



National Association of Basketball Coaches

NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

February 23, 2021 (Regular Season Poll #11)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	19-1	399	3
2. West Texas A&M	11-1	370	4
3. Truman State (Mo.)	16-1	355	5
4. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	10-0	352	6
5. Colorado Mesa	16-1	340	7
6. Lubbock Christian (Texas)	16-0	319	9
7. Colorado School of Mines	13-1	308	1
8. Northern State (S.D.)	15-1	297	2
9. Hillsdale (Mich.)	17-1	276	11
10. Texas A&M-Kingsville	13-1	251	12
11. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	9-0	232	16
12. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	16-3	199	8
13. Northwest Nazarene (Idaho)	10-1	196	17
14. Flagler (Fla.)	11-2	182	18
15. Alabama Huntsville	12-2	173	10
16. Charleston (W.Va.)	12-2	148	20
17. Queens (N.C.)	13-4	136	19
18. DBU (Texas)	13-3	127	13
19. Point Loma (Calif.)	6-1	118	14
20. West Liberty (W.Va.)	10-3	104	22
21. Findlay (Ohio)	15-4	87	23
22. Gannon (Pa.)	8-1	62	21
23. Valdosta State (Ga.)	12-4	42	25
24. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	10-2	40	NR
25. Washburn (Kan.)	14-5	37	15

Records through Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021.
Last ranking is from poll of Feb. 16, 2021.

First place votes – Northwest Missouri State (15),
Lubbock Christian (1).

Others receiving votes: Lee (Tenn.) 12, Southern
Indiana 12, Georgia College 9, MSU Moorhead 4,
Emmanuel (Ga.) 3, Hawai'i Hilo 3, Arkansas Monticello 2,
Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 2, Southwest Baptist (Mo.) 2,
Oklahoma Baptist 1.

Dropped out: Southern Indiana (24).

Weekly Poll Notes:

As the result of losses by the top two teams in last week's rankings, Northwest Missouri State – who opened the season as the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II and held that distinction into January – has returned to the top of the NABC/Division II poll.

Last week's top-ranked team, Colorado School of Mines, suffered a home loss to then-No. 7 Colorado Mesa and No. 2 Northern State fell from the undefeated ranks with a loss to MSU Moorhead. That allowed Northwest to move back to the top after the Bearcats pulled out an overtime win at No. 15 Washburn Saturday.

West Texas A&M, one of three Lone Star Conference teams among the top 10, moved up to No. 2 and now awaits sixth-ranked Lubbock Christian for a pair of contests this weekend. Truman State rose two spots to third and Mercyhurst, a 22-point winner over then-No. 21 Gannon Saturday, is at its highest point ever in the rankings at No. 4.

In addition to the losses by the top two teams in last week's poll, two other top 10 teams (No. 8 Lincoln Memorial and No. 10 Alabama Huntsville) and suffered setbacks allowing two new teams to enter the top 10 for the first time this season.

Hillsdale moved in at No. 9 and Texas A&M-Kingsville at No. 10 – the highest ranking for Hillsdale in a decade and the highest for Texas A&M-Kingsville since Jan. 15, 1996.

A total of eight conferences have multiple teams in the rankings this week, with four of them coming from the LSC and three from the Mountain East Conference.

This week's schedule – the last regular season week for most teams – includes the following:

#12 Lincoln Memorial at Carson-Newman, Wednesday
#24 Fairmont State at #20 West Liberty, Wednesday
#2 West Texas A&M at #6 Lubbock Christian, Thursday
#13 Northwest Nazarene at Seattle Pacific, Fri. & Sat.
#4 Mercyhurst at #22 Gannon, Saturday
#6 Lubbock Christian at #2 West Texas A&M, Saturday