



## National Association of Basketball Coaches

### NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

#### December 8, 2020 (Regular Season Poll #1)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	3-0	400	1
2. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	2-0	383	2
3. West Texas A&M	0-0	366	3
4. Florida Southern	0-0	340	5
5. Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	0-0	325	6
6. West Liberty (W.Va.)	0-0	291	7
7. Northern State (S.D.)	0-0	285	8
8. Colorado School of Mines	2-0	261	13
9. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	0-0	244	12
10. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	0-0	231	11
11. Alabama Huntsville	0-0	220	14
12. Ferris State (Mich.)	0-0	212	15
13. Augustana (S.D.)	0-0	171	17
14. Point Loma (Calif.)	0-0	147	16
15. St. Edward's (Texas)	0-0	143	17
16. Valdosta State (Ga.)	0-0	138	18
17. Washburn (Kan.)	4-0	131	NR
18. Truman State (Mo.)	3-0	118	NR
19. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	0-0	101	20
20. Queens (N.C.)	2-2	95	10
21. Charleston (W.Va.)	0-0	77	22
22. Colorado Mesa	2-0	63	NR
23. Augusta (Ga.)	1-0	60	NR
24. Findlay (Ohio)	1-0	58	NR
25. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	0-0	54	23

Records through Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020.

Last ranking is from pre-season poll of Nov. 17, 2020.

**First place votes** – Northwest Missouri State (16).

**Others receiving votes:** Missouri-St. Louis 40, Missouri Western 37, Bridgeport (Conn.) 31, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 22, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 18, Fort Lewis (Colo.) 17, Mercyhurst (Pa.) 17, Tusculum (Tenn.) 15, UNC Pembroke 13, Lindenwood (Mo.) 10, McKendree (Ill.) 10, Flagler (Fla.) 9, Daemen (N.Y.) 8, Emporia State (Kan.) 7, DBU (Texas) 6, Missouri Southern 6, Westminster (Utah) 5, Lubbock Christian (Texas) 3, Union (Tenn.) 3, Wingate (N.C.) 3, Biola (Calif.) 2, Southern Indiana 2, Angelo State (Texas) 1, Minnesota State 1, Rockhurst (Mo.) 1, Stonehill (Mass.) 1.

**Dropped out:** Indiana, Pa. (4), Missouri-St. Louis (9), Missouri Southern (21), Bridgeport (24), Southern Indiana (25).

#### Weekly Poll Notes:

Northwest Missouri State, with wins in each of its first three games of the season, takes the top spot in the first NABC/Division II regular season poll. The Bearcats extended their winning streak to 26 games with early season wins over Rogers State, Central Missouri and Lincoln (Mo.), but its scheduled game Saturday at Missouri Western – who received votes this week – has been postponed.

The second-ranked team, Lincoln Memorial, has also dealt with a number of early season postponements since winning its first two contests to push the longest winning streak in Division II to 34 games. West Texas A&M, who won its final 23 games last season, will open its campaign this weekend as the third-ranked team in the nation.

Only nine teams in the pre-season top 25 have seen action as of Dec. 8 and six of them came away unscathed. Of the three that suffered losses, only Queens (N.C.) stayed in the rankings as one of its losses came to an NCAA Division I opponent over Thanksgiving weekend.

One of the other top 25 teams in the pre-season, Missouri-St. Louis, was replaced in the rankings by Truman State, who handed the Tritons a loss Saturday as it improved to 3-0 with three road wins to begin the year. Truman vaulted into the top 25 for the first time in 15 seasons at No. 18, one spot below the highest new entry this week of Washburn, who is out of the gate at 4-0.

A total of nine conferences have multiple teams in the pre-season top 25. The Mountain East Conference has three teams in No. 6 West Liberty, No. 19 Fairmont State and No. 21 Charleston, while the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference is represented by No. 7 Northern State, No. 13 Augustana and No. 25 Sioux Falls.