



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

2016-17 Rankings – Nov. 22, 2016 (Poll #1)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – West Liberty, the No. 1-ranked team in the pre-season, holds onto the top spot in the first regular season poll, but the results from some early season headline matchups have shuffled the rankings in the early going.

Saginaw Valley State, who won one of those matchups when it beat No. 3 Bellarmine on Nov. 11, moved up from fourth to second as a result. Northwest Missouri State bumped off No. 18 Augustana and followed that up with a road win Sunday at MSU Denver to jump to third.

Wheeling Jesuit and California Baptist round out this week's top five, while undefeated St. Thomas Aquinas and Tarleton State hold the next two spots ahead of Bellarmine, who despite the early loss, picked up a win over a top-five team by beating No. 5 UAH Friday at the inaugural Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic in Evansville, Ind.

Following eighth-ranked Bellarmine is Kutztown and UAH, who bounced back from Friday's loss with an impressive win the next night over No. 2 Lincoln Memorial.

Barry leads off the second 10, followed by Lincoln Memorial, Colorado School of Mines, Fairmont State and Indiana (Pa.), putting five teams from the NCAA's Atlantic region among the top 15 in the nation in the first poll.

Angelo State checks in at No. 16 and Drury at No. 17, followed by the first newcomer of the season to the ranking in No. 18 Queens (N.C.). Chico State and Southern Connecticut State round out the first 20 in the rankings.

The final five spots are headed by three schools that were not ranked in the pre-season, West Georgia, UC San Diego and Delta State. Fort Lewis is ranked 24th and Augustana 25th to round out this week's poll.

A top 25 matchup kicks off the week as No. 22 UC San Diego travels to No. 5 California Baptist Tuesday night, while many of the teams in this week's ranking in action over the course of Thanksgiving weekend.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. West Liberty, W.Va. (14)	4-0	398	1
2. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	4-0	379	4
3. Northwest Missouri State (1)	4-0	349	6
4. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	4-0	333	7
5. California Baptist	3-0	317	9
6. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	3-0	300	8
7. Tarleton State, Texas	3-0	278	10
8. Bellarmine, Ky.	3-1	267	3
9. Kutztown, Pa.	4-0	251	14
10. UAH	3-1	238	5
11. Barry, Fla.	3-0	236	16
12. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	3-1	234	2
13. Colorado School of Mines	4-0	195	21
14. Fairmont State, W.Va. (1)	4-0	171	25
15. Indiana, Pa.	5-0	166	24
16. Angelo State, Texas	2-0	150	19
17. Drury, Mo.	3-0	142	22
18. Queens, N.C.	4-0	119	NR
19. Chico State, Calif.	2-1	106	11
20. Southern Connecticut State	3-1	76	13
21. West Georgia	3-0	65	NR
22. UC San Diego	5-0	60	NR
23. Delta State, Miss.	2-0	56	NR
24. Fort Lewis, Colo.	3-1	47	15
25. Augustana, S.D.	3-1	40	18

Others receiving votes: Minnesota State 39, Western Washington 29, West Texas A&M 25, Midwestern State (Texas) 24, Southern New Hampshire 23, Alaska Anchorage 15, San Francisco State (Calif.) 12, Washburn (Kan.) 12, Southwest Minnesota State 10, Ferris State (Mich.) 9, Chaminade (Hawai'i) 7, Stonehill (Mass.) 6, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 4, UA Fort Smith (Ark.) 3, Valdosta State (Ga.) 3, West Florida 2, Central Washington 1, Columbus State (Ga.) 1, Missouri Southern 1, MSU Moorhead (Minn.) 1.

Dropped out: Alaska Anchorage (12), Minnesota State (17), Midwestern State (20), UA Fort Smith (23).

Records are through games of Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016