

NTCA National Tenpins Coaches Association

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HUSKERS RETAIN NTCA No. 1 RANKING

HACKENSACK, NJ – For the second consecutive poll, the **University of Nebraska – Lincoln** was voted as the nation's No. 1 team by the National Tenpins Coaches Association, the leadership of NCAA women's bowling. The **Huskers** received 14 of 20 first place votes in this latest NTCA national poll, the fourth of six scheduled polls for the 2007-'08 season.

Since the last poll, **Nebraska-Lincoln** (47-12) claimed its fourth team title of the season at the Greater Ozark Invitational in Springfield, MO and finished fourth at the 18-team Mid-Winter Classic in Jonesboro, AR. The **Huskers** will next put their first place ranking on the line at the Morgan State Invitational in Baltimore, MD on February 16-17, 2008.

The **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** of Princess Anne, MD moved up to the No. 2 ranking in the poll, garnishing five first place votes. The **Hawks** (78-19) were triumphant at the Mid-Winter Classic, which had a competitive field that included all NTCA Top-10 schools but one, and took the third place trophy at the 20-team Bowie State Invitational in Laurel, MD, during the polling period.

Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN, was ranked third by NTCA membership and received one first place vote. The **Commodores** (51-19), the defending national champions, look to right their powerful ship at the Morgan State Invitational this weekend after a fourth place finish at the Greater Ozarks and a ninth place finish at the Mid-Winter Classic.

The No. 4 ranked team was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **Pioneers** (61-11) climbed four places in the poll after winning 33 of their last 36 matches. During the past month **SHU** won the North East Women's Collegiate Bowling Conference championship, placed second place at the Mid-Winter Classic, and finished in fourth place conclusion at the Bowie State Classic.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO was voted to the fifth place ranking. The **Jennies** (52-18) finished third at the Greater Ozarks and placed fifth at the Mid-Winter Classic.

Leading the second tier of the Top-10 in sixth place was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** (67-29) of Teaneck, NJ. The **Knights** won the Bowie State Classic title and placed in third in the NEWCBC and the Mid-Winter Classic final standings. **New Jersey City University** (59-22) of Jersey City, NJ was the seventh place ranked squad after second place finishes in the NEWCBC and the Bowie State Classic. **Arkansas State University** (42-20) of Jonesboro, AR was ranked eighth thanks to a second place ending at the Greater Ozarks and an eighth place close at the Mid-Winter Classic. Once again, the ninth ranked team was **Alabama A&M University** (47-17) of Huntsville, AL. The **Bulldogs** finished in seventh place at the Mid-Winter Classic and sit in second place in the South West Athletic Conference Eastern Division standings. **Delaware State University** (64-26) of Dover, DE and **Minnesota State University – Mankato** (40-16) tied for the tenth place ranking.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Joe Ambrose, **Kutztown**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland Eastern Shore**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi**; Karen Couvillon, **Southern**; Amber Griffin, **Wisconsin-Whitewater**; Dawn Gugliaro, **St. Francis**; Ron Holmes, **Central Missouri**; Chris James, **Arkansas State**; Becky Kregling, **Sacred Heart**; Mike LoPresti, **Fairleigh Dickinson**; Jeff McCorvey, **Alabama A&M**; Chad Oachs, **Minnesota State-Makato**; Frank Parisi, **New Jersey City**; Joel Southern, **Elmhurst**; Bill Straub, **Nebraska-Lincoln**; Kim Terrell, **Delaware State**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's**; Glenn White, **Prairie View A&M**; Bud Whitman, **St. Peter's**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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2007-08 NTCA FEBRUARY NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record	1st Place	Total	Previously
		W - L - T	Votes	Points	Ranked
1.	University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE	47 – 12 – 0	14	616	1
2.	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	78 – 19 – 0	5	571	3
3.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	51 – 19 – 0	1	527	2
4.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	61 – 11 – 0		498	8
5.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	52 – 18 – 0		452	4
6.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	67 – 29 – 0		430	5
7.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	59 – 22 – 0		390	6
8.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	42 – 20 – 0		318	7
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	47 – 17 – 0		285	9
10T	Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN	40 – 16 – 0		250	11
10T	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	64 – 26 – 0		250	10
12.	Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	44 – 23 – 0		171	12
13.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	53 – 34 – 0		168	13
14.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	44 – 49 – 0		115	15
15.	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, WI	29 – 31 – 0		112	16
16.	Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC	60 – 7 – 0		108	14
17.	St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ	38 – 41 – 0		57	19
18.	St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA	64 – 37 – 0		44	17T
19.	St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	33 – 49 – 0		41	17T
20.	Bowie State University, Bowie, MD	64 – 38 – 0		31	20

Also receiving votes:

Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD; Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Hampton University, Hampton, VA; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX; Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL; Texas Southern University, Houston, TX; Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Howard University, Washington, DC.

Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 20 teams on their ballot. Each position has an assigned point value, ranging from 32 points for first place and one point for twentieth place. The sums for every team receiving votes are then sorted into descending order. 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.

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