



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

2015-16 Rankings – Feb. 23, 2016 (Poll #13)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Since 1961, there have been only 10 matchups of the top two teams in the nation. On Saturday, the 11th meeting of No. 1 and No. 2 will take place as the top two teams in the Mountain East Conference face off.

Alaska-Fairbanks' win over Western Oregon last Thursday opened the door for this matchup, as Wheeling Jesuit moved up to No. 1 for the first time in school history and West Liberty also moved up a spot to second heading into Saturday's showdown at West Liberty.

It will be the first meeting between the top two teams in the poll since top-ranked Findlay beat LIU Post in the 2009 Elite Eight quarterfinals and first in a regular season game in 17 years, when Kentucky Wesleyan beat No. 1 Southern Indiana in 1999.

Lincoln Memorial, who posted an impressive road win over last week's No. 6 Queens (N.C.), moved up a spot to third and Augustana did likewise to fourth. Fairmont State jumped two spots to fifth, giving the MEC three of the top five teams in this week's poll.

Western Oregon's loss dropped it to sixth, while MSU Moorhead, Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan all moved up to complete the top 10.

The next five includes the two teams that made the biggest jump in the poll this week, beginning with No. 11 Ashland as the Eagles went up 11 spots. The biggest jump came with No. 14 Northwestern State, who made an eight-spot advance this week to come in after No. 12 Queens (N.C.) and No. 13 Chico State.

Saginaw Valley State is 16th this week, followed by West Chester, Wisconsin-Parkside, UC San Diego and Eckerd.

The final five teams in this week's poll are Saint Anselm, Angelo State, Barry, California Baptist and Cal Poly Pomona. Saint Anselm and Cal Baptist both returned to the top 25 this week.

This is also the week where conference tournaments are getting underway around the NCAA Division II ranks, beginning Feb. 23 with the CIAA Tournament.

The NCAA will release its second set regional rankings on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Among this week's top games:

- #21 Saint Anselm at So. New Hampshire, Tuesday
- #17 West Chester at Kutztown, Wednesday
- #20 Eckerd at #23 Barry, Saturday
- #14 Northwestern State at Cameron, Saturday
- #1 Wheeling Jesuit at #2 West Liberty, Saturday

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Wheeling Jesuit, W.Va. (15)	26-1	399	2
2. West Liberty, W.Va.	24-2	376	3
3. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	24-2	360	4
4. Augustana, S.D.	24-2	357	5
5. Fairmont State, W.Va.	23-3	322	7
6. Western Oregon	23-3	311	1
7. MSU Moorhead	27-4	290	10
8. Fort Lewis, Colo.	23-3	283	9
9. Bellarmine, Ky.	22-4	272	11
10. Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	23-3	227	15
11. Ashland, Ohio	23-4	216	18
12. Queens, N.C.	23-3	210	6
13. Chico State, Calif.	21-4	204	8
14. Northwestern State, Texas	20-5	171	22
15. Northwest Missouri State	20-5	168	19
16. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.	22-5	156	12
17. West Chester, Pa.	21-4	147	21
18. Wisconsin-Parkside	21-4	142	14
19. UC San Diego	19-5	120	13
20. Eckerd, Fla.	21-5	91	24
21. Saint Anselm, N.H.	20-5	71	NR
22. Angelo State, Texas	20-5	67	16
23. Barry, Fla.	19-5	58	17
24. California Baptist	21-6	47	NR
25. Cal Poly Pomona	20-6	36	20

Others receiving votes: Stillman (Ala.) 26, Alabama-Huntsville 21, Colorado School of Mines 18, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 13, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 8, Southern Connecticut State 8, Findlay (Ohio) 6, Ferris State (Mich.) 5, Alaska-Fairbanks 2, Alaska-Anchorage 1.

Records are through games of Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016.

Dropped out: Alabama-Huntsville (23), Seattle Pacific (25).