



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

2016-17 Rankings – Jan. 3, 2017 (Poll #6)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The first NABC/Division II coaches poll of the 2017 calendar year finds no changes among the top four teams in the NCAA Division II ranks, but plenty of movement after that following the resumption of play last week.

Northwest Missouri State holds onto the top spot in the rankings for the third consecutive week, while Fairmont State, Queens (N.C.) and West Liberty also retained their positions with Northwest being the only one of the four to play prior to New Year's Day.

The first change comes at No. 5, where Angelo State won twice to vault over Saginaw Valley State into the spot vacated by Bellarmine, who fell at Lincoln Memorial Saturday to fall out of the top 10.

Following No. 6 Saginaw Valley State is California Baptist, while Wheeling Jesuit, Tarleton State and Barry all moved up two spots apiece to complete the top 10 as a result of the aforementioned loss and two by St. Thomas Aquinas, who was ninth last week.

West Texas A&M, who has a national-high 15 wins on the year, begins the next group at No. 11, followed by Drury, Bellarmine, Shippensburg and UC San Diego, whose two wins allowed it to make the biggest jump in the poll as it rose eight spots to 15th.

Indiana (Pa.) also made a five-spot advance in the rankings to 16th, followed by two of the xx remaining undefeated teams in NCAA Division II, Southern Indiana and Hawai'i Pacific. Three teams that slid in the rankings as the result of losses in the last week, Kutztown, Fort Lewis and San Francisco State, took the next three spots in the poll.

Following No. 21 San Francisco State in this week's rankings are Southwest Minnesota State, St. Thomas Aquinas, Western Washington and Alabama-Huntsville – marking just the second time the same 25 teams were ranked in consecutive weeks since the NABC began conducting the men's basketball poll in 2004. The other time came on Dec. 6-13, 2011.

There are still eight undefeated teams in NCAA Division II -- Queens, N.C.; Hawai'i Pacific, Northwest Missouri State and Southern Indiana (all at 12-0); Angelo State, Fairmont State and Shippensburg (all 10-0) and Arkansas-Monticello (8-0).

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (12)	12-0	396	1
2. Fairmont State, W.Va. (4)	10-0	388	2
3. Queens, N.C.	12-0	364	3
4. West Liberty, W.Va.	9-1	347	4
5. Angelo State, Texas	10-0	323	7
6. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	11-1	321	6
7. California Baptist	11-1	301	7
8. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	9-1	276	10
9. Tarleton State, Texas	12-1	268	11
10. Barry, Fla.	10-1	242	12
11. West Texas A&M	15-1	228	14
12. Drury, Mo.	10-1	208	16
13. Bellarmine, Ky.	10-2	205	5
14. Shippensburg, Pa.	10-0	202	18
15. UC San Diego	11-2	182	23
16. Indiana, Pa.	10-2	152	21
17. Southern Indiana	11-0	149	20
18. Hawai'i Pacific	12-0	124	22
19. Kutztown, Pa.	8-2	90	13
20. Fort Lewis, Colo.	12-2	80	17
21. San Francisco State, Calif.	11-1	77	15
22. Southwest Minnesota State	12-1	65	25
23. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	10-3	55	9
24. Western Washington	9-3	45	19
25. Alabama-Huntsville	7-3	32	24

Others receiving votes: Chico State (Calif.) 30, Quincy (Ill.) 27, Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) 26, Southern New Hampshire 19, Arkansas-Monticello 16, Pfeiffer (N.C.) 15, Eckerd (Fla.) 5, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 5, Kentucky Wesleyan 4, Columbus State (Ga.) 2, Montevallo (Ala.) 1.

Dropped out: None

Records are through games of Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.