



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

2016-17 Rankings – Dec. 6, 2016 (Poll #3)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Fairmont State's impressive week – two wins over teams ranked in the top five which included one over the No. 1 team in NCAA Division II – has brought Saginaw Valley State to the top spot in the new NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings.

The Cardinals, who are ranked atop the poll for the first time in school history, are out of the gate at 8-0 and get an immediate test, as they will face a 6-1 Ashland team on the road Thursday.

Northwest Missouri State moved up a spot to second, the highest point the Bearcats have reached in 13 seasons. California Baptist also moved up two spots to third, while Fairmont State's wins over Wheeling Jesuit (ranked fourth a week ago) and last week's top ranked team, West Liberty, allowed the Falcons to jump seven spots to fourth.

St. Thomas Aquinas also moved up this week to fifth, while West Liberty dropped into the sixth spot following its loss. Bellarmine retains the seventh position this week, while Queens (N.C.) and UAH both moved up as the result of the aforementioned losses and one by No. 8 Kutztown on Sunday.

Wheeling Jesuit rounds out this week's top 10 and is followed by a trio of undefeated teams in Angelo State, Drury and Western Washington. Barry, who suffered its first loss of the year Saturday in an overtime setback at Saint Leo, comes in at No. 14 and Tarleton State follows at No. 15.

Kutztown dropped eight spots in the poll to No. 16 followed by Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference mate Indiana (Pa.) at No. 17, while Colorado School of Mines and UC San Diego both moved ahead in the poll into the next two spots.

Fort Lewis and Augustana retained their spots at 20th and 21st, respectively, while West Texas A&M and Southern New Hampshire each moved up two spots. Lincoln Memorial is 24th in this week's poll and undefeated San Francisco State – whose only previous appearance in a the Division II poll came on Jan. 3, 1994 – enters the rankings at No. 25.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Saginaw Valley St., Mich. (13)	8-0	391	2
2. Northwest Missouri State (1)	7-0	379	3
3. California Baptist	8-0	361	5
4. Fairmont State, W.Va. (2)	7-0	356	11
5. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	7-0	337	6
6. West Liberty, W.Va.	7-1	308	1
7. Bellarmine, Ky.	6-1	296	7
8. Queens, N.C.	8-0	264	13
9. UAH	5-1	256	10
10. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	6-1	246	4
11. Angelo State, Texas	5-0	237	14
12. Drury, Mo.	7-0	225	15
13. Western Washington	7-0	176	18
14. Barry, Fla.	6-1	166	9
15. Tarleton State, Texas	6-1	163	16
16. Kutztown, Pa.	6-1	155	8
17. Indiana, Pa.	8-1	144	12
18. Colorado School of Mines	7-1	104	19
19. UC San Diego	7-1	99	22
20. Fort Lewis, Colo.	7-1	92	20
21. Augustana, S.D.	7-1	86	21
22. West Texas A&M	10-1	64	24
23. Southern New Hampshire	6-0	63	25
24. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	6-2	49	23
25. San Francisco State, Calif.	8-0	47	NR

Others receiving votes: Washburn (Kan.) 39, Shippensburg (Pa.) 27, Columbus State (Ga.) 16, Southern Indiana 14, Hawai'i Pacific 12, Saint Rose (N.Y.) 9, Chico State (Calif.) 10, Delta State (Miss.) 7, Arkansas-Monticello 5, West Florida 4, Pfeiffer (N.C.) 3.

Dropped out: Chico State (17).

Records are through games of Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016.