

**National Association of Basketball Coaches** 

## NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings December 29, 2020 (Regular Season Poll #3)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	3-0	400	1
2. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	5-0	384	2
3. West Texas A&M	1-0	366	3
4. Colorado School of Mines	6-0	346	5
5. Washburn (Kan.)	6-0	295	10
6. West Liberty (W.Va.)	0-0	271	4
7. Truman State (Mo.)	5-0	262	12
8. Northern State (S.D.)	0-0	240	6
9. St. Edward's (Texas)	2-0	239	11
10. Findlay (Ohio)	4-0	236	15
11. Valdosta State (Ga.)	1-0	233	9
12. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	0-0	230	7
13. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	0-0	224	8
14. Colorado Mesa	6-0	190	17
15. Augusta (Ga.)	2-0	167	16
16. Augustana (S.D.)	0-0	159	13
17. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	3-0	158	21
18. Point Loma (Calif.)	0-0	130	14
19. Queens (N.C.)	2-2	96	20
20. Alabama Huntsville	2-1	90	22
21. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	0-0	75	18
22. Missouri Western	5-1	67	19
23. Hillsdale (Mich.)	3-0	62	NR
24. Tusculum (Tenn.)	3-0	53	NR
25. DBU (Texas)	2-0	42	NR

Records through Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020. Last ranking is from poll of Dec. 15, 2020.

First place votes - Northwest Missouri State (16).

**Others receiving votes:** Charleston (W.Va.) 33, Sioux Falls (S.D.) 27, Lubbock Christian (Texas) 20, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 18, Flagler (Fla.) 16, UNC Pembroke 15, Southwest Baptist (Mo.) 10, Lindenwood (Mo.) 9, Daemen (N.Y.) 8, Missouri-St. Louis 8, Southern Indiana 7, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 4, Texas A&M-Kingsville 4, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 2, Wingate (N.C.) 2, Minnesota State 1, Union (Tenn.) 1.

**Dropped out:** Charleston (23), Sioux Falls (24), Missouri-St. Louis (25).

## Weekly Poll Notes:

With play around the nation about to resume following the NCAA Winter Break, Northwest Missouri State enters the post-holiday portion of the schedule still atop the NABC/Division II national rankings. The Bearcats resume play Thursday at Northeastern State and then play Pittsburg State Saturday prior to a Jan. 7 showdown against fifth-ranked Washburn in Maryville, Mo.

Lincoln Memorial stays at No. 2 and returns to the floor Saturday with a matchup against newly ranked Tusculum, one of three teams entering the poll for the first time this season. Tusculum came in at No. 24 as it has started the season with three straight wins.

West Texas A&M also held its No. 3 position, but will not return to play until Jan. 8 when it hosts DBU – another team that reached the top 25 for the first time this season as the Patriots are ranked 25<sup>th</sup> this week.

Colorado School of Mines moved up to No. 4 heading into a road trip to begin the new year that starts with a Sunday contest at Chadron State, a team that took now-No. 14 Colorado Mesa to double overtime earlier this season. No. 5 Washburn resumes play Saturday at Northeastern State after Northwest Missouri State's visit.

A number of NCAA Division II conferences will be getting their seasons underway in the upcoming days, including the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference that starts play on Saturday, the Peach Belt Conference that begins action on Jan. 6 as well as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Mountain East Conference that has its first games scheduled on Jan. 7.

A total of nine conferences have multiple teams in the rankings this week and three of them – the Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and South Atlantic Conference -- have three representatives apiece.