



The National Tenpin Coaches Association

2019-2020 April Poll

*Based on results as of March 10, 2020

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Bearcats Voted No. 1 After Shortened Season

WHITEWATER, WIS. ---The Bearcats of McKendree University were voted No. 1 in the final NTCA poll of the season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA women's postseason did not happen. McKendree received a total of 33 first place votes out of a possible 34, after posting a 93-18 regular season record. The Bearcats clawed their way to the top of the standings at the Columbia Maryville Saints Classic, Prairie View A&M Invitational and the Columbia Music City Classic. McKendree led the country in team scoring average, strike percentage, team first ball "9+" percentage and team first ball average.

The Red Wolves of Arkansas State propelled in the standings, moving a total of four spots to come in at No. 2. Arkansas State finished the regular season with an 83-32 record and finished second at four regular season tournaments.

The University of Nebraska comes in at No. 3, after winning a total of four tournaments during the 2019-2020 season. The Cornhuskers were victorious at the Bearcat Hammer Open, Track Kat Klash, SFA Ladyjack Hammer Classic and the Big Red Invite. Nebraska finished the season with a 79-35 regular season record.

Vanderbilt University held steady at No. 4, posting a 75-38 regular season record. The Commodores led the country in team fill percentage, team spare percentage, team makeable spare percentage, and team single pin spare percentage. Vanderbilt won a total of three tournaments during the 2019-2020 regular season including the Stormin Blue and White Classic, the Northeast Invitational and the Midwinter Classic.

Sam Houston State rounds out the top 5, after a remarkable 87-40 regular season record. During the 2019-2020 season the Bearcats won the AllState Sugar Bowl Collegiate Invitational and the Hawk Classic Invitational.

The Lady Hawks of Maryland Eastern Shore (84-29) held steady at No. 6, after winning the MEAC #1 and #2 and the Cougar Classic. MD- Eastern Shore won the MEAC regular season. Stephen F. Austin (73-41) stands solely at No. 7. The Ladyjacks defended their title at the Wildcat Classic during the 2019-2020 regular season. Duquesne University slips to No. 8 after posting a 65-23 regular season record. The Dukes won the Hawk Flight Invitational while shooting a record breaking score of 1,331. They also won the Bud Whitman Memorial Team and Baker events and NEC #2.

North Carolina A&T comes in at No. 9 after winning the Stallings Invitational. The Aggies finished the regular season with a 71-41 record. Youngstown State University rounds out the top 10 after being ranked 25th just one season ago. The Penguins put together an 81-43 record and won the Penguin Classic and Mount Shootout.



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	<u>School, Location, Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Point Total</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)	33	1280	93-18	1
2	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (SBL)		1118	83-32	5
3	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)	1	1110	79-35	3
4	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (SBL)		1094	75-38	4
5	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (SBL)		1028	87-40	2
6	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		928	84-29	6
7	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (SBL)		816	73-41	T7
8	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		812	65-23	T7
9	North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		714	73-41	10
10	Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (SBL)		680	81-43	T7
11	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (SBL)		642	65-36	11
12	Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD (NEC)		463	73-33	12
13	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		449	66-38	15
14	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		426	61-36	14
15	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (GLVC)		383	55-22	13
16	Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		313	59-37	17
17	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (CIBC)		310	54-47	16
18	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (ECC)		241	63-34	18
19	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (SBL)		232	53-49	20
20	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)		228	67-47	19
21	University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL (MEAC)		181	57-42	21
22	Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ (MEAC)		109	47-41	22
23	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		100	54-47	24
24	Wilmington University, New Castle, DE (ECC)		65	57-42	23
25	Long Island University, Brooklyn NY (NEC)		32	54-55	25

Also receiving points: Kutztown University-Kutztown, PA; Chestnut Hill College-Philadelphia, PA; Prairie View A&M University-Arlington, TX

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.