



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

2015-16 Rankings – March 1, 2016 (Poll #14)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – West Liberty captured the matchup of the top two teams in last week's NABC/Division II and as a result takes over the No. 1 spot in the poll heading into a full week of conference tournament action.

The Hilltoppers knocked off Wheeling Jesuit 82-74 Saturday to overtake the Cardinals for the top spot, a place they occupied for seven weeks earlier in the year. This week, West Liberty has to navigate through the Mountain East Tournament when it could see the Cardinals, now ranked fourth, or No. 5 Fairmont State in Saturday's final.

Lincoln Memorial moved up to second after finishing undefeated in the South Atlantic Conference, while third-ranked Augustana will look to land the second automatic bid to this year's NCAA Division II Tournament Tuesday night when it faces No. 7 MSU Moorhead in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title contest.

Western Oregon, the regular season champion in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, sits between Fairmont State and MSU Moorhead in this week's poll, with Fort Lewis, Kentucky Wesleyan and Ashland rounding out the top 10.

Midwestern State moved up a spot to 11th, while Bellarmine dropped to 12th following an overtime setback at Southern Indiana. Northwest Missouri State is 13th, followed by Wisconsin-Parkside and Chico State.

Angelo State vaulted six spots to No. 16, as did No. 17 Barry and No. 18 California Baptist. Saginaw Valley State, Queens (N.C.) and West Chester, all of whom suffered losses last week, fell into the next three spots after that trio.

This week's poll is rounded out by Cal Poly Pomona, UC San Diego, Stillman – making its first appearance in the top 25 in six years – and Eckerd.

Virginia State earned the first automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament Saturday by capturing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association title and after the Northern Sun championship game on Tuesday, the other 22 conferences will crown their champions either Saturday or Sunday prior to the NCAA's selection show Sunday night.

The NCAA will release its final set of regional rankings on Wednesday, March 2.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. West Liberty, W.Va. (11)	26-2	394	2
2. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (2)	26-2	375	3
3. Augustana, S.D. (2)	26-2	367	4
4. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	27-2	357	1
5. Fairmont State, W.Va.	25-3	325	5
6. Western Oregon	25-3	320	6
7. MSU Moorhead	29-4	300	7
8. Fort Lewis, Colo.	24-3	282	8
9. Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	25-3	249	10
10. Ashland, Ohio	24-4	235	11
11. Midwestern State, Texas	21-5	234	14
12. Bellarmine, Ky.	22-5	212	9
13. Northwest Missouri State	22-5	204	15
14. Wisconsin-Parkside	22-4	203	18
15. Chico State, Calif.	22-5	173	13
16. Angelo State, Texas	21-5	151	22
17. Barry, Fla.	21-5	129	23
18. California Baptist	24-6	119	24
19. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	22-6	92	16
20. Queens, N.C.	23-5	87	12
21. West Chester, Pa.	21-5	61	17
22. Cal Poly Pomona	21-6	54	25
23. UC San Diego	20-6	50	19
24. Stillman, Ala.	23-5	46	NR
25. Eckerd, Fla.	22-6	38	20

Others receiving votes: Alabama-Huntsville 32, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 25, Colorado School of Mines 22, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 20, Holy Family (Pa.) 13, Kutztown (Pa.) 13, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 9, Findlay (Ohio) 9, Indianapolis (Ind.) 5, Alaska-Fairbanks 2, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 2, Tarleton State (Texas) 2, Ferris State (Mich.) 1.

Records are through games of Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016.

Dropped out: Saint Anselm (21).