



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

2016-17 Rankings – Feb. 21, 2017 (Poll #13)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Following a loss by the last undefeated team remaining in NCAA Division II on Saturday, Fairmont State has moved into the top spot in the new NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings for the first time in more than four decades.

The Falcons took over the top spot in the national poll – which they last occupied on March 14, 1974 – as the result of Missouri Southern's win over Northwest Missouri State, ending the Bearcats' two-month run atop the rankings.

That loss dropped Northwest to third in this week's poll behind Fairmont State and Indiana (Pa.), who extended its winning streak to 15 last week. The next five spots went unchanged, headed by fourth-ranked Bellarmine heading into a nationally-televised matchup Thursday against No. 10 Southern Indiana.

Bellarmine is followed by California Baptist, Kutztown, West Liberty and Hawai'i Pacific before the next change comes at No. 9 with Kentucky Wesleyan, who won its 23rd game in a row Monday night and now holds the mark for the longest active winning streak in Division II.

After the Panthers and 10th-ranked USI comes Lincoln Memorial, who beat No. 12 Queens (N.C.) Saturday for its 12th straight win and moved above the Royals in the poll. San Francisco State vaulted four spots to 13th, while Fort Lewis and Tarleton State dropped in the rankings to 14th and 15th, respectively.

Shippensburg also fell back four spots following a loss to West Chester, but the next five teams all moved up this week. Western Washington rose to 17th and Colorado School of Mines, thanks to a win at Fort Lewis is at No. 18. MSU Moorhead is 19th this week and Valdosta State, who also picked up a road win over a top 25 team last week with its victory at Alabama-Huntsville, is 20th.

Ferris State checked in at No. 21 and fellow Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member Findlay is immediately behind the Bulldogs. Alabama-Huntsville is 23rd this week and the top 25 concludes with two teams making their first entries of the season, No. 24 Le Moyne and No. 25 Pfeiffer.

Le Moyne, the top-ranked team in the East Region in the NCAA regional rankings, is in the coaches' poll for the first time since 2009 and Pfeiffer has not been in the coaches' top 25 since 2007.

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

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Fairmont State, W.Va. (14)	25-1	397	2
2. Indiana, Pa.	24-2	370	3
3. Northwest Missouri State (1)	24-1	367	1
4. Bellarmine, Ky. (1)	24-3	350	4
5. California Baptist	24-2	339	5
6. Kutztown, Pa.	22-2	327	6
7. West Liberty, W.Va.	24-2	303	7
8. Hawai'i Pacific	24-2	291	8
9. Kentucky Wesleyan	24-2	269	13
10. Southern Indiana	25-2	253	14
11. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	22-4	231	15
12. Queens, N.C.	23-3	210	10
13. San Francisco State, Calif.	22-3	187	17
14. Fort Lewis, Colo.	22-4	156	11
15. Tarleton State, Texas	22-4	152	9
16. Shippensburg, Pa.	22-3	149	12
17. Western Washington	21-5	134	20
18. Colorado School of Mines	22-4	132	22
19. MSU Moorhead, Minn.	24-4	119	21
20. Valdosta State, Ga.	22-4	101	25
21. Ferris State, Mich.	23-4	91	24
22. Findlay, Ohio	21-5	45	NR
23. Alabama-Huntsville	20-6	37	19
24. Le Moyne, N.Y.	20-5	31	NR
25. Pfeiffer, N.C.	24-3	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Arkansas-Monticello 26, Barry (Fla.) 22, Delta State (Miss.) 16, UC San Diego 15, UT-Permian Basin 15, Southwest Minnesota State 5, Saint Rose (N.Y.) 4, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 2, West Texas A&M 2, Arkansas Tech 1, Sonoma State (Calif.) 1, Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) 1.

Dropped out: Arkansas-Monticello (16), Barry (18), Wheeling Jesuit (23).

Records are through games of Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017.