



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

## 2017-18 Rankings – Dec. 12, 2017 (Poll #4)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Much like last week, there was no movement at the top end of the NABC/Division II rankings as the top seven teams held onto their spots and only one new squad made its way into the rankings as the calendar nears the middle of December – and some good matchups prior to the NCAA winter break.

Northwest Missouri State won twice last week to retain the No. 1 spot for the fourth straight week, followed by Queens (N.C.), Bellarmine and Lincoln Memorial. Ferris State, who has won a national-high 12 games this year, stayed at No. 5, followed by Colorado School of Mines and West Liberty in the next two positions.

The first change comes at No. 8 as the result of losses by West Texas A&M and Wheeling Jesuit last week, as Christian Brothers moved up two spots to eighth and Barry did likewise to No. 9. UT-Permian Basin, who handed West Texas A&M its loss last week, took the No. 10 spot as the result of that win.

Arkansas-Fort Smith begins the second 10 followed by West Texas A&M, then Northern State rose three spots to 13<sup>th</sup> ahead of Wheeling Jesuit, who fell at Fairmont State during the week. Fort Lewis remained intact at No. 15 after posting a pair of victories during last week's play.

The next four spots went to teams that all moved up in the poll, beginning with Western Oregon's three-position rise to 16<sup>th</sup>. Virginia State moved up four to No. 17, while Lake Superior State made a six-spot advance to 18<sup>th</sup> ahead of Valdosta State, who moved from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> this week.

Le Moyne fell eight spots to 20<sup>th</sup>, while the next two in the rankings went to West Florida and Texas A&M-Commerce – two schools whose football teams will face off for the NCAA Division II national title this Saturday – with their 9-0 records.

Texas A&M-Kingsville, Dallas Baptist and Southern New Hampshire round out this week's top 25.

Twelve of the 15 remaining undefeated teams in the nation (through Sunday) are among the top 25 and the three that are not – Francis Marion, Morehouse and West Chester – all received votes.

The schedule leading up to the NCAA winter break that begins Dec. 20 is highlighted by a Dec. 19 matchup and rematch of last year's national semifinal between top-ranked Northwest Missouri State and Lincoln Memorial. In addition, No. 5 Ferris State plays at No. 18 Lake Superior State Saturday and No. 20 Le Moyne plays at No. 3 Bellarmine on Monday.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri St. (15)	10-0	399	1
2. Queens, N.C. (1)	8-0	377	2
3. Bellarmine, Ky.	9-0	367	3
4. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	8-0	351	4
5. Ferris State, Mich.	12-0	339	5
6. Colorado School of Mines	10-0	323	6
7. West Liberty, W.Va.	9-0	307	7
8. Christian Brothers, Tenn.	9-0	270	10
9. Barry, Fla.	7-1	255	11
10. UT-Permian Basin	8-1	243	13
11. Arkansas-Fort Smith	10-0	226	14
12. West Texas A&M	9-1	206	8
13. Northern State, S.D.	10-1	190	16
14. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	8-1	172	9
15. Fort Lewis, Colo.	7-1	167	15
16. Western Oregon	8-1	150	19
17. Virginia State	6-0	128	21
18. Lake Superior State, Mich.	9-1	87	24
19. Valdosta State, Ga.	7-1	82	22
20. Le Moyne, N.Y.	9-2	71	12
21. West Florida	9-0	68	25
22. Texas A&M-Commerce	9-0	65	NR
23. Texas A&M-Kingsville	9-1	59	23
24. Dallas Baptist, Texas	8-1	51	17
25. Southern New Hampshire	9-1	46	18

**Others receiving votes:** Cal Poly Pomona 31, Bridgeport (Conn.) 27, Findlay (Ohio) 23, William Jewell (Mo.) 22, Eckerd (Fla.) 16, Morehouse (Ga.) 16, Francis Marion (S.C.) 12, Chico State (Calif.) 9, Benedict (S.C.) 7, West Chester (Pa.) 7, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 6, Arkansas Tech 5, California Baptist 5, Western Washington 5, Minot State (N.D.) 2, UNC Pembroke 2, Cal State San Marcos 1, Southern Indiana 1.

**Dropped out:** William Jewell (20).

Records are through games of Dec. 10, 2017.