



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

2016-17 Rankings – Feb. 14, 2017 (Poll #12)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Losses by four of the top 10 teams in last week's NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings has led to several changes at the top end of this week's poll on the eve of the release of the first NCAA regional rankings for this season.

Northwest Missouri State, the last remaining team in Division II, holds onto the top spot going into its final two road games of the season this weekend, but losses by last week's second- and third-ranked teams have vaulted Fairmont State back into the second position.

The Falcons are followed by Indiana (Pa.), who extended its winning streak to 14 games with a pair of victories last week. Bellarmine and California Baptist also won twice and moved up to fourth and fifth, respectively, while Kutztown also pushed its winning streak to 12 and advanced to sixth.

West Liberty lost at Concord last week and fell five spots to seventh, while Hawai'i Pacific's loss early last week at Azusa Pacific dropped the Sharks five spots as well to eighth. Tarleton State moved to ninth past Queens (N.C.), who suffered its second loss of the season to Wingate and dropped to 10th.

The next six teams all moved up one spot apiece, starting with No. 11 Fort Lewis. Shippensburg is at No. 12, followed by Kentucky Wesleyan, Southern Indiana, Lincoln Memorial and Arkansas-Monticello (whose loss Monday night is not reflected in this week's poll).

San Francisco State moved up to 17th, while Barry dropped eight spots to 18th after losing a pair of games last week. Alabama-Huntsville advanced three spots as did Western Washington to round out the top 10.

The final five teams in this week's poll are MSU Moorhead, Colorado School of Mines, Wheeling Jesuit, Ferris State and Valdosta State, who returned to the top 25 after a one-week hiatus.

Valdosta State will play in the first of three matchups of ranked teams on this week's schedule as it plays Thursday at Alabama-Huntsville. Colorado School of Mines plays at Fort Lewis – the only regular season meeting of the top two teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference – on Friday and Saturday's slate has Queens (N.C.) facing off with Lincoln Memorial. The teams played an overtime game in January with Queens coming out on top.

The NCAA will release the first of its three weekly regional rankings on Wednesday afternoon.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (16)	23-0	400	1
2. Fairmont State, W.Va.	23-1	374	5
3. Indiana, Pa.	23-2	370	4
4. Bellarmine, Ky.	22-3	341	7
5. California Baptist	22-2	334	8
6. Kutztown, Pa.	20-2	315	9
7. West Liberty, W.Va.	22-2	301	2
8. Hawai'i Pacific	22-2	285	3
9. Tarleton State, Texas	22-3	273	11
10. Queens, N.C.	22-2	248	6
11. Fort Lewis, Colo.	22-3	244	12
12. Shippensburg, Pa.	21-2	226	13
13. Kentucky Wesleyan	22-2	217	14
14. Southern Indiana	23-2	195	15
15. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	20-4	158	16
16. Arkansas-Monticello	19-2	142	17
17. San Francisco State, Calif.	20-3	132	21
18. Barry, Fla.	19-4	118	10
19. Alabama-Huntsville	19-5	100	22
20. Western Washington	19-5	84	23
21. MSU Moorhead, Minn.	22-4	78	24
22. Colorado School of Mines	20-4	70	25
23. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	19-5	37	18
24. Ferris State, Mich.	21-4	33	20
25. Valdosta State, Ga.	20-4	28	NR

Others receiving votes: Findlay (Ohio) 24, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 23, UC San Diego 14, Pfeiffer (N.C.) 10, LeMoyne (N.Y.) 7, Alaska Anchorage 6, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 5, Sonoma State (Calif.) 5, Delta State (Miss.) 1, West Texas A&M 1, Wisconsin-Parkside 1.

Dropped out: UT-Permian Basin (19).

Records are through games of Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017.