The National Tenpin Coaches Association March Poll

March 10th, 2023

ELMHURST, IL---There was no change among the top five ranked NCAA bowling teams in the March polling by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA). McKendree, Vanderbilt, Nebraska, Arkansas State and Stephen F. Austin remained in the order as the previous poll in the opinion of the nation's bowling coaches.

McKendree, 86-16, garnered 33 of the 37 first place votes after a strong February in which the Bearcats won all three of its tournaments – the McKendree Baker Challenge, the Stormin Flyer Classic and the 17-team Mid-Winter Classic.

Vanderbilt, 83-23, went 25-2 for the month and had three first-place votes, dominating the Lady Techster Invitational before stumbling in the final to finish second. The Commodores were then unbeaten in winning the Stalling Classic.

Nebraska, 80-37, had the other first-place vote and stayed in third place with its only February action being a third place finish in the 17-team Mid-Winter.

Arkansas State, 63-27, was second at the Sunshine Classic and fourth in its own Mid-Winter, allowing the Red Wolves to keep their fourth place poll position.
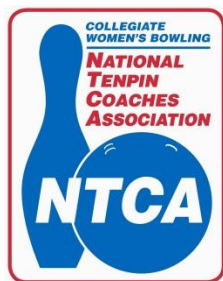
Stephen F. Austin, 73-31, maintained fifth on the strength of its win at the Sunshine and a sixth place performance at the Mid-Winter.

Youngstown State and North Carolina A & T exchanged spots with the Penguins sliding up to sixth and the Aggies dropping into seventh place. Maryville, Sam Houston and Maryland-Eastern Shore kept their 8-10 positions.

Stability was also the keynote in the 11-15 spots as voters kept Duquesne, Louisiana Tech, Newman, Mercyhurst and Fairleigh Dickinson were unchanged in those positions.

Mount St. Mary's was one of the poll's few upward movers, going from a tie for 18th into 16th with Central Missouri, Medaille, Lincoln Memorial and Wisconsin-Whitewater rounding out the top 20.

Delaware State, Tulane, Merrimack, Morgan State and Sacred Heart complete the top 25 teams.

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		1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1	McKendree University, *Lebanon, IL*	33	1,428	1
2	Vanderbilt University, *Nashville, TN*	3	1,324	2
3	University of Nebraska, *Lincoln, NE*	1	1,256	3
4	Arkansas State University, *Jonesboro, AR*		1,146	4
5	Stephen F. Austin State University, *Nacogdoches, TX*		1,112	5
6	Youngstown State University, *Youngstown, OH*		1,032	7
7	North Carolina A&T, *Greensboro, NC*		982	6
8	Maryville University, *St. Louis, MO*		864	8
9	Sam Houston State University, *Huntsville, TX*		828	9
10	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, *Princess Anne, MD*		683	10
11	Duquesne University, *Pittsburgh, PA*		676	11
12	Louisiana Tech University, *Ruston, LA*		616	12
13	Newman University, Wichita, KS		537	13
14	Mercyhurst University, *Erie, PA*		489	14
15	Fairleigh Dickinson University, *Teaneck, NJ*		381	15
16	Mount St. Mary's University, *Emmitsburg, MD*		289	18
17	University of Central Missouri, *Warrensburg, MO*		276	17
18	Medaille University, *Buffalo, NY*		257	19
19	Lincoln Memorial University, *Harrogate, TN*		249	21
20	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, *Whitewater, WI*		240	20
21	Delaware State University, *Dover, DE*		227	16
22	Tulane University, *New Orleans, LA*		148	22
23	Merrimack College, *North Andover, MA*		132	23
24	Morgan State University, *Baltimore, MD*		99	24
25	Sacred Heart University, *Fairfield, CT*		50	25

Also receiving points (must be on 1 in 8 ballots):
Lewis University, Monmouth University, Saint Vincent College

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.