 participating head coaches.

Nebraska jumped from fifth into second on a steady worksheet that included a third-place finish at the Crusader Classic and wins at the Big Red Invite and Track Kat Klash. The Huskers had 12 first-place votes.

Vanderbilt held its third place standing on second place finishes at the Crusader Classic and the UMES Hawk Classic. The Commodores had the remaining three first-place votes.

Sam Houston was again in a fourth place tie, this time with Central Missouri, which leaped from ninth into fifth after winning the UMES Hawk Classic, placing third at the Track Kat Klash and the Big Red along with fifth and seventh places at the Crusader Classic and McKendree Invitational. The Bearkats had a steady November with fourth place finish at the Hawk Classic and runner up at their home event.

Wisconsin-Whitewater remained in sixth with Fairleigh Dickinson falling from second into seventh. Stephen F. Austin stayed in eighth, McKendree slipped to ninth from sixth and Maryland-Eastern Shore returned to the Top 10 for the first time in two months jumping two spots in a month.

Here are the complete poll results for December as the NCAA schedule breaks for the holidays:



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	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Adjusted Point Standing	Previously Ranked		
1.	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	38-14	16	1104	1	
2.	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	40-16	12	1084	4t	
3.	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	40-15	3	993	3	
4t.	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	40-16		951	9	
4t.	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	48-21	0-0	951	3824t	6
6.	University of Wisconsin, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	27-14		767	2	
7.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	23-16		745	7	
8.	<i>Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX</i>	24-16		737	8	
9.	McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	22-17		663	6	
10.	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	30-13		605	12	
11t.	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	39-16		545	10	
11t.	North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	25-17		545	11	
13.	St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	28-19		443	13	
14.	LIU Brooklyn, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>	35-26		423	14	
15.	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>	27-24		301	17	
16.	Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	26-19		285	16	
17t.	Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>	25-19		214	22	
17t.	Norfolk State University, <i>Norfolk, VA</i>	26-13		211	20	
19t.	Saint Francis Brooklyn College, <i>Brooklyn Heights, NY</i>	25-26		159	18	
19t.	Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	27-27		159	21	
21.	Prairie View A&M University, <i>Prairie View, TX</i>	23-17		156	19	
22.	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	20-21		146	15	
23.	Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	19-18		94	24	
24.	Franklin Pierce College, <i>Rindge, NH</i>	18-24		29	23	
25.	Elmhurst College, <i>Elmhurst, IL</i>	8-5		25	RV	

Also receiving points:

Bowie State University; *Bowie, MD*; Fayetteville State University, *Fayetteville, NC*; Texas Southern University, *Houston, TX*; Jackson State University, *Jackson, MS*; Mount Aloysius College, *Cressen, PA*; Bethune Cookman University, *Daytona Beach, FL*; Morgan State University, *Baltimore, MD*; Caldwell University, *Caldwell, NJ*; Alabama State University, *Montgomery, AL*;

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 = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =31=27, 8th =25, 9th =23, 10th =21, 11th =19, 12th =17, 13th =15, 14th =13, 15th =11, 16th =10, 17th =9, 18th =8, 19th =7, 20th =6, 21st =5, 22nd =4, 23rd =3, 24th =2, 25th =1.**