

National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

2018-19 Rankings - Dec. 4, 2018 (Poll #3)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The top six spots remained unchanged in the new NABC/Division II poll – including Bellarmine staying atop the rankings for the third straight week – but a number of losses through the middle of the rankings last week has created a significant shift this week.

Bellarmine won twice to hold onto the top spot, while Northwest Missouri State and Indiana (Pa.) retained the next two positions. The next three spots, held by Saint Anselm, Southern Nazarene and Valdosta State, also remained the same.

The first change came at No. 7 due to a loss by Cal Poly Pomona, allowing West Texas A&M to move up a spot in the poll. That loss, plus one by last week's ninth-ranked team, Findlay, brought West Liberty up to eighth and added two new teams to the top 25 in Nova Southeastern and UC San Diego.

Two undefeated teams, Shippensburg and USC Aiken, hold the first two positions in the second 10 ahead of Cal Poly Pomona, who dropped to No. 13 after a setback to Stanislaus State. Bentley jumped up 10 spots to 14th, while Florida Southern rose six spots to 15th this week.

Barry's loss to Nova Southeastern last Wednesday dropped the Buccaneers four spots to 16th, while Findlay fell eight rungs down the ladder following its loss at Cedarville Saturday and Morehouse dropped seven off a loss to Miles.

Moving up to 19th this week is unbeaten Ashland, one of three new teams in the poll this week, while Barton rounds out the top 20.

The final five spots in this week's rankings include the other two newcomers to the poll, both from the West Region -- No. 22 Chaminade and No. 24 Saint Martin's. Surrounding those two in the poll are Queens (N.C.), whose week included a road win over then-No. 23 Lenoir-Rhyne to move up to 21st, No. 23 St. Thomas Aquinas and No. 25 Indianapolis.

Two games featuring teams in the top 25 highlight this week's national schedule and both games are scheduled for Saturday. Third-ranked Indiana (Pa.) hosts No. 11 Shippensburg in one of the games, while No. 4 Saint Anselm plays host to 14th-ranked Bentley in the other contest. Another big early-season matchup takes place in the South Atlantic Conference, where No. 21 Queens (N.C.) hosts Lincoln Memorial.

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		Record	Points	Last
1.	Bellarmine, Ky. (16)	6-0	400	1
2.	Northwest Missouri State	8-0	384	2
3.	Indiana, Pa.	8-0	364	3
4.	Saint Anselm, N.H.	6-0	346	4
5.	Southern Nazarene, Okla.	8-0	339	5
6.	Valdosta State, Ga.	7-0	324	6
7.	West Texas A&M	10-1	303	8
8.	West Liberty, W.Va.	6-1	277	10
9.	Nova Southeastern, Fla.	5-0	253	17
10.	UC San Diego	7-1	247	16
11.	Shippensburg, Pa.	8-0	229	20
12.	USC Aiken	7-0	212	22
13.	Cal Poly Pomona	3-1	185	7
14.	Bentley, Mass.	7-0	175	24
15.	Florida Southern	5-1	155	21
16.	Barry, Fla.	5-1	136	12
17.	Findlay, Ohio	6-1	122	9
18.	Morehouse, Ga.	5-1	109	11
19.	Ashland, Ohio	6-0	88	NR
20.	Barton, N.C.	7-1	85	14
21.	Queens, N.C.	7-2	66	25
22.	Chaminade, Hawai'i	5-0	56	NR
23.	St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	6-1	50	18
24.	Saint Martin's, Wash.	7-1	48	NR
25.	Indianapolis, Ind.	6-1	43	19

Others receiving votes: Western Washington 39, St. Cloud State (Minn.) 32, Missouri Southern 27, St. Edward's (Texas) 27, Colorado Mesa 21, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 16, Sioux Falls (S.D.) 16, Point Loma (Calif.) 13, Tarleton State (Texas) 4, Western Oregon 3, Eckerd (Fla.) 2, Northwest Nazarene (Idaho) 2, Texas A&M-Commerce 2, Angelo State (Texas) 1.

Dropped out: St. Cloud State (13), Western Washington (15), Lenoir-Rhyne (23).

Records are through games of Sunday, Dec. 2.