



# The National Tenpin Coaches Association Final Poll

## Rankings through April 14, 2018

April 25, 2018

Vanderbilt Finishes No. 1

WHITEWATER, Wis. ---The Commodores of Vanderbilt University claimed the 2018 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> over McKendree University 4-3. This is Vanderbilt's second National Championship, and just the fourth National Championship in school history. Maria Bulanova and Kristin Quah received NTCA All-America honors. Vanderbilt finished the regular season with a record of 89-43.

McKendree University (91-24) was voted No. 2 and received three first place votes. The Bearcats appeared in their second straight championship match. Head coach Shannon O'Keefe was named NTCA Co-DII/DIII Coach of the Year and Breanna Clemmer was named NTCA DII/DIII Player of the year. Sarah Wille, Taylor Bailey, Jessica Mellott and Lauren Pate also earned NTCA All-America honors.

Nebraska (96-12) fell to No. 3 in the standings, after the Huskers did not make it to the championship final for the first time in five years. Head coach Bill Straub was voted Division I Coach of the Year and Julia Bond, Raquel Orozco, Kelly Belzeski and Megan Straub all earned NTCA All-American honors.

Arkansas State (87-34) drops to No. 4. The Redwolves were led by Jordan and Haley Richard, who both received NTCA All-American Honors. For the second year in a row, Jordan Richard was voted Division I Player of Year.

Sam Houston State University (85-46) rounds out the top five. The Bearcats appeared in its third semi-final in the last four years. Stephanie Zavala earned NTCA All-America Honorable Mention Honors.

Rounding out the top 10 were: the Lady Jacks of Stephen F. Austin, the Hornets of Delaware State, the Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore, the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Greenwave of Tulane University.



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	<u>Record</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Previously Ranked</u>
1. Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	89-43	20	902	4
2. McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	91-24	3	857	2
3. University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	96-12	2	800	1
4. Arkansas State, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	87-34		755	3
5. Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	85-46		735	5
6. Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	72-48		653	6
7. Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	71-35		585	7
8. University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	79-45		557	8
9. Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	68-41		455	9
10. Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	46-33		441	10
11. Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	61-44		439	11
12. St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	71-52		388	13
13. North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	67-47		354	15
14. Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	76-36		342	12
15. Long Island University, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>	75-44		283	14
16. University of Alabama Birmingham, <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	60-41		230	16
17. Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harragate, TN</i>	71-50		228	19
18. University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	56-43		215	17
19. Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburg, PA</i>	65-43		169	18
20. Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>	55-50		139	20
21. University of Wisconsin <i>Whitewater, Whitewater, WI</i>	51-47		120	21
22. Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	72-45		69	22
23. Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	52-54		60	23
24. Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>	60-57		40	24
25. Franklin Pierce University, <i>Rindge, NH</i>	54-43		33	25

**Also receiving points:** (must receive votes from minimum 1 out of every 8 ballots) Norfolk State, Norfolk, VA; Texas Southern University, *Houston, TX*; Valparaiso University, *Valparaiso, IN*

NTCA voters rank the top 25 teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 40 points for first place and one point for twenty-fifth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped. The specific point values follow: 1st place = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =27, 8th =25, 9th =23, 10th =21, 11th =19, 12th =17, 13th =15, 14th =13, 15th =11, 16th =10, 17th =9, 18th =8, 19th =7, 20th =6, 21st =5, 22nd =4, 23rd =3, 24th =2, 25th =1.