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HUSKERS TOP FIRST NTCA NATIONAL POLL

HACKENSACK, NJ – Defending national champion, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been ranked as the top team in the first 2005-2006 season national poll by the National Tenpins Coaches Association (NTCA). The Huskers, who are in pursuit of a third consecutive NCAA national championship, received eight out of 14 possible first place votes. Nebraska-Lincoln owns a 24-3 win-loss record in NCAA head-to-head matches and has won three tournaments this season: the Maverick Challenge in Mankato, MN; the Greater Ozark Invitational in Springfield, MO, and the Brunswick Coca-Cola Invitational in Las Vegas, NV.

Two-time NCAA national semifinalist, Fairleigh Dickinson University of Teaneck, NJ, was ranked second, receiving five first place votes. The Knights, whose NCAA match record stands at 52-6, are in first place in the North East Women's Bowling Conference with a 6-0 record, and have won the Capital Classic in Dover, DE; the UMES Hawk Classic in Millsboro, DE; the FDU Holiday Jamboree in Atlantic City, NJ; and the NCAT Aggie Invitational in Greensboro, NC this season.

The third ranked team by the NTCA is Central Missouri State University of Springfield, MO, the NCAA championship runner-up for the past two seasons. The Jennies, who are 42-6-1, have won the Arkansas State Lady Indians Invitational in Jonesboro, AK; the National Team Match Games in St. Louis, MO; and Southern Varsity Invitational in Baton Rouge, LA.

Rounding out the top five are New Jersey City University of Jersey City, NJ (45-15), winners of the Nittany Lion Kegler Classic; and the University of Maryland – Eastern Shore of Princess Ann, MD (53-24), leader of the Mideast Athletic Conference Northern Division.

The remaining teams in the top ten are Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, FL (41-12); Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN (31-22); Alabama A&M University of Huntsville, AL (13-3-1); Arkansas State University of Jonesboro, AK (39-24-3); and Southern University of Baton Rouge, LA (37-18-1).

This national poll is the first of three installments by the NTCA for the 2005-2006 season. Voters ranked the top 15 teams based on results from competitions completed by February 1, 2006. Points ranging from 25 for a first place vote and one point for a 15th place vote were used to rank teams. The 14 coaches who participated were: Jeff McCorvey (Alabama A&M), John Williamson (Vanderbilt), Karen Couvillon (Southern), James Brown (Morgan State), Sharon Brummell (Maryland-Eastern Shore), Mike LoPresti (Fairleigh Dickinson), Chris James (Arkansas State), Bill Straub (Nebraska-Lincoln), Frank Parisi (New Jersey City), Carol Andrejak (Delaware State), Becky Kregling (Sacred Heart), Ron Holmes (Central Missouri), Robert Powell (Texas Southern), and Steve Wallace (St. Paul's).

The NTCA will release its next poll on March 6, 2006. The following is a list of ranked teams on the first 2005-2006 NTCA national poll:

