



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

2016-17 Rankings – Jan. 17, 2017 (Poll #8)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – This week's NABC/Division II coaches poll finds no changes among the top eight spots and minimal change in the top three-quarters of the poll, but four new teams entered the rankings at the bottom end.

Northwest Missouri State retains the top spot again this week with two other undefeated teams – Fairmont State and Queens (N.C.) right on the heels of the Bearcats.

West Liberty and California Baptist held onto their spots as well to stay in the top five, while the next three positions were also unchanged as Wheeling Jesuit, Barry and Shippensburg stayed put.

Southern Indiana moved up to ninth following a loss by Bellarmine on Friday at Truman State, but the Screaming Eagles fell out of the unbeaten ranks Monday – a game not reflected in this week's poll – courtesy of the Knights, who beat USI 78-70 to leave five undefeated teams in NCAA Division II.

Indiana (Pa.) rounds out this week's top 10, followed by a pair of Lone Star Conference teams in Tarleton State and West Texas A&M and the third PSAC entry in Kutztown. Hawai'i Pacific checks in at No. 14 and Bellarmine is 15th, dropping six spots due to its loss.

Arkansas-Monticello, the fifth undefeated team in Division II, advanced six spots to 16th this week and is followed by a contingent of west coast squads, Western Washington and three teams from the California Collegiate Athletic Association – UC San Diego, Chico State and San Francisco State.

Fort Lewis returns to the poll at No. 21 this week and is followed by three teams in the poll for the first time this year, Wisconsin-Parkside, Kentucky Wesleyan and Delta State. The last team in this week's top 25 is Alabama-Huntsville, who stayed in despite its loss Saturday at Delta State.

Several top 25 matchups are on the schedule in the upcoming week, highlighted by No. 12 West Texas A&M's visit to No. 11 Tarleton State on Thursday as well as a matchup between No. 22 Wisconsin-Parkside and No. 9 Southern Indiana. UW-Parkside will then take on No. 15 Bellarmine Saturday in Louisville.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (12)	16-0	396	1
2. Fairmont State, W.Va. (4)	15-0	388	2
3. Queens, N.C.	16-0	360	3
4. West Liberty, W.Va.	14-1	346	4
5. California Baptist	15-1	330	5
6. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	14-1	318	6
7. Barry, Fla.	14-1	301	7
8. Shippensburg, Pa.	15-0	295	8
9. Southern Indiana	16-0	282	10
10. Indiana, Pa.	15-2	242	12
11. Tarleton State, Texas	15-2	225	13
12. West Texas A&M	18-2	211	15
13. Kutztown, Pa.	13-2	192	14
14. Hawai'i Pacific	16-1	188	19
15. Bellarmine, Ky.	13-3	172	9
16. Arkansas-Monticello	12-0	153	22
17. Western Washington	13-3	147	20
18. UC San Diego	14-3	132	11
19. Chico State, Calif.	15-2	121	23
20. San Francisco State, Calif.	14-2	94	16
21. Fort Lewis, Colo.	15-3	67	NR
22. Wisconsin-Parkside	14-1	63	NR
23. Kentucky Wesleyan	14-2	58	NR
24. Delta State, Miss.	12-3	34	NR
25. Alabama-Huntsville	11-4	16	21

Others receiving votes: Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) 10, MSU Moorhead (Minn.) 10, Colorado School of Mines 9, Quincy (Ill.) 8, Southern New Hampshire 6, Angelo State (Texas) 5, Sonoma State (Calif.) 5, Central Washington 4, Eckerd (Fla.) 3, Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) 3, Southwest Minnesota State 1, Texas A&M-Commerce 1.

Dropped out: Angelo State (17), Saginaw Valley State (18), Quincy (24), Lincoln Memorial (25).

Records are through games of Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017.