



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

2018-19 Rankings – Dec. 11, 2018 (Poll #4)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For the second consecutive week, a handful of losses involving ranked teams has created a significant shuffle in the NABC/Division II poll, resulting in three new entries into this week's top 10 in the rankings.

The top four spots remained the same, as Bellarmine stayed atop the poll and Northwest Missouri State, Indiana (Pa.) and Saint Anselm retained the next three spots. However, four of the next teams in last week's top 25 lost at least once last week, bringing Valdosta State up to No. 5.

Nova Southeastern has reached its highest point ever in the poll at No. 6, followed by UC San Diego at No. 7 and the first of the three newcomers to the top 10, USC Aiken in eighth. Cal Poly Pomona returned to the top 10 at No. 9, while Florida Southern is making its first appearance in the top 10 this week in the last of those spots.

Southern Nazarene dropped from fifth to 11th after a loss at Southeastern Oklahoma State, while Barry rose to No. 12 ahead of West Texas A&M, who also had a setback last week at Lubbock Christian. Findlay, Morehouse and Ashland all moved up three spots each to occupy the next three positions in the new rankings.

West Liberty dropped to 18th after a loss to Fairmont State, while the next three teams in the poll – Queens (N.C.), Chaminade and St. Thomas Aquinas – each moved up two spots this week.

Missouri Southern moved into the poll for the first time in the regular season at No. 22 – the Lions were ranked in the pre-season Top 25 – while Saint Martin's rose to No. 23. St. Edward's returns to the top 25 this week at No. 24 and Shippensburg stayed in the rankings despite suffering a pair of losses a week ago.

The upcoming schedule includes the Hawai'i D2 Power Invitational with a field that includes several teams that are either in the current rankings or are just outside of the top 25. That group includes No. 7 UC San Diego, No. 11 Southern Nazarene and No. 20 Chaminade, along with Western Washington and Western Oregon squads that received votes this week.

Two other games of note are No. 12 Barry at No. 1 Bellarmine on Dec. 18 and No. 3 Indiana (Pa.) playing on the road Dec. 14 against Fairmont State, who has won eight in a row and is fresh off the win over West Liberty on Sunday.

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	Record	Points	Last
1. Bellarmine, Ky. (16)	7-0	400	1
2. Northwest Missouri State	10-0	383	2
3. Indiana, Pa.	9-0	366	3
4. Saint Anselm, N.H.	8-0	352	4
5. Valdosta State, Ga.	8-0	337	6
6. Nova Southeastern, Fla.	6-0	307	9
7. UC San Diego	8-1	294	10
8. USC Aiken	9-0	267	12
9. Cal Poly Pomona	4-1	221	13
10. Florida Southern	6-1	213	15
11. Southern Nazarene, Okla.	9-1	206	5
12. Barry, Fla.	6-1	197	16
13. West Texas A&M	10-2	178	7
14. Findlay, Ohio	8-1	175	17
15. Morehouse, Ga.	7-1	163	18
16. Ashland, Ohio	8-0	160	19
17. Bentley, Mass.	8-1	137	14
18. West Liberty, W.Va.	7-2	130	8
19. Queens, N.C.	9-2	115	21
20. Chaminade, Hawai'i	5-0	97	22
21. St. Thomas Aquinas, N.Y.	8-1	91	23
22. Missouri Southern	9-1	76	NR
23. Saint Martin's, Wash.	8-1	72	24
24. St. Edward's, Texas	9-1	70	NR
25. Shippensburg, Pa.	8-2	64	11

Others receiving votes: Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 28, St. Cloud State (Minn.) 21, Western Washington 21, Point Loma (Calif.) 18, Texas A&M-Commerce 10, Western Oregon 5, Angelo State (Texas) 4, Catawba (N.C.) 4, Barton (N.C.) 3, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 3, Northwest Nazarene (Idaho) 3, Tarleton State (Texas) 3, Lynn (Fla.) 2, Belmont Abbey (N.C.) 1, Indianapolis (Ind.) 1, Lewis (Ill.) 1.

Dropped out: Barton (20), Indianapolis (25).

Records are through games of Sunday, Dec. 9.