

# The National Tenpin Coaches Association January Poll

February 9, 2022

## McKendree Bearcats #1 in NTCA Poll

NACOGDOCHES, TX---The McKendree Bearcats slid past Sam Houston State into the top spot of the January poll as the National Ten Pin Coaches Association continues to evaluate the top teams in NCAA bowling.

McKendree eased past Sam Houston, who held the No. 1 rank in the December poll, by a scant 32 poll points despite garnering two fewer first place votes (15 to 17) from the participating head coaches. A look at the January tournament results indicates why voters are undecided.

McKendree began the month with an impressive win at the Stormin' Blue and White in Las Vegas, then placed second at the 18-team Northeast Classic before ending the month with a fourth place finish at the Prairie View Invitational.

Sam Houston competed in just two tournaments, finishing fourth at the Northeast but coming back to win the Prairie View, an event that included the previously top eight ranked teams.

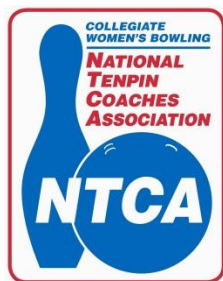
Nebraska remained in third place, gaining six first-place votes, with third place finishes at the Stormin' Blue and White and Prairie View while Vanderbilt slid up a notch into fourth on the strength of a win at the Northeast and a narrow loss to Sam Houston in the championship match at the Prairie View. The Commodores were also fourth in Las Vegas.

Louisiana Tech earned its first top five poll finish in program history, moving up from seventh after a fifth place showing at the Prairie View.

The poll's top 10 is completed by North Carolina A&T, slipping down from fourth into sixth place, followed by Arkansas State, Stephen F. Austin, Youngstown State and Mount St. Mary's. The poll points between the 8-9-10 teams were close.

Duquesne heads the second 10, followed by Fairleigh Dickinson, Maryville (St. Louis), Delaware State, Tulane, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Long Island University, Morgan State, Sacred Heart and Lewis. Lincoln-Memorial, Wisconsin-Whitewater, Adelphi, Monmouth and Kutztown complete the Top 25.

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	1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	15	1,397	2
2 Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	17	1,365	1
3 University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	6	1,294	3
4 Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>		1,224	5
5 Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>		1,059	7
6 North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	1	1,041	4
7 Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>		1,007	6
8 Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>		879	10
9 Youngstown State University, <i>Youngstown, OH</i>		876	8
10 Mount St. Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg, MD</i>		816	9
11 Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>		626	12
12 Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>		571	15
13 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		549	10
14 Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>		480	14
15 Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>		410	13
16 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>		317	18
17 Long Island University, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>		316	17
18 Morgan State University, <i>Baltimore, MD</i>		300	16
19 Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>		262	19
20 Lewis University, <i>Romeoville, IL</i>		206	21
21 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		186	22
22 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>		160	20
23 Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>		146	23
24 Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>		71	25
25 Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>		38	NR
25 University Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>		38	24

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

Alabama State University, Caldwell University, Marian University(WI), Medaille College, Tusculum 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.