



The National Tenpin Coaches Association Final Poll

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Bearcats voted No. 1 after shortened season

WHITEWATER, WIS. ---The Bearcats of McKendree University were voted No. 1 in the final NTCA poll of the season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA women's postseason did not happen. McKendree received a total of 33 first place votes out of a possible 34, after posting a 93-18 regular season record. The Bearcats clawed their way to the top of the standings at the Columbia Maryville Saints Classic, Prairie View A&M Invitational and the Columbia Music City Classic. McKendree led the country in team scoring average, strike percentage, team first ball "9+" percentage and team first ball average.

The Red Wolves of Arkansas State propelled in the standings, moving a total of four spots to come in at No. 2. Arkansas State finished the regular season with an 83-32 record and finished second at four regular season tournaments.

The University of Nebraska comes in at No. 3, after winning a total of four tournaments during the 2019-2020 season. The Cornhuskers were victorious at the Bearcat Hammer Open, Track Kat Klash, SFA Ladyjack Hammer Classic and the Big Red Invite. Nebraska finished the season with a 79-35 regular season record.

Vanderbilt University held steady at No. 4, posting a 75-38 regular season record. The Commodores led the country in team fill percentage, team spare percentage, team makeable spare percentage, and team single pin spare percentage. Vanderbilt won a total of three tournaments during the 2019-2020 regular season including the Stormin Blue and White Classic, the Northeast Invitational and the Midwinter Classic.

Sam Houston State rounds out the top 5, after a remarkable 87-40 regular season record. During the 2019-2020 season the Bearcats won the AllState Sugar Bowl Collegiate Invitational and the Hawk Classic Invitational.

The Lady Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore (84-29) held steady at No. 6, after winning the MEAC #1 and #2 and the Cougar Classic. MD- Eastern Shore won the MEAC regular season. The Ladyjacks of Stephen F. Austin (73-41) stand solely at No. 7. Stephen F. Austin defended their title at the Wildcat Classic during the 2019-2020 regular season. Duquesne University slips to No. 8 after posting a 65-23 regular season record. The Dukes shot a record breaking score of 1,331 at the Hawk Flight Invitational, and won a total of four tournaments including the Bud Whitman Memorial Team and Baker, North East Conference #2 and the Hawk Flight Invitational. North Carolina A&T comes in at No. 9 after winning the Stallings Invitational. The Aggies finished the regular season with a 71-41 record. Youngstown State University rounds out the top 10 after being ranked 25th just one season ago. The Penguins put together an 81-43 record and won the Penguin Classic and Mount Shootout.