



## National Association of Basketball Coaches

### NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

#### December 10, 2019 (Regular Season Poll #4)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	5-0	391	2
2. Bellarmine (Ky.)	6-0	381	3
3. West Texas A&M	9-0	368	5
4. Northwest Missouri State	8-1	348	1
5. Indiana (Pa.)	7-0	342	6
6. Alabama Huntsville	7-0	324	8
7. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	9-1	307	7
8. Daemen (N.Y.)	9-1	273	11
9. Dixie State (Utah)	8-0	250	16
10. UC San Diego	8-1	238	4
11. Missouri Southern	7-1	232	15
12. St. Edward's (Texas)	7-1	198	17
13. Dallas Baptist (Texas)	7-0	189	19
14. Southeastern Oklahoma State	5-0	184	18
15. Indianapolis (Ind.)	7-1	175	13
16. Southern Indiana	5-1	151	9
17. Ferris State (Mich.)	12-1	139	23
18. West Chester (Pa.)	9-0	129	25
19. Florida Southern	8-1	123	22
20. Queens (N.C.)	7-2	108	12
21. Augustana (S.D.)	8-1	52	NR
22. West Liberty (W.Va.)	6-2	47	14
23. Pace (N.Y.)	9-0	39	NR
24. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	8-1	35	NR
25. Dominican (N.Y.)	8-1	32	21

#### Weekly Poll Notes:

Thanks to Northwest Missouri State's loss Saturday at Central Missouri, Nova Southeastern takes over as the No. 1 ranked team in NCAA Division II. It is the first time the Sharks have ever been ranked first as a member of NCAA Division II, but their coach – Jim Crutchfield – guided top-ranked teams at West Liberty that were at the top of the poll for 46 weeks during his tenure there.

Bellarmine and West Texas A&M moved up to the second and third spots, respectively, while Northwest fell to fourth after seeing its school record 46-game winning streak come to a halt. The Bearcats are the only team ranked among the top six that has a loss this season.

Four schools received votes for the top spot in the poll after a week in which seven of the top 14 teams lost at least once.

Two newcomers are part of this week's top 10. Daemen is in the top 10 for the first time as a member of NCAA Division II as it checked in at No. 8, followed by Dixie State at No. 9 as it is in the top 10 for the first time in six seasons.

The teams entering the top 25 this week include Augustana, who comes in at No. 21 on the strength of its 8-1 start; Pace enters at No. 23 on its 9-0 start and is nationally ranked for the first time since the final poll of the 1998-99 season; and St. Thomas Aquinas rejoins the top 25 at No. 24.

For the second straight week, the Great Lakes Valley Conference and Lone Star Conference have three representatives apiece in the poll. The GLVC has No. 2 Bellarmine, No. 15 Indianapolis and No. 16 Southern Indiana, while the LSC's teams are No. 3 West Texas A&M, No. 12 St. Edward's and No. 13 Dallas Baptist.

A total of 16 of the 23 NCAA Division II conferences have representatives in this week's top 25, with six of them having multiple entries. Two matchups of top 25 teams are on tap for this week: No. 3 West Texas A&M plays at No. 12 St. Edward's in a rematch of last year's South Central Regional final on Thursday, followed by a Sunday matchup between No. 8 Daemen and No. 24 St. Thomas Aquinas.

Records through games of December 8, 2019.  
Last ranking is from pre-season poll released Dec. 3.

**First place votes** – Nova Southeastern (8), Bellarmine (4), Northwest Missouri State (3), West Texas A&M (1).

**Others receiving votes:** Ashland (Ohio) 30, Northeastern State (Okla.) 24, Chaminade (Hawai'i) 17, Valdosta State (Ga.) 14, Cal Poly Pomona 12, Belmont Abbey (N.C.) 11, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 10, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 7, Angelo State (Texas) 5, Minnesota Duluth 5, Drury (Mo.) 4, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 2, Regis (Colo.) 2, East Central (Okla.) 1, Jefferson (Pa.) 1.

**Dropped out:** Ashland (10), Saint Anselm (20), Azusa Pacific (24).