



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

## 2018-19 Rankings – Oct. 30, 2018 (Pre-Season Poll)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A quintet of teams that have been a part of recent Elite Eights stand atop the NABC/Division II pre-season coaches poll for the 2018-19 season.

Bellarmine, who has made three Elite Eight appearances since winning the NCAA Division II title in 2011, picked up the bulk of the first place votes and heads the pre-season rankings. The Knights are followed by West Liberty, who reached five Elite Eights in a six-year span beginning in 2011 and Lincoln Memorial, who played in the 2016 national championship game in the first of back-to-back appearances.

The next two teams in the poll are West Texas A&M, who was a national semifinalist a year ago and Northwest Missouri State, won the 2017 national title.

After Northwest is Saint Anselm, followed by Queens (N.C.), who also reached last year's national semifinal round and Indiana (Pa.), who played in the national title game in 2015. Cal Poly Pomona, who was the first national champion of the 2010s, is ranked ninth in the pre-season.

Southern Nazarene rounds out the top 10 following its best season as a member of NCAA Division II and the same can be said for No. 11 West Florida, a 28-win team a year ago. Fellow Gulf South Conference foe Valdosta State is right behind the Argonauts.

Western Washington is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the pre-season and defending national champion Ferris State checks in at No. 14 in the opening poll. Another 2018 Elite Eight entry, East Stroudsburg, was picked 15<sup>th</sup>.

The pre-season top 20 is completed by Virginia State, Morehouse, St. Cloud State, Regis and Dallas Baptist; four of those teams either won a regular season or conference tournament title last year.

The final five teams in the poll are Southwest Minnesota State, Florida Southern, Findlay, UC San Diego and Missouri Southern.

Two pre-season events kick off the 2017-18 season this weekend, beginning with the D2CCA Tip-Off Classic in Anaheim, Calif., which starts Friday. The field includes No. 4 West Texas A&M and two others that received votes, Azusa Pacific and Drury.

The other event takes place in St. Joseph, Mo., with the Hall of Fame Classic, which includes the two teams that faced off in the national title game, Ferris State and Northern State, in a field that also has Queens (N.C.) and Northwest Missouri State.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Bellarmine, Ky. (14)	29-3	398	4
2. West Liberty, W.Va. (1)	26-4	364	12
3. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	32-2	350	1
4. West Texas A&M	32-4	331	11
5. Northwest Missouri State (1)	27-4	282	5
6. Saint Anselm, N.H.	22-9	271	NR
7. Queens, N.C.	32-4	256	7
8. Indiana, Pa.	22-8	239	NR
9. Cal Poly Pomona	23-7	233	25
10. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	27-3	218	8
11. West Florida	28-4	206	9
12. Valdosta State, Ga.	26-5	198	15
13. Western Washington	21-8	182	NR
14. Ferris State, Mich.	38-1	176	2
15. East Stroudsburg, Pa.	27-6	155	NR
16. Virginia State	25-5	144	17
17. Morehouse, Ga.	25-3	136	10
18. St. Cloud State, Minn.	24-9	121	NR
19. Regis, Colo.	27-6	117	22
20. Dallas Baptist, Texas	26-6	98	16
21. Southwest Minnesota State	25-9	83	NR
22. Florida Southern	21-11	78	NR
23. Findlay, Ohio	28-5	70	13
24. UC San Diego	21-11	65	NR
25. Missouri Southern	20-10	48	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Clayton State (Ga.) 38, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 35, UNC Pembroke 35, Point Loma (Calif.) 34, Saint Martin's (Wash.) 32, Barry (Fla.) 18, Minnesota State 18, Nova Southeastern (Fla.) 18, Texas A&M-Commerce 17, Drury (Mo.) 13, Shaw (N.C.) 13, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 12, Dominican (N.Y.) 12, Ashland (Ohio) 11, Lees-McRae (N.C.) 13, Northern State (S.D.) 10, Tarleton State (Texas) 10, Claflin (S.C.) 9, Daemen (N.Y.) 8, Fort Lewis (Colo.) 4, Merrimack (Mass.) 4, Chico State (Calif.) 3, King (Tenn.) 3, Clark Atlanta (Ga.) 2, Stanislaus State (Calif.) 2, Colorado School of Mines 1, Dixie State (Utah) 1.

Records are final from 2017-18 season. Last ranking was from the final 2017-18 poll.