



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

2018-19 Rankings – Nov. 20, 2018 (Poll #1)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bellarmine's 3-0 start to the 2018-19 season has made the Knights a unanimous pick as the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II in the inaugural NABC/Division II poll for the season.

The Knights recorded all three of their wins outside of Louisville, beating Saginaw Valley State, Northwood and Kentucky Wesleyan to kick off the year and give them a the top ranking in the first poll of the season for the second time ever; Bellarmine was No. 1 in the first poll in the 2011-12 season.

Northwest Missouri State was a near unanimous pick at No. 2 as it has started the year with five straight wins, one of them a 14-point victory over defending national champion Ferris State. The next five spots are also occupied by undefeated teams, led by No. 3 Indiana (Pa.).

Saint Anselm is ranked fourth in the first regular season poll, while Southern Nazarene is fifth, Cal Poly Pomona is sixth and Valdosta State sits at No. 7. The first team with a loss on its record, West Texas A&M is eighth after being at No. 4 in the pre-season poll, but already has six wins under its belt.

West Liberty and Queens (N.C.) round out the first top 10 of the season and are followed by a trio of undefeated teams that made big rises from where they were in the pre-season poll.

Morehouse moved up six spots to No. 11, while Florida Southern and Findlay each jumped up 10 spots to 12th and 13th, respectively. Ferris State, whose only loss came to Northwest, checked into the rankings at No. 14.

Western Washington is ranked 15th this week and St. Cloud State moved ahead two places to 16th, then comes the first of seven teams that were not in the pre-season Top 25 that have entered the poll after the regular season schedule began.

The first two of those teams were part of last year's Elite Eight, as Barry was ranked 17th and Northern State is 18th. Following No. 19-ranked UC San Diego are five more new teams to the rankings, beginning with Barton at No. 20 following an impressive 5-0 start to the campaign. Barton is ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since Jan. 29, 2013.

The final five teams in the first regular season poll are St. Edward's, Nova Southeastern, St Thomas Aquinas, Christian Brothers and Regis, the only holdover among the five from the pre-season poll. St. Edward's is ranked for the first time in nearly three seasons, while Nova Southeastern is in the coaches' poll for the first time in program history.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Bellarmine, Ky. (16)	3-0	400	1
2. Northwest Missouri State	5-0	383	5
3. Indiana, Pa.	3-0	349	8
4. Saint Anselm, N.H.	3-0	343	6
5. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	3-0	305	10
6. Cal Poly Pomona	2-0	300	9
7. Valdosta State, Ga.	4-0	287	11
8. West Texas A&M	6-1	260	4
9. West Liberty, W.Va.	3-1	251	2
10. Queens, N.C.	5-1	243	7
11. Morehouse, Ga.	2-0	234	17
12. Florida Southern	3-0	226	22
13. Findlay, Ohio	3-0	219	23
14. Ferris State, Mich.	5-1	212	13
15. Western Washington	3-1	107	14
16. St. Cloud State, Minn.	3-1	105	18
17. Barry, Fla.	3-0	84	NR
18. Northern State, S.D.	3-1	81	NR
19. UC San Diego	3-1	76	24
20. Barton, N.C.	5-0	69	NR
21. St. Edward's, Texas	5-0	57	NR
22. Nova Southeastern, Fla.	2-0	54	NR
23. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	4-0	52	NR
24. Christian Brothers, Tenn.	3-0	48	NR
25. Regis, Colo.	2-1	47	19

Others receiving votes: Dallas Baptist (Texas) 42, Shippensburg (Pa.) 36, Point Loma (Calif.) 30, Ashland (Ohio) 28, Indianapolis (Ind.) 27, Missouri Southern 24, Saint Martin's (Wash.) 24, Central Missouri 21, Sioux Falls (S.D.) 21, Southwest Minnesota State 19, USC Aiken 18, Texas A&M-Commerce 15, Virginia State 14, Bentley (Mass.) 13, Tarleton State (Texas) 13, Minnesota State 12, Chaminade (Hawaii) 9, Colorado Mesa 8, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 6, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 5, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 4, UNC Pembroke 4, Cal State San Bernardino 3, Shaw (N.C.) 3, Eckerd (Fla.) 2, Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) 2, Stanislaus State (Calif.) 2, Chico State (Calif.) 1, Kutztown (Pa.) 1, West Florida 1.

Dropped out: Lincoln Memorial (3), West Florida (12), East Stroudsburg (15), Virginia State (16), Southwest Minnesota State (20), Dallas Baptist (21), Missouri Southern (25).

Records are through games of Sunday, Nov. 18. Last ranking was from the 2018-19 pre-season poll.