



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

## 2017-18 Rankings – Feb. 27, 2018 (Poll #14)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – As conference tournaments gets rolling over the course of the upcoming week, Lincoln Memorial continues to hold the No. 1 position in the NABC/Division II coaches poll after a week in which four of the top eight teams suffered losses.

One of those losses was inflicted by the Railsplitters, as they knocked off No. 2 Queens (N.C.) 80-65 on Saturday to clinch the South Atlantic Conference title outright and finish the year as the only Division II team with an undefeated record in conference play.

As a result, Ferris State moved up to second and Western Oregon is now third heading into the final week before regionals begin. Bellarmine also moved up from sixth to fourth thanks to Wheeling Jesuit's win at West Liberty that ended WLU's 47-game home winning streak.

Queens landed at No. 5 after the loss, while Morehouse and Northwest Missouri State moved up to sixth and seventh, respectively. West Liberty's setback dropped the Hilltoppers to eighth, with Northern State – who is playing for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament title on Tuesday night – in ninth and Southern Nazarene at No. 10.

Findlay also moved up in the rankings to 11<sup>th</sup> as did West Florida to No. 12 after the Argonauts completed a regular season sweep over then No. 8 Valdosta State last Thursday. West Texas A&M and Valdosta State, both of were among the group of top eight teams that fell last week, dropped to the two positions in back of West Florida.

Virginia State checked in at No.15, followed by Bridgeport, Arkansas-Fort Smith, California Baptist and Cal Poly Pomona. UT-Permian fell eight spots to 20<sup>th</sup> after losing twice in the last week.

The final five teams in this week's poll are Wheeling Jesuit, Dallas Baptist, Clark Atlanta, West Chester and Fort Lewis.

While the NSIC will complete its tournament Tuesday, four other conference tournaments are already underway and another seven will begin Tuesday. The winners of the 24 conference tournaments being contested this week will earn automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament; the entire field will be announced on NCAA.com Sunday at 10:30 p.m. Eastern time.

### NABC/Division II Rankings (Feb. 27, 2018 – Poll #14)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (13)	27-1	397	1
2. Ferris State, Mich. (1)	29-1	381	3
3. Western Oregon (2)	27-1	374	4
4. Bellarmine, Ky.	25-2	345	6
5. Queens, N.C.	26-2	324	2
6. Morehouse, Ga.	24-1	317	9
7. Northwest Missouri State	24-3	301	10
8. West Liberty, W.Va.	25-2	274	5
9. Northern State, S.D.	29-3	273	11
10. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	24-2	264	13
11. Findlay, Ohio	25-3	236	14
12. West Florida	25-3	217	15
13. West Texas A&M	24-3	214	7
14. Valdosta State, Ga.	25-3	195	8
15. Virginia State	23-3	168	16
16. Bridgeport, Conn.	24-4	165	17
17. Arkansas-Fort Smith	24-4	142	18
18. California Baptist	24-4	129	19
19. Cal Poly Pomona	21-5	97	23
20. UT-Permian Basin, Texas	22-5	85	12
21. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	23-5	68	25
22. Dallas Baptist, Texas	23-5	66	24
23. Clark Atlanta, Ga.	22-4	57	20
24. West Chester, Pa.	21-5	29	NR
25. Fort Lewis, Colo.	22-5	20	21

**Others receiving votes:** Dixie State (Utah) 17, UNC Pembroke (N.C.) 16, Regis (Colo.) 10, Le Moyne (N.Y.) 6, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 3, Saint Martin's (Wash.) 3, Claflin (S.C.) 2, Point Loma (Calif.) 2, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 1, Clayton State (Ga.) 1, Missouri Southern 1.

**Dropped out:** Le Moyne (22).

Records are through games of Feb. 25, 2018.