

The National Tenpin Coaches Association April Poll

April 3, 2019

Vanderbilt Reclaims No. 1

WHITEWATER, WIS. ---Vanderbilt University (94-33) put together a stellar month of March and reclaims the No. 1 spot. The Commodores went 22-3 during the final month of regular season play and captured tournament victories at the Hawk Flight Invite and Music City Classic. The two-time National Champions will be making its 14th National Championship appearance; and was selected as the No. 1 seed at the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship. They will face either Sacred Heart or Caldwell during the first round of the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship.

McKendree University (80-32) dropped to No. 2. The Bearcats won the Big Red Invite, finished second at the Music City Classic, and won the MIAA Conference Championship. McKendree won the NCAA National Championship in 2017, and finished as a National Championship runner-up in 2018. The Bearcats will be making its fourth National Championship appearance, and will play the winner of Maryland Eastern Shore vs. Bowie State in the first round.

The Cornhuskers (80-34) hold steady at No. 3. Nebraska closed out its regular season with a second place finish at the Big Red Invite. Nebraska, selected at-large, will make its 16th consecutive trip to the NCAA National Championship. Winners of five national titles in nine trips to the National Championship match, is the only university to attend every NCAA National Championship since 2004. The Cornhuskers will play the winner of Arkansas State vs. Medaille.

After winning the Southland Bowling League, the Bearcats of Sam Houston State (89-40) move up one spot to No. 4 in the rankings. The Bearcats will be making its eighth National Championship appearance in the program's nine-year history. Sam Houston won their university's first National Championship back in 2014, and will play the winner of Stephen F. Austin vs. Prairie View A&M in the first round of the NCAA National Championship.

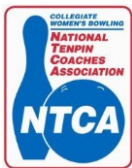
The Redwolves of Arkansas State University (71-41) fall one spot to No. 5. Arkansas State will be making its 12th straight National Championship appearance. They will face Medaille in a play-in match on Tuesday, April 9th at RollHouse of Wickliffe. The winner of this match will face Nebraska in the first round of NCAA National Championship play.

The LadyJacks of Stephen F. Austin (75-41) remain at No. 6. Stephen F. Austin will be making its fourth National Championship appearance, and won their university's first National Championship title in 2016. They are set to have a play-in match with Prairie View A&M on Friday, April 5th at Emerald Bowl in Houston, TX.

The Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore come in at No. 7 as they continue to shine. Maryland Eastern Shore is making its 13th National Championship appearance, and won three National Championship titles. The Hawks will host two play-in matches at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, DE on Saturday, April 6th. One match is Maryland Eastern Shore vs. Bowie State and the other is Sacred Heart vs. Caldwell.

The Aggies of North Carolina A&T return to the top 10 after a third place finish at the Hawk Flight Invite and a fourth place finish at the Music City Classic. The Warhawks of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater move up one spot to No. 9, and the Knights of Fairleigh Dickenson fall two spots to No. 10.

For an updated NCAA National Championship bracket go to <https://www.ncaa.com/sports/bowling>. The 2019 National Championship will be televised live on ESPN. All National Championship competition will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.



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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 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (SBL)	27	1299	94-33	2
2 McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (MIAA)	8	1242	80-32	1
3 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		1139	80-34	3
4 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (SBL)		1067	89-40	5
5 Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (SBL)		1041	71-41	4
6 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (SBL)		979	75-41	6
7 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		859	71-43	7
8 North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		797	76-44	11
9 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		705	60-40	10
10 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		697	80-47	8
11 St. Francis University, Loretto, PA (NEC)		568	87-38	9
12 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (MIAA)		554	62-39	16
13 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (SBL)		456	63-53	12
14 Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		415	69-37	13
15 Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		359	45-43	14
16 University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL (MEAC)		338	75-35	14
17 Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (MIAA)		297	65-48	21
18 Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		266	46-54	18
19 Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD (NEC)		244	76-37	19
20 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		205	60-43	22
21 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (ECC)		188	63-43	17
22 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (SBL)		142	63-39	23
23 LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY (NEC)		132	55-54	20
24 Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH (SBL)		128	49-49	24
25 Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ (MEAC)		31	49-45	NR

Also receiving points: Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ (ECC), Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA (ECC), Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, TX (SWAC), and Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN (SBL)

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.