The National Tenpin Coaches Association February Poll

February 10th, 2023

ELMHURST, IL---McKendree retained the lead in the February National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA) poll but Vanderbilt's impressive month cut the Bearcats' polling lead in half.

McKendree, 65-17, began its January winning the Vegas Stormin' Blue and White Classic and followed that up with a pair of fourth place finishes at the Northeast Classic and Prairie View Invitational.

Vanderbilt, 58-20, moved up from third in the December poll. The Commodores were second at Vegas and the Northeast Classic and won the Prairie View tournament. Along the way, Vanderbilt defeated McKendree three consecutive times.

McKendree earned 30 of the 38 first-place votes by the head coaches and notched 1,456 poll points while Vanderbilt garnered the other eight and had 1,380 points.

Nebraska, 65-27, slid up one spot into third place after third place finishes in Vegas and at the Prairie View and an impressive championship at the 33-team Northeast Classic.

Arkansas State, 37-17, jumped two spots into fourth after a seventh place finish at the Northeast and an eighth place showing at the Prairie View.
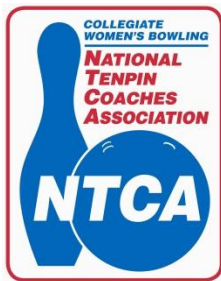
Stephen F. Austin, 54-25, stayed in fifth with a sixth place Vegas result along with a third place finish at the Northeast and a runner-up finish at the Prairie View.

North Carolina A&T slipped from second in December into sixth after an eighth place finish at the Northeast and a fifth place at the Prairie View.

Youngstown State retained seventh place, followed by Maryville, Sam Houston State and Maryland-Eastern Shore to round out the top 10.

Duquesne led off the second 10, followed by Louisiana Tech, Newman, Mercyhurst, Fairleigh Dickinson, Delaware State, Medaille, Mount St. Mary's and Central Missouri tied for 18th and Wisconsin-Whitewater rounding out the top 20.

Lincoln Memorial was 21st, followed by Tulane, Merrimack, Morgan State and Sacred Heart.

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		1st Place Votes	Overall Points	Previously Ranked
1	McKendree University, *Lebanon, IL*	30	1,530	1
2	Vanderbilt University, *Nashville, TN*	9	1,453	3
3	University of Nebraska, *Lincoln, NE*		1,337	4
4	Arkansas State University, *Jonesboro, AR*		1,201	6
5	Stephen F. Austin State University, *Nacogdoches, TX*		1,167	5
6	North Carolina A&T, *Greensboro, NC*		1,115	2
7	Youngstown State University, *Youngstown, OH*		1,083	7
8	Maryville University, *St. Louis, MO*		893	11
9	Sam Houston State University, *Huntsville, TX*		844	8
10	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, *Princess Anne, MD*		793	10
11	Duquesne University, *Pittsburgh, PA*		686	12
12	Louisiana Tech University, *Ruston, LA*		646	9
13	Newman University, Wichita, KS		614	16
14	Mercyhurst University, *Erie, PA*		457	18
15	Fairleigh Dickinson University, *Teaneck, NJ*		379	14
16	Delaware State University, *Dover, DE*		365	13
17	University of Central Missouri, *Warrensburg, MO*		314	20
18	Mount St. Mary's University, *Emmitsburg, MD*		306	15
19	Medaille University, *Buffalo, NY*		305	19
20	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, *Whitewater, WI*		206	23
21	Lincoln Memorial University, *Harrogate, TN*		158	22
22	Tulane University, *New Orleans, LA*		157	17
23	Merrimack College, *North Andover, MA*		152	25
24	Morgan State University, *Baltimore, MD*		134	24
25	Sacred Heart University, *Fairfield, CT*		68	21

Also receiving points (must be on 1 in 8 ballots):
Lewis University, Marian University, Monmouth University, Saint Vincent College, Valparaiso 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.