



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

## 2016-17 Rankings – Dec. 27, 2016 (Poll #5)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The final week of play prior to the NCAA Division II winter break brought little change to the top end of the NABC/Division II rankings, as the top two teams retained their position as play resumes this week.

Northwest Missouri State won twice in the last week before Christmas as did Fairmont State to keep those two atop the rankings, but a Dec. 17 loss by No. 3 St. Thomas Aquinas moved a number of teams up a spot in the new poll.

Queens (N.C.) rose to third – the highest mark for the 12-0 Royals in school history --- while West Liberty and Bellarmine also moved up one spot to complete the top five.

Saginaw Valley State and Angelo State also moved ahead one spot and California Baptist moved up two ahead of St. Thomas Aquinas, who fell to ninth as a result of its setback to District of Columbia. The final team in the top 10 is the third from the Mountain East Conference, Wheeling Jesuit.

Advances were also made by the next five teams in the poll, headed by Tarleton State at No. 11. Barry checks in at No. 12, followed by Kutztown, West Texas A&M and San Francisco State. Drury dropped from ninth to 16<sup>th</sup> after falling from the ranks of the unbeaten in its final pre-holiday contest at Lynn.

Fort Lewis is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> heading into the final days of 2016, while Shippensburg is 18<sup>th</sup> and Western Washington 19<sup>th</sup> after a pair of close losses to Angelo State and Tarleton State in Las Vegas. Southern Indiana rose four spots to 20<sup>th</sup>.

The final five teams in the final 2016 calendar year ranking are Indiana (Pa.), Hawai'i Pacific, UC San Diego, Alabama-Huntsville and Southwest Minnesota State. Hawai'i Pacific is in the top 25 for just the second time in school history and first since the final poll of the 1998-99 season, while Southwest Minnesota State is making its first appearance in the national rankings in seven years.

Heading into the resumption of play this week, there are still nine undefeated teams in NCAA Division II -- Queens, N.C. (12-0), Hawai'i Pacific, Northwest Missouri State, San Francisco State, Southern Indiana (all at 11-0), Fairmont State (10-0), Shippensburg (9-0), Angelo State (8-0) and Arkansas-Monticello (7-0).

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (12)	11-0	396	1
2. Fairmont State, W.Va. (4)	10-0	388	2
3. Queens, N.C.	12-0	359	4
4. West Liberty, W.Va.	9-1	341	5
5. Bellarmine, Ky.	10-1	318	6
6. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	11-1	308	7
7. Angelo State, Texas	8-0	301	8
8. California Baptist	10-1	282	10
9. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	10-1	252	3
10. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	8-1	250	13
11. Tarleton State, Texas	11-1	236	15
12. Barry, Fla.	8-1	231	14
13. Kutztown, Pa.	8-1	198	16
14. West Texas A&M	14-1	187	19
15. San Francisco State, Calif.	11-0	174	21
16. Drury, Mo.	9-1	163	9
17. Fort Lewis, Colo.	11-1	150	18
18. Shippensburg, Pa.	9-0	118	22
19. Western Washington	8-2	110	12
20. Southern Indiana	11-0	96	24
21. Indiana, Pa.	9-2	93	17
22. Hawai'i Pacific	11-0	71	NR
23. UC San Diego	9-2	38	20
24. Alabama-Huntsville	6-3	29	11
25. Southwest Minnesota State	10-1	25	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) 19, Augustana (S.D.) 10, Pfeiffer (N.C.) 10, Columbus State (Ga.) 8, Eckerd (Fla.) 6, Quincy (Ill.) 6, Chico State (Calif.) 5, Delta State (Miss.) 5, Kentucky Wesleyan 5, Southern New Hampshire 5, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 5, Arkansas-Monticello 1, Cal State East Bay 1.

**Dropped out:** Lincoln Memorial (23), Columbus State (25).

Records are through games of Monday, Dec. 19, 2016.