



National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings January 12, 2021 (Regular Season Poll #5)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Colorado School of Mines	8-0	394	4
2. Northern State (S.D.)	4-0	365	7
3. Northwest Missouri State	6-1	359	1
4. West Liberty (W.Va.)	2-0	326	8
5. Valdosta State (Ga.)	5-0	323	9
6. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	7-1	320	2
7. West Texas A&M	3-1	311	3
8. Washburn (Kan.)	8-1	297	5
9. Colorado Mesa	7-0	291	10
10. Augusta (Ga.)	3-0	257	11
11. Findlay (Ohio)	6-1	223	6
12. Truman State (Mo.)	8-1	217	13
13. St. Edward's (Texas)	5-1	175	17
14. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	3-0	163	16
15. Queens (N.C.)	6-2	155	19
16. Missouri Western	8-1	152	22
17. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	0-0	137	12
18. Alabama Huntsville	4-1	127	18
19. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	0-0	113	15
20. DBU (Texas)	5-1	108	21
21. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	2-0	76	23
22. Lubbock Christian (Texas)	4-0	72	24
23. Hillsdale (Mich.)	6-1	56	25
24. Point Loma (Calif.)	0-0	49	20
25. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	4-0	38	NR

Records through Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021.

Last ranking is from poll of Jan. 5, 2021.

First place votes – Colorado School of Mines (13), Northwest Missouri State (3).

Others receiving votes: Tusculum (Tenn.) 16, Southwest Baptist (Mo.) 14, Union (Tenn.) 12, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 11, Daemen (N.Y.) 9, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 8, Texas A&M-Kingsville 8, Augustana (S.D.) 6, Belmont Abbey (N.C.) 6, Walsh (Ohio) 1.

Dropped out: Augustana (14).

Weekly Poll Notes:

For the second time in school history, Colorado School of Mines has reached the top of the national rankings as the Orediggers – thanks to losses suffered last week by teams listed throughout the top of last week's poll – hold the No. 1 spot in this week's NABC/Division II national rankings.

The major shifts at the top end of the poll came as the result of something that had not happened in 15 seasons – a week where the top three teams all suffered losses. The last time the top three teams lost in the same week came following the Jan. 24, 2006 ranking, when Montevallo, Western Washington and Saint Joseph's were all handed losses.

Over the past 30 seasons, this is the fifth time that the top three teams have lost games in the same week. Besides the 2006 occasion, the top three all suffered losses since 1990 following the rankings of Feb. 18, 2003; Feb. 8, 1999 and Jan. 6, 1992 along with this past week.

Colorado School of Mines was, in fact, the only team in the top six that came away from last week unscathed and its only results was an overtime win at Black Hills State. The Orediggers' previous appearance at No. 1 came in the final poll of the 2011-12 season.

Northern State, who is off to a 4-0 start since the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference began play, has also reached its highest point in the rankings at No. 2, while Northwest Missouri State – who did receive three first place votes despite its loss last Thursday to then-No. 5 Washburn – is ranked third.

After Washburn won the game at Northwest in overtime last Thursday, the Ichabods lost for the first time this season two days later at Missouri Western; the Griffons moved up six spots to No. 16 this week.

A total of nine conferences have multiple teams in the rankings again this week. The Lone Star Conference has four representatives in No. 7 West Texas A&M, No. 13 St. Edward's, No. 20 DBU and No. 22 Lubbock Christian.