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McKendree Reigns Supreme in Final NTCA Poll

WHITEWATER, Wis. ---The Bearcats of McKendree University claimed the 2017 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship on Saturday, April 15th over Nebraska 4-0. McKendree is the first team in women's bowling history to win the championship in four games and the first Division II program to win the title. Shannon O'Keefe was voted DII/DIII Coach of the Year and Breanna Clemmer was voted both DII/DIII Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year.

Nebraska was voted second, as the Huskers appeared in its fifth straight championship match and has five national championships to its credit. Bill Straub was voted Division I Coach of the Year and Julia Bond was voted a 1st Team All-America.
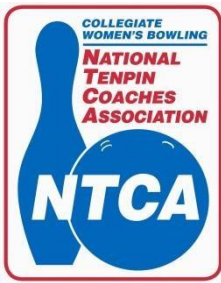
Vanderbilt jumped two spots in the final poll, to move up to third. The Commodores fell to Nebraska in the national semi-finals. Maria Bulanova was named Division I Rookie of the Year and was also voted 1st Team All-America along with Gisele Poss.

Arkansas State lead by Jordan Richard, Division I Player of the Year and 1st Team All-America, exited the championship after the third round. The Red Wolves strong season impressed voters to finish the season fourth.

Sam Houston State lost to McKendree in the national semi-finals and finished the final poll in fifth. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore moved up two spots to sixth, after an impressive showing at the NCAA championships.

The seventh and eighth spots belong to the Lady Jacks of Stephen F. Austin and Knights of Fairleigh Dickenson, after both teams exited the tournament early. Stephanie Schwartz of SFA was also named 1st team All-America.

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The National Tenpin Coaches Association
Final Poll
Rankings Through April 15, 2017

		Record	First Place Votes	Votes	Previously Ranked
1	McKendree University, *Lebanon, IL*	75-21	27	1000	2
2	University of Nebraska, *Lincoln, NE*	85-21		925	1
3	Vanderbilt University, *Nashville, TN*	84-36		857	5
4	Arkansas State, *Jonesboro, AR*	79-31		811	3
5	Sam Houston State University, *Huntsville, TX*	76-26		799	4
6	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, *Princess Anne, MD*	78-36		697	8
7	Stephen F. Austin State University, *Nacogdoches, TX*	75-42		677	7
8	Fairleigh Dickinson University, *Teaneck, NJ*	76-33		659	6
9	Sacred Heart University, *Fairfield, CT*	65-36		539	10
10	Delaware State University, *Dover, DE*	69-31		537	9
11	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, *Whitewater, WI*	59-37		457	11
12	University of Central Missouri, *Warrensburg, MO*	61-38		453	12
13	Monmouth University, *West Long Branch, NJ*	70-46		387	13
14	St. Francis University, *Loretto, PA*	74-45		304	14
15	Adelphi University, *Garden City, NY*	67-44		278	15
16	Tulane University, *New Orleans, LA*	71-47		235	17
17	LIU Brooklyn, *Brooklyn, NY*	66-53		229	16
18	North Carolina A&T, *Greensboro, NC*	59-50		207	18
19	Prairie View A&M University, *Prairie View, TX*	64-38		165	19
20	University of Alabama Birmingham, *Birmingham, AL*	55-43		131	20
21	Saint Francis Brooklyn College, *Brooklyn Heights, NY*	72-65		108	21
22	Norfolk State University, *Norfolk, VA*	58-40		96	23
23	Franklin Pierce University, *Rindge, NH*	52-42		73	22
24	Fayetteville State, *Fayetteville, NC*	54-8		52	24
25	Youngstown State, *Youngstown, OH*	44-56		38	25

Also receiving points: (must receive votes from minimum 1 out of every 8 ballots) Bowie State, *Bowie MD;* Duquesne University, *Pittsburgh, PA*

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.