



National Tenpin Coaches Association

2023-2024 February Coaches Poll

Jacksonville State Retains Poll Leadership

February 8, 2024 ---The National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) made Jacksonville State its unanimous No. 1 in the February polling of NCAA head bowling coaches.

Jacksonville State, 67-10, steamrolled through three major tournaments with barely a blemish to hold onto its poll leadership. The Gamecocks collected all 43 first-place votes after winning the Stormin' Blue and White Vegas Classic, the Northeast Classic and the Prairie View Invitational during the month of January.

Youngstown State continued its climb in the poll, rising from third to second on the basis of a third-place finish at Prairie View and placing fourth at the Northeast.

Arkansas State had a consistent month and was among the bigger movers, jumping up the ladder from sixth into third. The Red Wolves were second at Prairie View and third at the Northeast.

North Carolina A & T rose from fifth to fourth, boosted by an impressive second place finish at the 34-team Northeast Classic. The Aggies were seventh at Prairie View in their only other January action.

Vanderbilt dropped from second to fifth. The Commodores were third in Vegas but turned in eighth-place finishes at both the Northeast Classic and Prairie View.

Nebraska, Louisiana Tech, Stephen F. Austin, Duquesne and Maryville round out the Top 10.

Sam Houston State is 11th, followed by Tulane, Mount St. Mary's, Maryland-Eastern Shore and Wisconsin-Whitewater hold down the 12 through 15 spots.

Newman, Oklahoma Christian, Merrimack, Sacred Heart and Valparaiso round out the Top 20. Fairleigh Dickinson is 21st, trailed by Delaware State, McKendree, Central Missouri and Niagara complete the Top 25.



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Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	1st Place Votes	Point Total	<u>December</u> <u>Ranking</u>
1	Jacksonville State University, <i>Jacksonville, AL</i> (CUSA)	43	1680	1
2	Youngstown State University, <i>Youngstown, OH</i> (CUSA)		1446	3
3	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i> (CUSA)		1442	6
4	North Carolina A&T State University, <i>Greensboro, NC</i> (MEAC)		1412	5
5	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i> (CUSA)		1324	2
6	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i> (INDEPENDENT)		1244	7
7	Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i> (CUSA)		1160	4
8	Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i> (CUSA)		1014	9
9	Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> (NEC)		934	8
10	Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i> (GLVC)		864	10
11	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i> (CUSA)		700	11
12	Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i> (CUSA)		636	12
13	Mount St. Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg, MD</i> (INDEPENDENT)		633	15
14	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i> (MEAC)		596	14
15	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i> (INDEPENDENT)		531	16
16	Newman University, <i>Wichita, KS</i> (GLVC)		413	18
17	Oklahoma Christian University, <i>Edmond, OK</i> (INDEPENDENT)		310	20
18	Merrimack College, <i>North Andover, MA</i> (NEC)		305	13
19	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i> (NEC)		244	17
20	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i> (CUSA)		242	19
21	Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i> (NEC)		204	25
22	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i> (MEAC)		170	24
23	McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i> (GLVC)		156	21
24	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i> (GLVC)		105	23
25	Niagara University, <i>Niagara University, NY</i> (NEC)		81	26

Also Receiving Votes: Mercyhurst University, Saint Vincent College, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania), and Monmouth University.

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top twenty-five programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from forty 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.