



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

2017-18 Rankings – Jan. 30, 2018 (Poll #10)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – With West Liberty's loss Sunday at Fairmont State, Lincoln Memorial has moved up to the top spot in the latest NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings, making the Railsplitters the fourth team in the last five weeks to hold the top spot.

Lincoln Memorial last held the number one ranking in the final poll of the 2015-16 season prior to finishing second at that year's Elite Eight and is the second team from the South Atlantic Conference to head the poll this season. The other was Queens (N.C.), who sits right behind the Railsplitters at No. 2 this week, marking the first time since Feb. 23, 2016 that two teams from the same conference (Wheeling Jesuit and West Liberty) were ranked first and second.

Ferris State moved up a spot to third and Western Oregon advanced two positions to fourth ahead of West Liberty this week, while Northwest Missouri State rose a spot to sixth. Morehouse, the last remaining undefeated team in NCAA Division II as a result of the West Liberty setback, comes in at No. 7 with its 18-0 record.

UT-Permian Basin checks in at No. 8 this week, with Bellarmine and a second Lone Star Conference team in the top 10 – West Texas A&M – rounding out this week's first 10 teams.

Findlay extended its winning streak to 16 games and now sits at No. 11 in the poll, while Valdosta State, who has won 12 in a row, is No. 12. Virginia State fell five spots following its loss to Bowie State Saturday, while Southern Nazarene and Arkansas-Fort Smith came in at 14th and 15th, respectively.

Northern State dropped four places to No. 16 after falling to Southwest Minnesota State on Saturday, while Fort Lewis, Dallas Baptist and Cal Poly Pomona all moved up in the rankings into the next three spots. West Florida fell down five positions after a weekend loss at Alabama-Huntsville.

The final five spots include three teams making their first appearance in the rankings this season, led by No. 21 Clark Atlanta, who has parlayed a 14-game winning streak into its first appearance in the poll since Nov. 23, 2010.

Texas A&M-Commerce is 22nd this week, with Shippensburg coming in at No. 23, Bridgeport at No. 24 and Barry returning to the rankings at No. 25. The No. 24 ranking for Bridgeport has the Purple Knights in the coaches' top 25 for the first time since Jan. 18, 1993.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (14)	19-1	397	2
2. Queens, N.C.	20-1	380	3
3. Ferris State, Mich. (1)	21-1	367	4
4. Western Oregon (1)	19-1	346	6
5. West Liberty, W.Va.	18-1	340	1
6. Northwest Missouri State	17-2	319	7
7. Morehouse, Ga.	18-0	294	10
8. UT-Permian Basin, Texas	18-2	287	9
9. Bellarmine, Ky.	18-2	268	5
10. West Texas A&M	19-2	258	11
11. Findlay, Ohio	20-2	231	13
12. Valdosta State, Ga.	19-2	216	14
13. Virginia State	17-2	193	8
14. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	16-1	190	16
15. Arkansas-Fort Smith	18-3	154	17
16. Northern State, S.D.	21-3	144	12
17. Fort Lewis, Colo.	17-3	138	21
18. Dallas Baptist, Texas	17-3	120	22
19. Cal Poly Pomona	16-3	115	25
20. West Florida	18-3	108	15
21. Clark Atlanta, Ga.	18-1	88	NR
22. Texas A&M-Commerce	16-4	51	18
23. Shippensburg, Pa.	15-3	34	NR
24. Bridgeport, Conn.	17-4	30	NR
25. Barry, Fla.	13-4	25	NR

Others receiving votes: Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) 24, California Baptist 22, Minnesota State 20, Le Moyne (N.Y.) 13, Central Missouri 9, West Chester (Pa.) 5, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 4, Cal State San Marcos 2, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 2, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 2, UNC Pembroke 2, Claflin (S.C.) 1, Dixie State (Utah) 1.

Dropped out: Wheeling Jesuit (19), West Chester (20), Western Washington (23), Claflin (24).

Records are through games of Jan. 28, 2018.