

# The National Tenpin Coaches Association December Poll

December 15, 2022

## **McKendree University Bearcats #1 in NTCA Poll**

CHICAGO, IL---McKendree retained its top ranked position in the latest polling by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA) but North Carolina A & T shot into second place after closing its fall schedule with three consecutive tournament championships.

McKendree, 34-5 during the fall campaign, has the No. 1 ranking in the Team Performance Composite Index (TPCI) and used consistency as its calling card.

The Bearcats were third in the season-opening Bearcat Roto Grip and third again in the Lions Classic before closing with a second-place finish at the Track Kat Klash and a tournament title at the MOTIV Ladyjack Classic. McKendree took 32 of the 38 first place votes.

North Carolina A & T, 40-6, was the biggest mover in the Top 20, leaping from pre-season No. 7 into second on the basis of tournament championships at the Kat Klash, the MEAC and the Hawk Classic. The Aggie's notched the remaining six first-place votes.

Vanderbilt, 27-13, dropped one notch into third place after a third-place finish at the Dezy Strong and a pair of second place finishes at the MOTIV Ladyjack and Hawk Classic. The Commodores rank second in the TPCI power rankings.

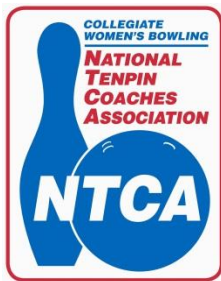
Nebraska, 37-16, was fourth in the polling, down one spot from the pre-season ranking after a busy fall in which the Huskers won the Penguin Classic, were fourth at the Bearcat Roto Grip, seventh at the Track Kat and fifth at the MOTIV Ladyjack.

Stephen F. Austin, 28-12, was fifth after a third place at the Colonial and two fourth places at the Dezy Strong and MOTIV Ladyjack.

The top 10 was completed by Arkansas State, Youngstown State, Sam Houston State, Louisiana Tech and Maryland Eastern Shore.

The second 10 included Maryville (Saint Louis), Duquesne, Delaware State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Mount St. Mary's, Newman, Tulane, Mercyhurst, Medaille and Central Missouri.

Sacred Heart, Lincoln Memorial, Wisconsin-Whitewater, Morgan State, and newcomer Merrimack round out the top 25. The NCAA bowling season has paused for the winter holidays and resumes in early January.



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	1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	32	1,462	1
2 North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	6	1,300	7
3 Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>		1,257	2
4 University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>		1,157	3
5 Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>		1,099	4
6 Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>		1,052	6
7 Youngstown State University, <i>Youngstown, OH</i>		1,033	9
8 Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>		863	5
9 Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>		834	8
10 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>		734	14
11 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		649	15
12 Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>		594	13
13 Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>		578	12
14 Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>		557	10
15 Mount St. Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg, MD</i>		343	11
16 Newman University, <i>Wichita, KS</i>		325	25
17 Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>		305	17
18 Mercyhurst University, <i>Erie, PA</i>		261	NR
19 Medaille University, <i>Buffalo, NY</i>		207	NR
20 University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>		191	21
21 Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>		170	16
22 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		162	24
23 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>		116	18
24 Morgan State University, <i>Baltimore, MD</i>		97	19
25 Merrimack College, <i>North Andover, MA</i>		96	NR

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

Alabama State University, Coppin State University, Daemen University, Emmanuel College, Jackson State University, Lewis University, Long Island University, Monmouth University, Saint Vincent College, Wilmington 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.*