



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

## 2017-18 Rankings – March 6, 2018 (Final Poll)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – All eight teams that are hosting a regional tournament this week are among the teams listed in the final NABC/Division II coaches poll of the 2017-18 season, headed by Lincoln Memorial for the second time in three seasons.

The Railsplitters, who will play host to the Southeast Regional this weekend, will look to earn their third straight trip to the Elite Eight after capturing the South Atlantic Conference Tournament to retain the top spot in the poll.

Ferris State, the host for the Midwest Regional, ended up at No. 2 in the final poll and West Regional host Western Oregon was third. Bellarmine, seeded second in the Midwest behind Ferris State, is fourth and Northwest Missouri State is fifth as it prepares to begin defense of its national championships as the host for the Central Regional.

No. 6-ranked Northern State is seeded right behind Northwest in the Central region and Queens (N.C.), seeded behind Lincoln Memorial, is seventh. Southern Nazarene came in at No. 8 and West Florida ended up at its highest point ever in the poll at No. 9 heading to the South Regional, where it is seeded behind host and No. 10 Morehouse.

West Texas A&M, who will host the South Central Regional, begins the second 10 at No. 11, followed by West Liberty, Findlay and Mountain East Tournament champion Wheeling Jesuit, who made the biggest jump in the poll from 21<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

Valdosta State came in at No. 15, followed by Dallas Baptist, Atlantic Regional host Virginia State at No. 17, Bridgeport, UT-Permian Basin and Dixie State, who is making its first appearance in the poll after capturing both the Pacific West Conference regular season and tournament titles.

Dixie State beat California Baptist in the PacWest title game, dropping the Lancers three spots to 21<sup>st</sup>.

Regis also makes its first venture into the top 25 prior to the NCAA Tournament as it came in at No. 22 following its win in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship game over Fort Lewis.

Arkansas-Fort Smith, Le Moyne – the eighth regional host in the top 25 – and Cal Poly Pomona round out the final rankings of the season.

The NCAA regional tournaments begin Friday in the West Regional, with the other seven set to start the following day. The eight regional winners will advance to Sioux Falls, S.D., for the Elite Eight that begins on Tuesday, March 20.

### NABC/Division II Rankings (March 6, 2018 – Final Poll)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. (13)	30-1	397	1
2. Ferris State, Mich. (1)	32-1	380	2
3. Western Oregon (2)	29-1	372	3
4. Bellarmine, Ky.	28-2	353	4
5. Northwest Missouri State	27-3	335	7
6. Northern State, S.D.	31-3	308	9
7. Queens, N.C.	28-3	288	5
8. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	27-2	281	10
9. West Florida	28-3	270	12
10. Morehouse, Ga.	25-2	265	6
11. West Texas A&M	28-3	254	13
12. West Liberty, W.Va.	26-3	203	8
13. Findlay, Ohio	26-4	181	11
14. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	26-5	173	21
15. Valdosta State, Ga.	26-4	168	14
16. Dallas Baptist, Texas	26-5	148	22
17. Virginia State	24-4	134	15
18. Bridgeport, Conn.	25-5	94	16
19. UT-Permian Basin, Texas	24-6	83	20
20. Dixie State, Utah	23-6	78	NR
21. California Baptist	25-5	76	18
22. Regis, Colo.	26-5	64	NR
23. Arkansas-Fort Smith	24-5	55	17
24. Le Moyne, N.Y.	24-6	52	NR
25. Cal Poly Pomona	23-6	49	19

**Others receiving votes:** UNC Pembroke (N.C.) 46, Claflin (S.C.) 39, East Stroudsburg (Pa.) 16, Clark Atlanta (Ga.) 14, Fort Lewis (Colo.) 12, West Chester (Pa.) 5, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 2, Southwest Minnesota State 2, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 1, Saint Martin's (Wash.) 1, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 1.

**Dropped out:** TBA.

Records are through games of March 4, 2018.