



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

2017-18 Rankings – Feb. 6, 2018 (Poll #11)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – After four weeks of shuffling at the top end of the rankings, the top six spots remained intact this week in the latest NABC/Division II men's basketball poll with Lincoln Memorial continuing as the top-ranked second for the second straight week.

As was the case last week, the top two spots in the poll are held by teams from the South Atlantic Conference with Queens (N.C.) staying at No. 2. The two are scheduled to face off against one another on Feb. 24 at LMU – and both teams have a matchup against Carson-Newman, a team that received votes this week – between now and that day.

Ferris State stayed at No. 3 this week, as did Western Oregon in the fourth spot, West Liberty in fifth and Northwest Missouri State at No. 6. The first change came at No. 7 following a loss by Morehouse – who was the last team in Division II to suffer a loss this year – allowing Bellarmine to move up to that spot.

West Texas A&M moved up to eighth after beating last week's No. 8 team, UT-Permian Basin, while Valdosta State and Southern Nazarene complete the top 10. Southern Nazarene is the first team from the Great American Conference since the league's inception in 2011 to land in the top 10.

Morehouse dropped four spots to 11th following its loss, while Northern State rose four places to 12th. UT-Permian Basin dropped down to 13th ahead of Fort Lewis and Findlay, who had a 16-game winning streak end last Thursday with a loss at Malone.

Clark Atlanta rose to 16th after a two-point win at Benedict (the Panthers' loss Monday at Claflin did not factor into this week's poll) and now gears up for a home game with Morehouse on Thursday in the only meeting between two nationally-ranked teams on this week's national schedule.

West Florida came in at No. 17 this week and was trailed by Virginia State, Shippensburg and Bridgeport.

The final five spots this week are occupied by Arkansas-Fort Smith, Dallas Baptist, Cal Poly Pomona, California Baptist and Central Missouri, who is making its first appearance in the top 25 this year.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (14)	21-1	397	1
2. Queens, N.C.	21-1	379	2
3. Ferris State, Mich. (1)	23-1	368	3
4. Western Oregon (1)	21-1	350	4
5. West Liberty, W.Va.	20-1	338	5
6. Northwest Missouri State	19-2	325	6
7. Bellarmine, Ky.	20-2	300	9
8. West Texas A&M	20-2	293	10
9. Valdosta State, Ga.	21-2	268	12
10. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	18-1	249	14
11. Morehouse, Ga.	18-1	224	7
12. Northern State, S.D.	23-3	211	16
13. UT-Permian Basin, Texas	18-3	192	8
14. Fort Lewis, Colo.	19-3	187	17
15. Findlay, Ohio	21-3	180	11
16. Clark Atlanta, Ga.	20-1	162	21
17. West Florida	20-3	159	20
18. Virginia State	18-3	121	13
19. Shippensburg, Pa.	17-3	101	23
20. Bridgeport, Conn.	19-4	87	24
21. Arkansas-Fort Smith	19-4	78	15
22. Dallas Baptist, Texas	18-4	54	18
23. Cal Poly Pomona	16-4	44	19
24. California Baptist	17-4	37	NR
25. Central Missouri	18-4	26	NR

Others receiving votes: Le Moyne (N.Y.) 18, Southern Indiana 9, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 7, Eckerd (Fla.) 7, West Chester (Pa.) 7, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 4, Texas A&M-Commerce 4, Minnesota State 3, Cal State San Marcos 2, Claflin (S.C.) 2, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 2, Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) 2, Dixie State (Utah) 1, Indiana (Pa.) 1, Saint Martin's (Wash.) 1, UNC Pembroke (N.C.) 1.

Dropped out: Texas A&M-Commerce (22), Barry (25).

Records are through games of Feb. 4, 2018.