Maryville Capped Its Most Successful Season in Program History

April 25, 2024— Maryville capped its most successful season in program history with a first-place finish in the nation's Division II/III poll, conducted by the National Tenpin Coaches Association.

The Saints compiled an 82-47 season's record, winning one tournament and finishing third in three others. Led by Division II/III Coach of the Year Lauren Russo, Maryville also cracked the Top 10 in the final all-division poll.

Newman was second in polling. The Jets, in their second year as an NCAA program, won 71 matches and were the Greater Lakes Valley Conference runners-up. The team finished the season ranked 16th in the nation and barely missed making the national tournament.

Wisconsin-Whitewater came in third, followed by Oklahoma Christian and McKendree in the Top 5. Mercyhurst was sixth with William Smith, Central Missouri, St. Vincent and Lewis completing the Top 10.

Kutztown was 11th with Felician, Wilmington, Alvernia and Marian completing the rankings.

*NCAA Bowling Division II & Division III Programs Only

| | | 1st Place | Point | <u>February</u> |
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| <u>Rank</u> | School, Location, Conference Affiliation | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Ranking</u> |
| 1 | Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC) | 31 | 660 | 1 |
| 2 | Newman University, Wichita, KS (GLVC) | 1 | 570 | 3 |
| 3 | University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT) | | 472 | 2 |
| 4 | Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (INDEPENDENT) | | 414 | 4 |
| 5 | McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC) | | 338 | 5 |
| 6 | Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA (ECC) | | 293 | 7 |
| 7 | William Smith College, Geneva, NY (AMCC) | | 229 | 11 |
| 8 | University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (GLVC) | | 227 | 6 |
| 9 | Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (AMCC) | | 208 | 9 |
| 10 | Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (GLVC) | | 127 | 8 |
| 11 | Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA (ECC) | | 121 | 10 |
| 12 | Felician University, Rutherford, NJ (CACC) | | 114 | NR |
| 13 | Wilmington University, New Castle, DE (CACC) | | 91 | 13 |
| 14 | Alvernia University, Reading, PA (AMCC) | | 80 | NR |
| 15 | Marian University, Fond du Lac, WI (CCIW) | | 78 | NR |

Also Receiving Votes: Lincoln Memorial University, Emmanuel College, Roberts Wesleyan University, Bowie State University, Daemen University, and Belmont Abbey College..

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top fifteen Division II & III programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from twenty-two points for first place and one point for fifteenth 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 = 22 points, 2nd =19, 3rd =17, 4th =15, 5th =13, 6th =11, 7th =9, 8th =8, 9th =7, 10th =6, 11th =5, 12th =4, 13th =3, 14th =2, 15th =1.