

The National Tenpin Coaches Association

April Poll

Rankings Through March 19, 2017

April 5, 2017

Huskers Regain No. 1 Spot in April NTCA Poll

WHITEWATER, Wis. ---The Huskers of Nebraska captured 30 first place votes out of 35 ballots to reclaim the top spot in the NTCA April Poll. Nebraska was voted number one twice during the 2016-2017 season by the NTCA (Preseason and February Poll). Most recently the Huskers posted a 9-1 record at the Big Red Invite, and finished their season with an overall record of 85-21.

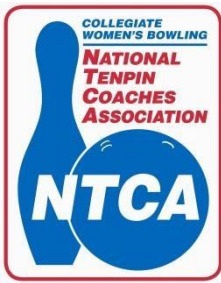
McKendree (75-21) slipped one spot to second and received four first place votes. The Redwolves of Arkansas State (79-31) lost no ground from the February poll and received one first place vote.

Only six points separated Sam Houston State (76-26) and Vanderbilt (84-36); after the Commodores won the Southland Bowling League Championship. Fairleigh Dickinson (76-33), who won their Conference Championship in the NEC, was voted sixth. Stephen F. Austin (75-42) maintained their previous poll ranking of seventh. Rounding out the top eight, of which is invited to participate in the 2017 NCAA National Championship, is the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Maryland Eastern Shore also won their Conference Championship, the MEAC.

The Hornets of Delaware State University (69-31) clenched the ninth position, with Sacred Heart University (65-36) jumping one spot to finish in the top ten.

Tune into ESPNU Saturday April 15th at 6:30pm CST for the NCAA National Championship.

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	<u>Record</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Previously Ranked</u>
1 University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	85-21	30	1306	2
2 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	75-21	4	1226	1
3 Arkansas State, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	79-31	1	1159	3
4 Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	76-26		1055	4
5 Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	84-36		1049	5
6 Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	76-33		955	6
7 Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	75-42		889	7
8 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	78-36		843	8
9 Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	69-31		711	9
10 Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	65-36		685	11
11 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	59-37		625	13
12 University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	61-38		591	10
13 Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>	70-46		503	12
14 St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	74-45		395	15
15 Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	67-44		345	17
16 LIU Brooklyn, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>	66-53		321	16
17 Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	71-47		290	14
18 North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	59-50		262	18
19 Prairie View A&M University, <i>Prairie View, TX</i>	64-38		252	19
20 University of Alabama Birmingham, <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	55-43		156	22
21 Saint Francis Brooklyn College, <i>Brooklyn Heights, NY</i>	72-65		125	25
22 Franklin Pierce University, <i>Ridge, NH</i>	52-42		112	20
23 Norfolk State University, <i>Norfolk, VA</i>	58-40		110	21
24 Fayetteville State, <i>Fayetteville, NC</i>	54-8		92	24
25 Youngstown State, <i>Youngstown, OH</i>	44-56		56	23

Also receiving points: (must receive votes from minimum 1 out of every 8 ballots)

Bowie State, *Bowie MD*; Duquesne University, *Pittsburgh, PA*; Texas Southern University, *Houston, TX*;
Valparaiso University, *Valparaiso, IN*

NTCA voters rank the top 25 teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 40 points for first place and one point for twenty-fifth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. 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 follow: 1st place = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =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.