



The National Tenpin Coaches Association April Poll

April 25, 2019

Stephen F. Austin Voted No. 1

WHITEWATER, WIS. --- The LadyJacks of Stephen F. Austin (83-43) were voted No. 1 in the final NTCA poll of the 2018-19 season. Stephen F. Austin claimed the 2019 National Collegiate National Championship over Vanderbilt 4-1 in the best of seven final in Wickliffe, OH. The Ladyjacks' path to the championship was not easy; their journey started by winning a play-in match against Prairie View A&M. They defeated Sam Houston State the opening round, edged out McKendree by winning a thrilling game 7: 188-186, bested Maryland Eastern Shore before beating Vanderbilt in the National Championship Match. The Ladyjacks had two players receive NTCA All-American honors in Dakota Hazelwood and Paige Beeney.

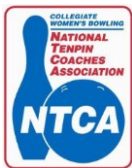
Vanderbilt University (101-37) was voted No. 2 after making its second consecutive trip to the championship match. NTCA Coach of the Year-John Williamson, and DI NTCA Player of the Year Maria Bulanova fought back after a first round set-back against Sacred Heart. The Commodores went on to beat Arkansas State, McKendree, and Nebraska twice, before losing the Championship match. Samantha Gainor also earned NTCA All-American honors.

The Bearcats of McKendree University (84-35) come in at No. 3. Breanna Clemmer was voted NTCA DII/DIII Player of the Year, Hope Gramly was named NTCA DII/DIII Rookie of the Year, and Shannon O'Keefe was voted NTCA DII/DIII Coach of the Year. Other Bearcats earning NTCA All-American honors included Taylor Bailey and Lauren Pate. McKendree posted an opening round win over Maryland Eastern Shore but lost back to back matches against Stephen F. Austin and Vanderbilt.

The University of Nebraska (82-36) falls one spot to No. 4 as the Cornhuskers made it to the semi-finals, but could not rally past Vanderbilt to make it to the Championship. Nebraska had three NTCA All-Americans in Meghan Straub, Raquel Orozco, and Allison Morris.

Sam Houston State (93-42) rounds out the top 5 after winning the Southland Bowling League Championship. Unfortunately, the Bearcats exited NCAA Nationals early after losing both its matches to Stephen F. Austin and Maryland Eastern Shore. Bea Hernandez was named NTCA DI Rookie of the Year and claimed NTCA Second Team All-American Honors.

Arkansas State (74-45) was voted No. 6. The Redwolves had three players earn NTCA All-American honors including Julia Huren, Denishya Waller and Leah Glazer. Arkansas State fell to Nebraska in the opening round and lost to Vanderbilt the second round. The University Maryland Eastern Shore (77-46) holds steady at No. 7. The Hawks won the 2019 MEAC Conference Championship and had a good showing at the National Championship; Eastern Shore lost its opening round match to McKendree, but rebounded nicely with wins over Sam Houston State and Sacred Heart before falling to Stephen F. Austin in the semi-finals. Cayla Hicks of Maryland Eastern Shore earned NTCA All-American honors. North Carolina A&T (78-45) comes in at No. 8, with Ana Olaya leading the team with NTCA All-American honors. The Warhawks of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (60-40) and the Knights of Fairleigh Dickenson (82-49) round out the top 10. Emma Kuhn from Whitewater earned NTCA All-American honors.



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	<u>School, Location, Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Points Total</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (SBL)	17	821	83-43	6
2	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (SBL)	5	785	101-37	1
3	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (MIAA)	1	729	84-35	2
4	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		707	82-36	3
5	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (SBL)		623	93-42	4
6	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (SBL)		617	74-45	5
7	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		577	77-46	7
8	North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		491	78-45	8
9	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		431	60-40	9
	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		431	82-49	10
11	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (MIAA)		351	65-41	12
12	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		349	51-56	18
13	St. Francis University, Loretto, PA (NEC)		326	87-40	11
14	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (SBL)		278	64-55	13
15	Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		249	72-39	14
16	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		244	53-45	15
17	University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL (MEAC)		183	75-37	16
	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (MIAA)		183	65-50	17
19	Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD (NEC)		161	78-39	19
20	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		130	60-44	20
21	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (ECC)		116	69-46	21
22	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (SBL)		83	64-41	22
23	LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY (NEC)		77	55-54	23
24	Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH (SBL)		59	49-51	24
25	Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ (MEAC)		14	51-47	25

Also receiving points: Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ, Fayetteville State, Fayetteville, NC, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top 25 programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. 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.