



National Association of Basketball Coaches

NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

December 17, 2019 (Regular Season Poll #5)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Bellarmine (Ky.)	7-0	398	2
2. Northwest Missouri State	8-1	379	4
3. Indiana (Pa.)	8-0	365	5
4. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	10-1	332	7
5. Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	6-1	313	1
6. Dixie State (Utah)	10-0	305	9
7. West Texas A&M	10-1	288	3
8. UC San Diego	8-1	285	10
9. St. Edward's (Texas)	9-1	269	12
10. Dallas Baptist (Texas)	9-0	244	13
11. Missouri Southern	7-1	235	11
12. Alabama Huntsville	8-1	195	6
13. Ferris State (Mich.)	13-1	191	17
14. West Chester (Pa.)	9-0	179	18
15. Indianapolis (Ind.)	7-1	162	15
16. Southern Indiana	6-1	159	16
17. Florida Southern	9-1	132	19
18. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	10-1	120	24
19. Daemen (N.Y.)	11-2	109	8
20. Queens (N.C.)	7-2	101	20
21. Southeastern Oklahoma State	5-1	95	14
22. Valdosta State (Ga.)	7-2	62	NR
23. Dominican (N.Y.)	8-1	58	25
24. Northeastern State (Okla.)	9-1	39	NR
25. Drury (Mo.)	7-0	26	NR

Records through games of December 15, 2019.

Last ranking is from pre-season poll released Dec. 10.

First place votes – Bellarmine (15), Northwest Missouri State (1).

Others receiving votes: Grand Valley State (Mich.) 23, Cal Poly Pomona 21, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 20, West Liberty (W.Va.) 18, Ashland (Ohio) 11, Point Loma (Calif.) 10, Angelo State (Texas) 9, Alaska Anchorage 8, Benely (Mass.) 7, Belmont Abbey (N.C.) 6, Augustana (S.D.) 5, Jefferson (Pa.) 5, East Central (Okla.) 4, Minnesota Duluth 4, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 4, Chico State (Calif.) 2, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 2.

Dropped out: Augustana (21), West Liberty (22), Pace (23).

Weekly Poll Notes:

For the second straight week, the top-ranked team in the NABC/Division II suffered a defeat as Rollins knocked off Nova Southeastern Saturday. As a result, Bellarmine – who spent three months as the No. 1-ranked team last season – returns to the top of the rankings. It is the 23rd week in program history that the Knights have reached the top of the rankings.

The last time three teams held the No. 1 ranking in as many weeks came two seasons ago, when Northwest Missouri State (who also held the ranking first in this year's sequence), Queens and West Liberty all held the top position over a three-week span.

With the first semester schedule winding down – the seven-day NCAA Division II winter break begins following Sunday's games – only six teams remain in the unbeaten ranks. All six are ranked this week with four in the top 10.

One of the remaining undefeated teams, Drury, is one of the three newcomers in this week's poll along with Valdosta State and Northeastern State. VSU is back in the top 25 after being ranked as high as seventh earlier this year, while Northeastern State is making its first appearance in the national poll since Nov. 26, 2013.

Drury's entry into the top 25 gives the Great Lakes Valley Conference four teams in this week's rankings, the most of any conference in Division II. The Lone Star Conference and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association have three teams apiece, while a total of eight conferences have at least two teams in the rankings.

The longest streak of consecutive weeks in the rankings has come to a halt, as West Liberty's loss to Charleston last Wednesday ended the Hilltoppers' record 149-week run in the poll. West Liberty's last week outside the top 25 came on Jan. 26, 2010. The mantle of the longest active streak now belongs to Bellarmine, who has been ranked for 84 straight weeks – the third-longest run ever.

Prior to the break, only one game will match up top 25 teams, as No. 21 Dominican faces off against No. 5 Nova Southeastern Saturday. Another game of note has No. 10 Dallas Baptist hosting Texas A&M-Commerce on Thursday; the Lions have knocked off two ranked teams during their current four-game winning streak.