



## National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

### 2011-12 Rankings – Jan. 17, 2012 (Poll #7)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For the 17<sup>th</sup> time in school history, Kentucky Wesleyan holds the top spot in the NABC/Division II men's basketball rankings, as the Panthers completed the weekend as the last undefeated team in the Division II ranks to take over the top spot from Lincoln Memorial, whose one week stay ended with an overtime loss Saturday at Anderson.

However, the Panthers' stay at the top could be short-lived, as Southern Indiana beat KWC Monday night in a game that didn't factor into this week's rankings. Kentucky Wesleyan will spend this week as the nation's top-ranked squad, followed by fellow Great Lakes Valley Conference rival Bellarmine at No. 2; the Knights received two of the eight first place votes this week.

West Liberty, Metropolitan State, and Tarleton State all moved up one spot to complete the top five, while Lincoln Memorial dropped to No. 6 to begin the second five that includes Southern Indiana, Winona State, Northern Kentucky and Indiana (Pa.).

Christian Brothers moved up four spots to begin the second 10 at No. 11, followed by Colorado School of Mines, Midwestern State, Hillsdale and Alabama-Huntsville. The next five teams are Missouri Southern, St. Cloud State, Minnesota State-Moorhead, South Carolina Aiken – making its first appearance in the poll this season – and Cal Poly Pomona.

The final five teams in this week's poll are Bowie State, Western Washington, Shaw, Seattle Pacific and Fort Hays State. Shaw is in the national rankings for the first time since Jan. 7, 2003 as it is off to a 12-2 start on the season, including a win last week over Bowie State.

#### **NABC/Division II Coaches Poll (Jan. 17, 2012)**

	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Pvs</b>
1. Kentucky Wesleyan (6 first place votes)	14-0	190	2
2. Bellarmine, Ky. (2 first place votes)	13-1	189	3
3. West Liberty, W.Va.	14-1	184	4
4. Metropolitan State, Colo.	15-1	178	5
5. Tarleton State, Texas	14-1	169	6
6. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn.	15-1	158	1
7. Southern Indiana	13-1	157	7
8. Winona State, Minn.	15-2	143	13
9. Northern Kentucky	13-1	130	8
10. Indiana, Pa.	12-2	127	14
11. Christian Brothers, Tenn.	13-2	120	15
12. Colorado School of Mines	13-2	108	9
13. Midwestern State, Texas	13-1	98	11
14. Hillsdale, Mich.	15-1	94	18
15. Alabama-Huntsville	12-3	72	17
16. Missouri Southern	14-3	66	23
17. St. Cloud State, Minn.	13-2	62	21
18. Minnesota State-Moorhead	13-2	53	16
19. South Carolina Aiken	11-2	50	NR
20. Cal Poly Pomona	9-3	48	10
21. Bowie State, Md.	10-3	33	12
22. Western Washington	15-3	28	NR
23. Shaw, N.C.	12-2	21	NR
24. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	14-3	19	NR
25. Fort Hays State, Kan.	11-4	18	19

**Others receiving votes:** West Georgia 13, Montevallo (Ala.) 11, Arkansas Tech 10, Bentley (Mass.) 10, Anderson (S.C.) 6, District of Columbia 6, Winston-Salem State (N.C.) 6, Alaska-Anchorage 5, Arkansas-Monticello 3, Northwest Missouri State 3, Alderson-Broadus (W.Va.) 2, Missouri-St. Louis 1.

**Dropped out:** Montevallo (20), District of Columbia (22), Northwest Missouri State (24), West Georgia (25).

Records and previous rankings are through games of Jan. 15, 2012. The next poll will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 24.