



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

2017-18 Rankings – Jan. 23, 2018 (Poll #9)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For the first time this season, a team has become the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II in unanimous fashion, as West Liberty retains the top spot after receiving all of the first place votes in this week's NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings.

The Hilltoppers, ranked in the national poll for a record 122nd consecutive week, got all but one of the first place votes a week ago when they moved to the head of the poll. However, a loss by Northwest Missouri State – who received that other top vote – allowed West Liberty to receive that vote to make it unanimous at the top.

West Liberty is one of two remaining undefeated teams in NCAA Division II and the two are bookends to this week's top 10. Lincoln Memorial, Queens (N.C.), Ferris State and Bellarmine all moved up one spot as a result of the Northwest loss, while losses by last week's seventh- and eighth-ranked teams allowed Western Oregon to vault three spots to sixth.

Northwest Missouri State dropped to seventh this week, while Virginia State moved up to eighth – its highest ranking since 1983 -- while UT-Permian Basin is back up to ninth after a week that included a last second win over then-No. 10 Texas A&M-Commerce and Morehouse makes its first top 10 appearance since 1990 at No. 10.

West Texas A&M and Northern State, two teams that resided in the top 10 a week ago, fell to 11th and 12th, respectively after suffering their second losses of the year, while Findlay moved up to 13th after extending its winning streak to 14 games on Saturday. Valdosta State moved up seven spots to 14th, one spot ahead of Gulf South Conference mate West Florida.

Southern Nazarene, after increasing its winning streak to 10 games, made the biggest leap in the rankings this week of eight spots to No. 16, while Arkansas-Fort Smith came in at No. 17. Texas A&M-Commerce fell from 10th to 18th after dropping two games to top 25 teams last week, while Wheeling Jesuit and West Chester complete the top 20.

The last five teams in this week's poll are Fort Lewis, Dallas Baptist, Western Washington, Claflin and Cal Poly Pomona.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. West Liberty, W.Va. (16)	17-0	400	1
2. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	17-1	382	2
3. Queens, N.C.	18-1	364	4
4. Ferris State, Mich.	20-1	346	5
5. Bellarmine, Ky.	17-1	342	6
6. Western Oregon	17-1	314	9
7. Northwest Missouri State	16-2	304	2
8. Virginia State	16-1	264	12
9. UT-Permian Basin, Texas	16-2	263	11
10. Morehouse, Ga.	16-0	253	14
11. West Texas A&M	17-2	233	7
12. Northern State, S.D.	20-2	227	8
13. Findlay, Ohio	18-2	209	15
14. Valdosta State, Ga.	17-2	187	21
15. West Florida	17-2	159	13
16. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	14-1	139	24
17. Arkansas-Fort Smith	16-3	137	23
18. Texas A&M-Commerce	14-3	122	10
19. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	14-3	99	16
20. West Chester, Pa.	15-2	81	18
21. Fort Lewis, Colo.	16-3	58	NR
22. Dallas Baptist, Texas	15-3	64	17
23. Western Washington	15-3	62	NR
24. Claflin, S.C.	17-2	56	20
25. Cal Poly Pomona	14-3	37	NR

Others receiving votes: Barry (Fla.) 16, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 15, Bridgeport (Conn.) 14, Clark Atlanta (Ga.) 10, Cal State San Marcos 8, California Baptist 7, Le Moyne (N.Y.) 7, Chaminade (Hawaii) 6, Shippensburg (Pa.) 6, UNC Pembroke 4, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 2, Eckerd (Fla.) 2, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 1.

Dropped out: Barry (19), Christian Brothers (22), William Jewell (25).

Records are through games of Jan. 21, 2018.