



NATIONAL TENPINS COACHES ASSOCIATION

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COMMODORES RETAIN TOP SPOT IN FINAL NTCA POLL

Detroit, MI – **Vanderbilt University** of Nashville, TN was voted as the No. 1 team for the fourth consecutive national poll, conducted by the National Tenpin Coaches Association. This is the final NTCA poll of the 2008-09 season.

Since the last poll, **Vanderbilt** (87-19, .821) won the Music City Classic in Smyrna, TN, which was the fifth championship of this season. Their strong season earned the **Commodores** a place in the NCAA Championship tournament for the fourth straight season, which will be held in Detroit, MI on April 9th through the 11th.

The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** (78-21, .788) maintained its No. 2 ranking. The **Huskers** were selected to the NCAA Championship field once again after another stellar campaign. **Nebraska** closed out its season with a second place finish at the Music City Classic.

Fairleigh Dickinson University of Teaneck, NJ (110-27, .803) held on to third place. The **Knights** had a busy March. **FDU** won the inaugural Northeast Conference championship in Elmwood Park; finished second at the ECAC Championships in East Brunswick, NJ; and claimed third place at the Music City Classic. The **Knights** will be joining the Commodores and Huskers in Detroit.

Reclaiming the No. 4 ranking was **Delaware State University** of Dover, DE (117-36, .765). This was a month of firsts for the **Hornets**. **DSU** captured its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship in Greensboro, NC; won its first ECAC Championship; and gained its first selection in to the NCAA Championship tournament.

Arkansas State University of Jonesboro, AR (81-27, .750) and the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD (115-39, .747) tied for the No. 5 spot. Coincidentally, these programs met for the national title last season with the **UMES Hawks** prevailing. This season, the **A-State Red Wolves** could get another crack at them as both programs were chosen in to the national championship field, once again.

Ranked seventh and eighth, respectively, were **New Jersey City University** of Jersey City, NJ (87-36, .707, D3) and the **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO (84-36, .700, D2). Both programs will make the trip to Detroit and battle the D1 powers for the title.

Rounding out the Top Ten was **Alabama A&M University** of Huntsville, AL (71-32, .689), and **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT (76-38, .667).



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Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L	1st Place Votes	Total Points	Previously Ranked
1.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	87-19	19	576	1
2.	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	78-21	1	518	2
3.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	110-27		488	3
4.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	117-36		450	4
5T.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	115-39		386	5
5T.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	81-27		386	6
7.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	87-36		352	7
8.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	84-36		314	8
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	71-32		242	10
10.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	76-38		215	9
11.	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA	98-54		196	11
12.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	58-38		193	12
13.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	71-36		152	13
14.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	85-65		112	14
15.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	78-68		111	16
16.	Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	44-35		87	15
17.	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	44-41		49	17
18.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	59-50		46	20
19.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	70-80		29	19
20.	Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	52-50		25	18

Also receiving votes:

Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL; North Carolina A&T State, Greensboro, NC; Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ; Fayetteville State, Fayetteville, NC; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Texas Southern University, Houston, TX; Medaille College, Buffalo, NY; Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX.

Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 20 teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 32 points for first place and one point for twentieth place. Teams are ranked using total points standings, after the highest and lowest votes for every team are dropped. The specific point values follow:

1st place = 32 points, 2nd = 29, 3rd = 27, 4th = 25, 5th = 23, 6th = 21, 7th = 19, 8th = 17, 9th = 15, 10th = 13, 11th = 11, 12th = 9, 13th = 8, 14th = 7, 15th = 6, 16th = 5, 17th = 4, 18th = 3, 19th = 2, 20th = 1.