



# The National Tenpin Coaches Association Preseason Poll

December 3, 2021

## Sam Houston State Bearcats #1 in NTCA Poll

NACOGDOCHES, TX---Sam Houston State's high-scoring Bearcats soared into the top spot in the latest polling by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA).

Sam Houston grabbed the No. 1 spot after a highly competitive fall season that saw a number of programs produce quality performances. McKendree, Nebraska, North Carolina A&T and Vanderbilt held down the next four spots in the new polling.

Sam Houston compiled an impressive 33-5 win-loss record and received 37 of the 53 first place votes from the nation's head coaches. The Bearcats, ranked sixth in the fall's pre-season poll, won the Hawk Classic, placed second in their own Track Kat Klash and was third at the Colonial Lanes season opener. They lead the nation in scoring average (209) and RPI.

McKendree, 21-4, remained in second place after winning the National Collegiate Team Match and finishing second at both the Bearcat Hammer Open and the MOTIV Ladyjack Classic.

Nebraska, the pre-season top choice, won all three of its fall tournaments, the MOTIV Ladyjack, the Bearcat Hammer and the Track Kat Klash. The Huskers turned in a 30-8 worksheet, which included 10 wins over Top 10 teams in 14 matches.

The Aggies of North Carolina A & T played the nation's toughest schedule, coming in third in all four of their tournaments. They had a 33-14 win-loss record.

Vanderbilt was fifth in the fall poll after a 36-14 campaign that saw the Commodores win the Dezy Strong Classic and finish third, fourth and fifth in their other three outings.

A trio of Southland Bowling League powers follows. Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech, which leads the nation in winning percentage with a 44-6 record and Youngstown State hold down the sixth through eight poll spots with Mount St. Mary's ninth and Stephen F. Austin and Maryville tied for 10th.

The second 10 includes Duquesne, Tulane, Delaware State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Morgan State, Long Island, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Sacred Heart and Wisconsin-Whitewater rounding out the Top 20.

Lewis came in at No. 21, followed by Lincoln Memorial, Adelphi, Central Missouri and Monmouth to complete the Top 25.

Voting is done by NCAA head coaches that are members of the NTCA with 53 ballots cast.



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	1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1 Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	37	1,975	6
2 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	3	1,829	2
3 University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	13	1,825	1
4 North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>		1,707	5
5 Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>		1,559	4
6 Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>		1,483	3
7 Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>		1,365	9
8 Youngstown State University, <i>Youngstown, OH</i>		1,229	7
9 Mount St. Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg, MD</i>		1,057	13
10 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		989	15
10 Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>		989	10
12 Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>		899	11
13 Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>		783	16
14 Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>		621	14
15 Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>		599	8
16 Morgan State University, <i>Baltimore, MD</i>		522	NR
17 Long Island University, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>		500	23
18 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>		405	20
19 Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>		325	12
20 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>		299	21
21 Lewis University, <i>Romeoville, IL</i>		293	NR
22 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		203	18



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23	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	184	25
24	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	91	17
25	Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	90	19

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

Alabama State University, Medaille College, Tusculum University, 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.*