



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

## 2016-17 Rankings – Dec. 13, 2016 (Poll #4)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For the second week in a row, a new team adorns the top of the NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings – and with that status, a first in NCAA Division II history comes with it.

Northwest Missouri State moved into the top spot in the rankings following Saginaw Valley State's loss at Tiffin Saturday, putting the Bearcats atop the coaches' poll for the first time since Jan. 13, 2004. In addition, the top ranking in the men's poll comes in the same week that the Northwest football team is playing for a national championship, the first time that has ever happened at the NCAA Division II level.

Fairmont State received the three first place votes that Northwest didn't get to move up to second, while St. Thomas Aquinas rose to third and Queens (N.C.) vaulted four spots to fourth following a pair of conference wins last week. West Liberty, who like many teams was idle last week with many institutions dealing with their final examinations, rounds out the top five this week.

Bellarmine moved up to sixth ahead of Saginaw Valley State, while undefeated Angelo State and Drury both moved up three spots into the top 10 for the first time this year. California Baptist, who dropped its first game of season last week to Dixie State, dropped from third to 10<sup>th</sup> as a result.

Alabama-Huntsville checks in at No. 11 and Western Washington bumped up to 12<sup>th</sup>; the Monday results for those two teams (UAH's loss at Trevecca Nazarene and WWU's win at UC San Diego) are not reflected in this week's poll.

Wheeling Jesuit is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> this week and the next four teams – Barry, Tarleton State, Kutztown and Indiana (Pa.) – all retained the spots they held in last week's poll.

Fort Lewis rose two spots to No. 18 and West Texas A&M went up three to 19<sup>th</sup>, while UC San Diego comes in at No. 20.

The final five spots are held by San Francisco State, Shippensburg, Lincoln Memorial, Southern Indiana and Columbus State.

Shippensburg, one of 14 remaining undefeated teams in NCAA Division II through Monday's action, is making its first appearance in the national rankings since the final poll of the 2005-06 campaign.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (13)	9-0	397	2
2. Fairmont State, W.Va. (3)	8-0	387	4
3. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	9-0	365	5
4. Queens, N.C.	10-0	321	8
5. West Liberty, W.Va.	7-1	318	6
6. Bellarmine, Ky.	8-1	293	7
7. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	9-1	282	1
8. Angelo State, Texas	6-0	275	11
9. Drury, Mo.	8-0	266	12
10. California Baptist	8-1	255	3
11. Alabama-Huntsville	5-1	240	9
12. Western Washington	7-0	235	13
13. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	6-1	232	10
14. Barry, Fla.	7-1	192	14
15. Tarleton State, Texas	8-1	181	15
16. Kutztown, Pa.	7-1	162	16
17. Indiana, Pa.	9-1	149	17
18. Fort Lewis, Colo.	9-1	108	20
19. West Texas A&M	12-1	104	22
20. UC San Diego	7-1	99	19
21. San Francisco State, Calif.	10-0	94	25
22. Shippensburg, Pa.	8-0	67	NR
23. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	7-2	59	24
24. Southern Indiana	8-0	35	NR
25. Columbus State, Ga.	5-0	16	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Hawai'i Pacific 14, Southern New Hampshire 13, Augustana (S.D.) 8, Delta State (Miss.) 6, Pfeiffer (N.C.) 6, Texas A&M-Commerce 5, Chico State (Calif.) 3, Kentucky Wesleyan 3, West Florida 3, MSU Denver (Colo.) 2, Southwest Minnesota State 2, Charleston (W.Va.) 1, Eckerd (Fla.) 1, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 1.

**Dropped out:** Colorado School of Mines (18), Augustana (21), Southern New Hampshire (23).

Records are through games of Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016.