



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

2016-17 Rankings – Jan. 24, 2017 (Poll #9)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The top two teams continue to hold firm at the top of the NABC/Division II coaches poll, but this week's new rankings find a great deal of change due to a number of teams suffering losses in the past week.

Among the teams in last week's top 25, 12 of them lost at least once, beginning with third-ranked Queens (N.C.) to send West Liberty and California Baptist up a spot apiece behind top-ranked Northwest Missouri State and No. 2 Fairmont State.

Northwest, Fairmont State and this week's fifth-ranked team, Shippensburg, are the only remaining teams in Division II without a loss heading in the final full week of January.

Shippensburg is followed in the poll by another team from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in Indiana (Pa.), while Hawai'i Pacific jumped seven spots to seventh as a result of last week's turmoil. Queens (N.C.) dropped five spots to eighth after its loss to Wingate, while Wheeling Jesuit fell to ninth after a loss at West Liberty.

Bellarmine, who knocked off a pair of top 25 teams last week, completes the list of the first 10 in the poll.

Kutztown opens the second 10, followed a trio of teams -- Southern Indiana, Barry and Tarleton State -- that slipped out of the top 11 follow losses a week ago and Western Washington, who moved up two spots after a pair of wins last week.

Fort Lewis rose to 16th this week, followed by Kentucky Wesleyan, Arkansas-Monticello, Alabama-Huntsville and West Texas A&M.

The final five teams in this week's poll include three that were not in the top 25 a week ago, beginning with two teams on lengthy winning streaks in MSU Moorhead (seven straight wins) and Colorado School of Mines (nine straight). Chico State dropped back to No. 23, while Lincoln Memorial returns to the rankings at No. 24 and Wisconsin-Parkside holds the final spot in the poll.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State (12)	18-0	396	1
2. Fairmont State, W.Va. (4)	18-0	388	2
3. West Liberty, W.Va.	17-1	365	4
4. California Baptist	17-1	351	5
5. Shippensburg, Pa.	17-0	336	8
6. Indiana, Pa.	17-2	295	10
7. Hawai'i Pacific	18-1	279	14
8. Queens, N.C.	17-1	270	3
9. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	16-2	257	6
10. Bellarmine, Ky.	16-3	249	15
11. Kutztown, Pa.	15-2	235	13
12. Southern Indiana	18-1	228	9
13. Barry, Fla.	15-2	225	7
14. Tarleton State, Texas	16-3	177	11
15. Western Washington	15-3	175	17
16. Fort Lewis, Colo.	17-3	162	21
17. Kentucky Wesleyan	16-2	155	23
18. Arkansas-Monticello	14-1	115	16
19. Alabama-Huntsville	13-4	93	25
20. West Texas A&M	18-4	66	12
21. MSU Moorhead, Minn.	17-3	63	NR
22. Colorado School of Mines	16-3	56	NR
23. Chico State, Calif.	16-3	50	19
24. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	14-4	34	NR
25. Wisconsin-Parkside	15-3	29	22

Others receiving votes: UC San Diego 26, Southwest Minnesota State 24, Saint Rose (N.Y.) 18, UT-Permian Basin (Texas) 15, Valdosta State (Ga.) 14, Eckerd (Fla.) 13, San Francisco State (Calif.) 13, Southern New Hampshire 5, Ferris State (Mich.) 4, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 3, Angelo State (Texas) 2, Findlay (Ohio) 2, Virginia State 2.

Dropped out: UC San Diego (18), San Francisco State (20), Delta State (24).

Records are through games of Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017.