



The National Tenpin Coaches Association Preseason Poll

October 5, 2022

McKendree #1 in Preseason Poll

ELMHURST, IL---Defending NCAA champion McKendree tops the 2022-23 pre-season poll conducted by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA). The Bearcats received 23 of the 36 first-place votes in a poll that reflects the growing balance and depth of the sport's talent pool.

McKendree, which defeated Stephen F. Austin in last year's national championship match, returns seven of its top 10 bowlers, including three-time All-American graduate student Hope Gramly and a trio of seniors, Rebecca Hagerman, Isabel Allen and Marinda Pattison. The Bearcats also added Vanderbilt graduate transfer Angelique Dalesandro to their roster.

Vanderbilt was second in the poll, receiving five first-place votes and considerable attention from the participating NTCA head coaches. The Commodores also return a host of talented veterans including Mabel Cummins, last season's NCAA Rookie of the Year Paige Peters and a strong junior class from a team that repeated as Southland Bowling League champions and won its NCAA Regional.

Nebraska was a close third in the balloting, getting six first-place votes. The Huskers are a younger team than most in the top five but return former NCAA Player of the Year Crystal Elliott and veteran Kayla Verstraete.

Fourth-place Stephen F. Austin has had a way of finishing strong over the years and last season was no exception as the LadyJacks won their NCAA Regional and advanced to the national championship match. SFA returns its entire roster and has added three freshman as it bids to return to the title game.

Sam Houston State returns three All-America bowlers from a team that was plagued with injuries last season. The Bearcats return decorated veterans Bea Hernandez, Elise Chambers and Denise Blankenzee and hold down the No. 5 spot in the pre-season poll.

Arkansas State was sixth in the polling, followed by defending MEAC champion North Carolina A&T, Louisiana Tech, Youngstown State and Fairleigh Dickinson, which reached the NCAA Final Four a year ago.

Mount St. Mary's leads the second 10, followed by Delaware State, Duquesne, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Maryville (St. Louis), Sacred Heart, Tulane, Wisconsin-Whitewater, Morgan State and Lewis. Central Missouri, Long Island, Monmouth, Lincoln Memorial and Newman round out the Top 25.

Voting is done by NCAA head coaches.

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	1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	23	1,312	1
2 Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	5	1,212	3
3 University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	6	1,193	4
4 Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	1	1,164	2
5 Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>		1024	5
6 Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>		992	6
7 North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>		902	7
8 Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>	1	864	8
9 Youngstown State, <i>Youngstown, OH</i>		774	10
10 Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>		658	9
11 Mount Saint Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg MD</i>		633	11
12 Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>		520	13
13 Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburg, PA</i>		514	12
14 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>		429	16T
15 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		395	14
16 Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>		393	15
17 Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>		347	16T
18 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>		244	18
19 Morgan State University, <i>Baltimore, MD</i>		164	21
20 Lewis University, <i>Romeoville, IL</i>		148	20
21 University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>		134	23
22 LIU, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>		130	19
23 Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>		76	25
24 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		72	22
25 Newman University, <i>Wichita, KS</i>		63	NR

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

Adelphi University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama State, University, Emmanuel College, Medaille College, Mercyhurst University, St. Francis College-PA, Tusculum University, Valparaiso 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.