



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

## 2015-16 Rankings – Oct. 27, 2015 (Pre-Season)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Augustana, who set a school record with 31 wins last season and spent much of the second half of the campaign ranked among the top teams in NCAA Division II, heads the 2015-16 NABC/Division II pre-season coaches poll.

The Vikings return all five starters and 12 players from their 31-3 team of a year ago and were favored to win the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title again this winter.

The top nine teams in the poll include five that played in last year's NCAA Division II Elite Eight. Tarleton State, who fell in the semifinals to Indiana (Pa.), is second in the coaches poll, while Bellarmine, who fell short in the national semifinals to eventual champion Florida Southern, was picked fourth.

West Liberty was picked between Tarleton State and Bellarmine in the pre-season poll, while Lincoln Memorial was tabbed for fifth. The next two spots went to national quarterfinalist Mount Olive and finalist Indiana (Pa.).

After Indianapolis went into the eighth spot, 2015 quarterfinalist Minnesota State-Moorhead checked in at No. 9. Colorado School of Mines rounded out the top 10.

Two of other three teams in last year's Elite Eight, including defending national champion Florida Southern, received votes.

The 2015-16 season gets underway this weekend with the CCA Tip-Off Classic in Anaheim, which will feature an opening night matchup Friday between Minnesota State-Moorhead and No. 11 California Baptist. No. 15 Western Washington is also playing in Anaheim and will face MSU Moorhead on Sunday.

Between California Baptist and Western Washington in the pre-season poll are Alabama-Huntsville, UNC Pembroke and Northwest Missouri State, who ended Augustana's season last year in the regional semifinals and will face the Vikings again on Nov. 19.

The next five teams in the poll are Drury, Chico State, Metropolitan State, Southern Connecticut State and Montevallo, while the final five teams are Western Oregon, Midwestern State, Augusta, Barry and Philadelphia.

A total of 65 schools received at least one vote in the pre-season poll.

Following this weekend's event, the season will tip off across the nation on Friday, Nov. 13. The first regular season poll will be released on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Augustana, S.D. (9)	31-3	387	2
2. Tarleton State, Texas (2)	31-4	374	7
3. West Liberty, W.Va. (2)	28-4	369	5
4. Bellarmine, Ky. (1)	31-4	357	3
5. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	30-3	300	6
6. Mount Olive, N.C.	31-4	266	9
7. Indiana, Pa. (1)	31-7	244	25
8. Indianapolis, Ind.	25-6	240	15
9. Minnesota State-Moorhead	35-4	227	4
10. Colorado School of Mines	23-5	215	13
11. California Baptist	26-7	189	21
12. Alabama-Huntsville	23-9	185	NR
13. UNC Pembroke	26-6	152	17
14. Northwest Missouri State	25-7	141	NR
15. Western Washington	20-11	131	NR
16. Drury, Mo.	21-9	126	NR
17. Chico State, Calif.	22-8	121	NR
18. Metropolitan State, Colo.	26-6	119	11
19. Southern Connecticut State	24-8	116	NR
20. Montevallo, Ala.	26-9	99	23
21. Western Oregon	23-7	88	NR
22. Midwestern State, Texas	22-9	80	NR
23. Augusta, Ga.	23-7	73	NR
24. Barry, Fla.	25-6	64	12
25. Philadelphia, Pa.	24-8	63	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Missouri Southern 57, Delta State (Miss.) 39, Florida Southern 36, Bowie State (Md.) 33, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 25, Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.) 24, Bridgeport (Conn.) 23, St. Cloud State (Minn.) 18, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 18, BYU-Hawaii 17, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 15, Lynn (Fla.) 13, Minnesota State 13, Cal Poly Pomona 11, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 11, Angelo State (Texas) 10, Mercyhurst (Pa.) 10, Arkansas-Fort Smith 9, Cal State-San Bernardino 9, Bentley (Mass.) 8, Ferris State (Mich.) 8, Dixie State (Utah) 6, Nebraska-Kearney 6, Kentucky Wesleyan 5, Harding (Ark.) 4, King (Tenn.) 4, Michigan Tech 4, Stonehill (Mass.) 4, Texas A&M-Commerce 4, Benedict (S.C.) 3, East Central (Okla.) 3, Gannon (Pa.) 3, Paine (Ga.) 3, Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) 2, Queens (N.C.) 2, Southern New Hampshire 2, Arkansas Tech 1, Central Missouri 1, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) 1, West Texas A&M 1.

Records are final from the 2014-15 season. Last ranking was from the final poll of last season.