

The National Tenpin Coaches Association DII/DIII Preseason Poll

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McKendree Bearcats Top DII/DIII Preseason Poll

HAROGATE, TN -- Perennial power McKendree once again finds itself atop the pre-season poll of the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA).

The Bearcats tallied 806 poll points to easily outdistance second place Maryville (St. Louis). Central Missouri, another traditional Division II contender, came in third as NCAA head coaches forecasted the upcoming season.

McKendree features senior Hope Gramly, the division's returning Player of the Year and a first-team All-America during the 2020-21 season. The Bearcats also bring back Maranda Pattison and Isabel Allen, a pair that received All-America mention last year.

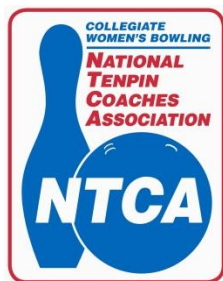
Maryville's program continues to gain momentum. The Saints qualified for the Intercollegiate Team Championship for the first time last season and advanced to the third round. Macailin Rodriguez is the team's Most Valuable Player and was a first-team Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree.

Central Missouri has been in the conversation since bowling became an NCAA sponsored sport. The Jennies return a pair of juniors, Cayla Bortz and Sydney Miller.

Rounding out the DII/DIII top 10 are Wisconsin-Whitewater, Lincoln Memorial, Medaille, Adelphi, Lewis, Caldwell and Chestnut Hill.

Voting is done by NCAA head coaches that are members of the NTCA with 39 ballots cast.

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	1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	36	806	1
2 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		565	2
3 University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>		480	3
4 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>	1	475	6
5 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		461	4
6 Medaille College, <i>Buffalo, NY</i>		326	5
7 Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>		303	NR
8 Lewis University, <i>Romeoville, IL</i>		180	8
9 Caldwell University, <i>Caldwell, NJ</i>		175	9
10 Chestnut Hill College, <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>		143	11T
11 Tusculum University, <i>Greenville, TN</i>		141	7
12 Roberts Wesleyan College, <i>Chili, NY</i>		129	11T
13 Marian University, <i>Fond du Lac, WI</i>	1	128	13
14 Wilmington University, <i>Wilmington Manor, DE</i>		119	NR
15 Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>		108	NR

Also receiving points (must be on 1 in 8 ballots):

Augustana College, Aurora University, Carthage College, Daemen College, Drury University, Felician University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Mercyhurst University, Quincy University, Saint Vincent College, Upper Iowa University

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.