

The National Tenpin Coaches Association December Poll

December 5, 2018

McKendree Claws Their Way to No.1 in December Poll

WHITEWATER, WIS. --- McKendree University of Lebanon, IL received 35 out of 45 first place votes to be voted No. 1 in the first official poll of the 2018-19 season. The Bearcats clawed their way to No. 1 by posting a 29-9 record, 204.7 team scoring average, and held a 10-1 record against the NCAA top 10 ranked schools. McKendree also won the Kat Klash and Warhawk Classic.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers register at No. 2, after receiving seven first place votes. Nebraska showed it has not slowed down, as the Cornhuskers tabulated a 30-8 record, 204.2 team scoring average, and had a 10-1 record against the NCAA top 10 ranked schools. Nebraska was victorious at the Bearcat Open and posted a second place finish at the Kat Klash.

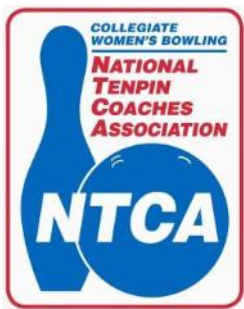
Vanderbilt University was voted No. 3, and received two first place votes. The defending National Champions put together a stellar first half, including a 25-12 record, 204.1 team scoring average, and a tournament victory at the Hawk Classic.

The Redwolves of Arkansas State University moved up one spot from the pre-season poll, to come in at No. 4. Arkansas State was 25-13 after three tournaments, and recorded a second place finish at the Warhawk Classic.

After recording a 33-18 record, the Bearcats Sam Houston State dropped one spot, to No. 5.

Rankings 6-10: The Green Wave of Tulane University achieved their highest ranking in NTCA history, at No. 6. The Knights of Fairleigh Dickenson University and the Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore swapped positions. While the Red Flash of St. Francis University-Pennsylvania cracked the top ten. The Ladyjacks of Stephen F. Austin University drop four positions to No. 10.

NCAA bowling competes as a National Collegiate sport, in which all three divisions compete for one National Championship. NEW THIS YEAR: The national committee will select 12 teams during the selection process. Eight conferences will receive automatic qualifiers (AMCC, CIAA, ECC, MIAA, MEAC, NEC, Southland, SWAC) and four teams will receive at-large bids. Four teams will be seeded into the Championship bracket, while the eight remaining teams will compete in four play-in matches. The winners of these matches will then be seeding into the eight-team championship bracket. The 2019 National Championship will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.



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	No. 1 Votes	Record	Adjusted Points	Previously Ranked	
1	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL	35	29-9	1687	2
2	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	7	30-8	1587	3
3	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	2	25-12	1524	1
4	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR		25-13	1399	5
5	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX		33-18	1211	4
6	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA		25-13	1161	10
7	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ		36-14	1055	9
8	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD		28-19	1037	7
9	St. Francis University, Loretto, PA		36-8	864	13
10	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX		21-18	851	6
11	North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC		36-16	787	11
12	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI		25-12	757	21
13	Delaware State University, Dover, DE		31-15	659	8
14	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA		39-13	525	17
15	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN		20-19	495	14
16	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT		23-20	488	12
17	Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ		22-13	398	23
18	LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY		22-18	395	19
19	Mount Saint Mary's College, Newburgh, NY		31-12	327	NR
20	University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL		34-15	291	16
21	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY		24-17	225	15
22	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO		18-20	219	22
23	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA		22-13	182	20
24	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO		11-15	106	18
25	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA		24-26	44	24

Also receiving points:

Fayetteville State, Fayetteville, NC; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; Texas Southern, Houston, TX; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN; Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top 25 programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. 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.