



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

2015-16 Rankings – Jan. 19, 2016 (Poll #8)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The top four teams retained their spots in the latest NABC/Division II poll for this week -- although change could very well be on the horizon – while the remainder of the poll was shook up by a week that saw 12 of last week's 25 teams lose at least once.

West Liberty is still in the No. 1 spot in the poll, but the Hilltoppers dropped their first game of the year Monday at Concord (only results through Sunday's games are considered for the weekly rankings), therefore leaving a potential opening for the top spot next week.

Augustana, Fairmont State and Midwestern State all held their positions in the next three spots, while Eckerd moved up from seventh to fifth.

Bellarmino, MSU Moorhead and Western Oregon all advanced three spots in the poll to the sixth, seventh and eighth spots respectively, while Queens (N.C.) moved up four places to ninth. Tarleton State dropped from sixth to 10th after dropping a narrow decision last week at Midwestern State.

Fellow Lone Star Conference member Angelo State came in at No. 11, followed by Lincoln Memorial, Wheeling Jesuit – who made the biggest jump this week from 24th to 13th – Saint Anselm and California Baptist.

Cal Poly Pomona, who dropped two road games to fellow CCAA members in the Los Angeles metro area last week, dropped from fifth to 16th, ahead of UC San Diego, Kentucky Wesleyan, Chico State and West Chester. Kentucky Wesleyan and West Chester moved back into the rankings after making earlier appearances among the top 25.

The final five spots in this week's ranking are held by Fort Lewis, Azusa Pacific, Ashland, Wisconsin-Parkside and Columbus State. Azusa Pacific is in the top 25 for the first time this season after completing a season sweep of Cal Baptist over the weekend, while Wisconsin-Parkside is also in the national top 25 for the first time in the 2015-16 season.

Among this week's top games:

#1 West Liberty at #13 Wheeling Jesuit, Thursday.
#6 Bellarmine at #24 Wisconsin-Parkside, Thursday.
Alaska-Anchorage at #8 Western Oregon, Thursday.
#4 Midwestern State at #11 Angelo State, Saturday.
Humboldt State at #16 Cal Poly Pomona, Saturday.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. West Liberty, W.Va. (16)	15-0	400	1
2. Augustana, S.D.	15-1	384	2
3. Fairmont State, W.Va.	14-1	362	3
4. Midwestern State, Texas	15-1	347	4
5. Eckerd, Fla.	16-1	318	7
6. Bellarmine, Ky.	13-2	311	9
7. MSU Moorhead	19-2	308	10
8. Western Oregon	14-2	288	11
9. Queens, N.C.	14-1	260	13
10. Tarleton State, Texas	13-3	236	6
11. Angelo State, Texas	14-2	222	15
12. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	14-2	218	16
13. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	15-1	199	24
14. Saint Anselm, N.H.	14-2	179	12
15. California Baptist	15-3	171	8
16. Cal Poly Pomona	14-3	152	5
17. UC San Diego	13-3	132	14
18. Kentucky Wesleyan	15-2	120	NR
19. Chico State, Calif.	14-3	110	25
20. West Chester, Pa.	14-2	62	NR
21. Fort Lewis, Colo.	13-3	58	18
22. Azusa Pacific, Calif.	12-3	54	NR
23. Ashland, Ohio	13-3	50	17
24. Wisconsin-Parkside	12-2	40	NR
25. Columbus State, Ga.	12-3	36	21

Others receiving votes: Barry (Fla.) 30, Chowan (N.C.) 22, Indianapolis (Ind.) 19, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 17, Ferris State (Mich.) 16, Delta State (Miss.) 15, Alaska-Anchorage 14, Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) 12, Southern Connecticut State 11, Fort Hays State (Kan.) 10, Northwest Missouri State 9, Bentley (Mass.) 6, Arkansas-Fort Smith 5, East Stroudsburg (Pa.) 5, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 2, Humboldt State (Calif.) 1.

Records are through games of Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016.

Dropped out: Lake Superior State (19), Indianapolis (20), Delta State (22), Barry (23).