



The National Tenpin Coaches Association March Poll

March 6, 2019

McKendree Continues to Impress

WHITEWATER, WIS. --- McKendree University of Lebanon, IL received 34 out of 41 first place votes to be voted No. 1 in the March NTCA Poll. With a 65-24 season record, the Bearcats continue to impress voters. McKendree holds the highest team scoring average in the NCAA at 202.5, and is coming off a pair of top three finishes at the Prairie View Invite and LadyJack Classic. The Bearcats will finish out the regular season at the Music City Classic and MIAA Conference Championship.

Vanderbilt University comes in at No. 2, after the Commodores received seven first place votes. VU has a season record of 72-30, and a team scoring average of 200.8. The Commodores have won three tournaments this season, including the SFA LadyJack Classic. Vanderbilt will be hosting the Music City Classic March 14th-17th which will feature 19 of the NTCA top 25, and finish its regular season at the Southland Conference Championships.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers were voted No. 3. Nebraska has a 72-31 season record, and holds a 198.9 team scoring average. The Huskers have a 25-19 record against the NCAA top 10 RPI schools. Nebraska was victorious at the Maryville Saints Invitational, and posted a second place finish at the Sunshine Classic.

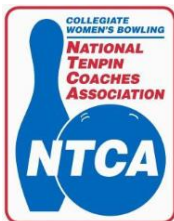
The Redwolves of Arkansas State University hold their position at No. 4. Arkansas State has a season record of 56-32, and a team scoring average of 196.9. Arkansas State won the Prairie View Invite, and will close out the regular season at the Music City Classic and Southland Conference Championships.

Sam Houston State stays locked into the No. 5 spot; after posting 69-34 record, a 193.1 team scoring average, and 21-15 win loss record against the NCAA's top 10 in scoring average. The Bearcats will also be competing at the Music City Classic, and are in contention for the Southland Conference Championship crown.

Rankings 6-10: The LadyJacks of Stephen F. Austin are peaking at the right time after winning the Sunshine Classic; their tournament victory helps them move up one spot to No.6. The Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore won the regular season MEAC crown and come in at No. 7. The Knights of Fairleigh Dickenson remain at No. 8. While the Red Flash of St. Francis University-Pennsylvania re-enter the top ten after winning the NEC regular season title. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks move back into the top 10 for the first time since 2016.

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. The top 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 seeded into the eight-team championship bracket. The 2019 National Championship will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.

All Events Included as of 2/25/19



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<u>School, Location, Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Points Total</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1 McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (MIAA)	34	1542	65-24	1
2 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (SBL)	7	1461	72-30	2
3 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		1359	72-31	3
4 Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (SBL)		1291	56-32	4
5 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (SBL)		1193	69-34	5
6 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (SBL)		1149	66-37	7
7 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		993	58-36	6
8 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		927	67-39	8
9 St. Francis University, Loretto, PA (NEC)		853	75-25	11
10 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		791	46-30	13
11 North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		759	57-39	10
12 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (SBL)		628	57-46	9
13 Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		578	62-32	12
14 University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL (MEAC)		437	70-28	14
14 Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		437	41-36	15
16 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (MIAA)		410	44-33	16
17 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (ECC)		338	57-36	24
18 Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		320	41-46	20
19 Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD (NEC)		262	76-37	19
20 LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY (NEC)		256	43-40	17
21 Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (MIAA)		243	49-41	18
22 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		164	52-38	23
23 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (SBL)		148	55-35	21
24 Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH (SBL)		89	35-38	25
25 Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA (ECC)		45	68-53	NR

Also receiving points:

Fayetteville State, Fayetteville, NC; Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN

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.

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