



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

2015-16 Rankings – March 8, 2016 (Final Poll)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Lincoln Memorial, winner of 19 consecutive games and the only NCAA Division II team to win all of its conference games and its league tournament this year, will take the No. 1 ranking into the NCAA Tournament in the final NABC/Division II coaches poll of the 2015-16 season.

The Railsplitters, who are ranked first for the third time in school history – the last top ranking came in early February last season – will host the Southeast Regional this weekend as the NCAA Tournament gets underway at eight sites nationwide.

Two of the other seven regional hosts hold the next two spots in the poll, with Central host Augustana sitting at No. 2 after winning the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament and Western Oregon, the host of the West Regional, at No. 3 after capturing the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship.

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference winner Fort Lewis checks in at No.4 and last week's No.1 team, West Liberty, is fifth after falling in the Mountain East Conference semifinals. No. 6 Wheeling Jesuit also lost in the semifinals of that tournament, while Midwestern State won the Lone Star Conference title to move up to seventh; the Cardinals and Mustangs will host regionals in the upcoming days.

In all, seven of the eight regional hosts are in the final rankings this season, including No. 13 Wisconsin-Parkside and No. 23 Holy Family.

Fairmont State, Great Midwest Athletic Conference winner Kentucky Wesleyan and MSU Moorhead round out the top 10.

The next five teams in the poll are Northwest Missouri State, Ashland, UW-Parkside, California Baptist and Bellarmine, while Angelo State, Stillman, Eckerd, Barry and Chico State round out the top 20.

The final five teams in the final poll are UC San Diego, Queens (N.C.), Holy Family, West Chester and Saginaw Valley State.

NCAA Tournament play will begin Friday with the West Regional at Western Oregon, while the other seven regional tournaments begin Saturday. The field will be re-seeded following the conclusion of the regional championship games on March 15 before the Elite Eight is contested in Frisco, Texas beginning on March 23.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (13)	29-2	391	2
2. Augustana, S.D. (2)	28-2	384	3
3. Western Oregon	27-3	361	6
4. Fort Lewis, Colo.	27-3	336	8
5. West Liberty, W.Va.	27-3	328	1
6. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	28-3	318	4
7. Midwestern State, Texas	24-5	284	11
8. Fairmont State, W.Va.	25-4	269	5
9. Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	27-3	267	9
10. MSU Moorhead	30-5	255	7
11. Northwest Missouri State	25-5	234	13
12. Ashland, Ohio	25-5	219	10
13. Wisconsin-Parkside	24-5	205	14
14. California Baptist	27-6	188	18
15. Bellarmine, Ky.	23-6	184	12
16. Angelo State, Texas	23-6	140	16
17. Stillman, Ala.	26-5	125	24
18. Eckerd, Fla.	25-6	114	25
19. Barry, Fla.	23-6	109	17
20. Chico State, Calif.	22-6	88	15
21. UC San Diego	22-7	74	23
22. Queens, N.C.	24-6	59	20
23. Holy Family, Pa.	26-5	57	NR
24. West Chester, Pa.	23-6	43	21
25. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	22-7	34	19

Others receiving votes: Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 25, Colorado School of Mines 23, Alabama-Huntsville 21, Cal Poly Pomona 14, Lewis (Ill.) 12, Findlay (Ohio) 9, Concord (W.Va.) 7, West Georgia 7, Wingate (N.C.) 6, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 3, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 2, Indianapolis (Ind.) 2, King (Tenn.) 2, Alaska-Fairbanks 1, Ferris State (Mich.) 1.

Records are through games of Sunday, March 6, 2016.

Dropped out: Cal Poly Pomona (22).