



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

2017-18 Rankings – Nov. 21, 2017 (Poll #1)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The first NABC/Division II regular season coaches poll finds plenty of new faces in the mix, but the top four teams from the pre-season rankings retained their spots as the schedule moves to some big games over Thanksgiving weekend.

This week's poll includes seven teams that were not in the pre-season top 25 and the top 15 teams have set to suffer a loss since the season got underway 18 days ago.

Northwest Missouri State leads the first regular season poll, with Queens (N.C.), Bellarmine and Lincoln Memorial all maintaining the spots from second to fourth that they held in the pre-season. The first change comes at No. 5, where an impressive 6-0 start allowed Ferris State to climb five spots.

Colorado School of Mines checks in at No. 6 this week, followed by California Baptist, Barry, West Liberty – who has won its first four games with an average of 124.8 points per game – and West Texas A&M, who moved up 11 spots to 10th after winning its first four contests.

The second 10 begins with Wheeling Jesuit, followed by four teams in the poll that were unranked in the pre-season. Christian Brothers moved all the way up to No. 12, while Le Moyne checks in at No. 13. Benedict, off to a 5-0 start, returns to the poll for the first time in five seasons at No. 14 and Western Oregon comes at No. 15 following wins in its first four games of the new campaign.

Chico State, the highest-ranked team with a loss on its record, is 16th this week followed by Bloomfield – who at 4-0 is making its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II rankings – Findlay, Shippensburg and Valdosta State, another undefeated team that was unranked in the pre-season.

The final five teams this week are UT-Permian Basin, St. Thomas Aquinas, Fort Lewis, Merrimack and Northern State, the seventh unranked team in the poll whose only loss came to the team at the top of this week's rankings. The Wolves have not been ranked in the coaches poll since 2009.

This weekend's schedule includes a matchup between No. 3 Bellarmine and No. 8 Barry on the day after Thanksgiving, as well as a tilt Saturday between No. 5 Ferris State and No. 18 Findlay and a matchup Saturday between Bridgeport and Bloomfield.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri St. (15)	4-0	399	1
2. Queens, N.C. (1)	5-0	378	2
3. Bellarmine, Ky.	3-0	365	3
4. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	3-0	352	4
5. Ferris State, Mich.	6-0	331	10
6. Colorado School of Mines	4-0	321	9
7. California Baptist	4-0	298	14
8. Barry, Fla.	2-0	286	12
9. West Liberty, W.Va.	4-0	274	17
10. West Texas A&M	4-0	237	21
11. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va.	4-0	218	19
12. Christian Brothers, Tenn.	4-0	181	NR
13. Le Moyne, N.Y.	4-0	174	NR
14. Benedict, S.C.	5-0	149	NR
15. Western Oregon	4-0	131	NR
16. Chico State, Calif.	2-1	128	7
17. Bloomfield, N.J.	4-0	116	NR
18. Findlay, Ohio	4-1	113	20
19. Shippensburg, Pa.	3-1	109	8
20. Valdosta State, Ga.	3-0	96	NR
21. UT-Permian Basin	3-1	90	11
22. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	4-2	74	5
23. Fort Lewis, Colo.	2-1	59	16
24. Merrimack, Mass.	4-1	55	18
25. Northern State, S.D.	3-1	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M-Kingsville 25, Western Washington 21, Arkansas-Monticello 19, Ashland (Ohio) 17, UA Fort Smith (Ark.) 17, Bridgeport (Conn.) 15, Clark Atlanta (Ga.) 15, Dallas Baptist (Texas) 15, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 15, Lake Superior State (Mich.) 12, East Central (Okla.) 11, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 8, Concordia (Ore.) 7, Virginia State 7, Angelo State (Texas) 6, Kutztown (Pa.) 6, Central Missouri 5, West Georgia 4, Edinboro (Pa.) 2, UNC Pembroke 2, Augusta (Ga.) 1, Cal State San Marcos 1, Regis (Colo.) 1, Southwest Minnesota State 1.

Records are through games of Nov. 19, 2017. Last ranking was from the 2017-18 pre-season poll.