



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

## 2017-18 Rankings – Dec. 5, 2017 (Poll #3)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – As the top 11 teams in last week's NABC/Division II top 25 came out of play without suffering a loss, there were no changes at the top end of this week's rankings.

However, the bottom half of the poll saw a number of adjustments this week as conference play began in a number of leagues throughout the country and claimed a number of teams ranked from No. 12 on down in the past seven days.

Northwest Missouri State held onto the No. 1 spot for the third straight week, followed by Queens (N.C.) and Bellarmine, each of whom got a first place vote again this week. Lincoln Memorial, Ferris State and Colorado School of Mines all held their positions as well in the top six.

The next five spots also remained intact with West Liberty at No. 7, West Texas A&M at No. 8, Wheeling Jesuit at No. 9 and Christian Brothers rounding out the top 10 and Barry at No. 11.

The first change comes at No. 12 – due to losses by the teams that were ranked from 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> over the past week – as Le Moyne vaulted five spots to 12<sup>th</sup>. The Dolphins were followed by UT-Permian Basin, Arkansas-Fort Smith and Fort Lewis to complete the top 15.

Northern State moved up five spots to 16<sup>th</sup> this week, while Dallas Baptist made an eight spot jump to 18<sup>th</sup>. The Patriots were followed by the first of the five new teams in this week's poll, Southern New Hampshire, while Western Oregon came in at No. 19.

William Jewell, off to a 9-0 start on the year, makes its first-ever appearance in the top 25 as an NCAA Division II member at No. 20 and is followed by another newcomer this season in Virginia State, who is ranked for the first time since Jan. 10, 1983.

Texas A&M-Kingsville checks in at No. 23 and the poll is rounded out by the last two of the five newcomers, Lake Superior State and West Florida – who like William Jewell – is also in the top 25 for the first time ever following its win Saturday over Valdosta State to give the Argonauts an 8-0 start to the season.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri St. (14)	8-0	398	1
2. Queens, N.C. (1)	7-0	375	2
3. Bellarmine, Ky. (1)	7-0	370	3
4. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	7-0	351	4
5. Ferris State, Mich.	10-0	340	5
6. Colorado School of Mines	8-0	323	6
7. West Liberty, W.Va.	7-0	306	7
8. West Texas A&M	8-0	286	8
9. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	7-0	241	9
10. Christian Brothers, Tenn.	7-0	238	10
11. Barry, Fla.	6-1	236	11
12. Le Moyne, N.Y.	8-1	197	17
13. UT-Permian Basin	7-1	189	18
14. Arkansas-Fort Smith	9-0	181	22
15. Fort Lewis, Colo.	5-1	152	19
16. Northern State, S.D.	8-1	150	21
17. Dallas Baptist, Texas	7-0	140	25
18. Southern New Hampshire	8-0	124	NR
19. Western Oregon	7-1	91	13
20. William Jewell, Mo.	9-0	75	NR
21. Virginia State	6-0	65	NR
22. Valdosta State, Ga.	6-1	55	15
23. Texas A&M-Kingsville	8-1	39	20
24. Lake Superior State, Mich.	6-1	35	NR
25. West Florida	8-0	32	NR

**Others receiving votes:** California Baptist 30, Findlay (Ohio) 23, Cal Poly Pomona 21, Chico State (Calif.) 18, Francis Marion (S.C.) 15, Bridgeport (Conn.) 13, Morehouse (Ga.) 13, Benedict (S.C.) 11, Concordia (Calif.) 7, East Stroudsburg (Pa.) 7, Eckerd (Fla.) 7, West Chester (Pa.) 6, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 5, Central Missouri 5, Chaminade (Hawaii) 4, Nova Southeastern (Fla.) 4, Clark Atlanta (Ga.) 3, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 3, Southern Indiana 3, Western Washington 3, Texas A&M-Commerce 2, Arkansas Tech 1, Cal State San Marcos 1.

**Dropped out:** Benedict (12), California Baptist (14), Chico State (16), Carson-Newman (23), Bloomfield (24).

Records are through games of Dec. 3, 2017.