



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

2016-17 Rankings – Nov. 29, 2016 (Poll #2)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The top six spots held firm this week in the latest NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings, with West Liberty retaining the top spot for the second week in succession after a pair of wins last week.

The Hilltoppers, at 6-0 on the season for the fifth consecutive season and eighth time in the last 10 years, are also the first program in NCAA Division II history to be ranked in 100 consecutive polls and have also been among the top 10 for a record 78 straight weeks.

Following West Liberty again this week are Saginaw Valley State, Northwest Missouri State, Wheeling Jesuit, California Baptist and St. Thomas Aquinas in the same spots they occupied in the first regular season poll. The first change came at No. 7, as Tarleton State's loss to CSU-Pueblo moved a handful of teams ahead in the rankings.

Bellarmino and Kutztown each moved up one spot to seventh and eighth, respectively, while Barry vaulted over UAH to ninth; UAH stayed at No. 10 this week.

A quintet of undefeated teams hold the next five spots in this week's poll, headed by Fairmont State at No. 11. Indiana (Pa.) is 12th, followed by Queens (N.C.), Angelo State and Drury.

Tarleton State fell nine spots to 16th, while Chico State is 17th and Western Washington makes its first appearance this season at No. 18. The top 20 is rounded out by a pair of teams from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference – Colorado School of Mines and Fort Lewis.

The final five spots are held by Augustana, UC San Diego, Lincoln Memorial and two newcomers to the poll this week, West Texas A&M and Southern New Hampshire. West Texas A&M, whose eight wins thus far are the most of any team in NCAA Division II, is making its first appearance in the top 25 in four seasons while the Penmen – who played in the 2015 Elite Eight – have not been ranked since January 2005.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. West Liberty, W.Va. (14)	6-0	398	1
2. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	5-0	378	2
3. Northwest Missouri State (1)	6-0	361	3
4. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	5-0	344	4
5. California Baptist	6-0	339	5
6. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	5-0	318	6
7. Bellarmine, Ky.	4-1	278	8
8. Kutztown, Pa.	4-0	272	9
9. Barry, Fla.	5-0	268	11
10. UAH	3-1	247	10
11. Fairmont State, W.Va. (1)	5-0	233	14
12. Indiana, Pa.	7-0	223	15
13. Queens, N.C.	6-0	186	18
14. Angelo State, Texas	3-0	181	16
15. Drury, Mo.	5-0	179	17
16. Tarleton State, Texas	4-1	159	7
17. Chico State, Calif.	5-1	114	19
18. Western Washington	5-0	94	NR
19. Colorado School of Mines	5-1	89	13
20. Fort Lewis, Colo.	5-1	85	24
21. Augustana, S.D.	4-1	82	25
22. UC San Diego	5-1	52	22
23. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	4-2	48	12
24. West Texas A&M	8-1	42	NR
25. Southern New Hampshire	4-0	38	NR

Others receiving votes: Minnesota State 30, Washburn (Kan.) 30, San Francisco State (Calif.) 22, Saint Rose (N.Y.) 20, West Florida 14, Delta State (Miss.) 13, Midwestern State (Texas) 9, MSU Moorhead (Minn.) 9, Alaska Anchorage 7, Chaminade (Hawaii) 7, Columbus State (Ga.) 7, Southern Indiana 7, Charleston (W.Va.) 5, Southwest Minnesota State 4, Southern Connecticut State 3, Central Washington 2, Texas A&M-Commerce 2, Hawai'i Pacific 1.

Dropped out: Southern Connecticut State (20), West Georgia (21), Delta State (23).

Records are through games of Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016.