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November 15, 1996

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USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Preseason Poll

	1995-96 <u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	1995-96 Final <u>Ranking</u>	
1.	North Dakota State (22)	30-2	598	1
2.	North Dakota (1)	26-6	542	6
3.	Abilene Christian, Tex. (1)	31-2	500	2
4.	West Texas A&M	28-3	490	5
5.	Delta State, Miss.	27-6	480	9
6.	Bentley, Mass.	28-3	473	4
7.	UC Davis	25-4	339	10
8.	Shippensburg, Pa.	28-6	319	22
9.	Stonehill, Mass.	24-6	308	12
10.	Northern Michigan	25-5	298	13
11.	St. Rose, N.Y.	26-5	295	NR
12.	South Dakota State	25-3	275	3
13.	Florida Southern	26-5	252	11
14.	Bellarmino, Ky.	24-4	245	15
15.	Southern Indiana	22-7	218	NR
16.	Norfolk State, Va.	28-1	204	7
17.	Bridgeport, Conn.	25-5	195	19
18.	Nebraska-Kearney	25-6	190	NR
19.	Wingate, N.C.	23-8	175	NR
20.	Minnesota-Duluth	23-5	172	14
21.	Oakland, Mich.	23-6	113	16
22.	Northern Colorado	17-10	103	NR
23.	Missouri-Rolla	21-7	86	NR
24.	Fort Valley State, Ga.	25-4	80	23
25.	Arkansas Tech	23-9	73	NR

Also receiving votes: California State-Dominguez Hills 68; Salem-Teikyo, W. Va. 67; Mars Hill, N.C. 59; Central Missouri State 50; Western New Mexico 49; Bloomsburg, Pa. 43; Florida Tech 39; Missouri Southern 39; Montevallo, Ala. 35; Bowie State, Md. 27; Michigan Tech 27; IUPUI-Fort Wayne 21; Montana State-Billings 20; Longwood, Va. 18; Seattle Pacific 17; **Kennesaw State, Ga. 14**; Central Arkansas 14; Southwest Baptist, Mo. 14; California State-Chico 11; Bemidji, Minn. 10; Rollins, Fla. 10; Cal Poly Pomona 9; Washburn, Kan. 9; Massachusetts-Lowell 9; Lake Superior, Mich. 7; Philadelphia Textile 7; Albany State, Ga. 6; Augustana, S.D. 6; Gardner-Webb, N.C. 6; Hillsdale, Mich. 5; Northern State, S.D. 4; Pittsburg State, Kan. 4; California, Pa. 3; High Point, N.C. 3; Slippery Rock, Pa. 3; **Georgia College & State University 2**; Valdosta State, Ga. 2.



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December 9, 1996

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Poll

(Through games of Sunday, December 8)

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (23)	6-0	598	1
2. North Dakota	5-0	568	2
3. Abilene Christian, Tex. (1)	6-0	556	3
4. West Texas A&M	5-0	531	4
5. St. Rose, N.Y.	6-0	469	11
6. Delta State, Miss.	5-1	448	5
7. Bentley, Mass.	5-1	432	6
8. UC Davis	5-1	405	7
9. Shippensburg, Pa.	7-1	345	8
10. Oakland, Mich.	8-0	338	21
11. South Dakota State	6-1	336	12
12. Stonehill, Mass.	5-1	316	9
13. Northern Michigan	5-1	282	10
14. Southern Indiana	4-1	231	15
15. Nebraska-Kearney	5-1	208	18
16. Bellarmine, Ky.	4-1	206	14
17. Augustana, S.D.	6-0	154	NR
18. Minnesota-Duluth	5-2	145	20
19. Northern Colorado	6-1	122	22
20. Michigan Tech	5-1	99	NR
21. Georgia College & State University	6-0	93	NR
22. Florida Southern	3-2	91	13
23. Western New Mexico	6-0	84	NR
24. Montana State-Billings	7-2	80	NR
25. Kennesaw State, Ga.	7-0	74	NR

Dropped out:
No. 16 Norfolk State (4-2)
No. 17 Bridgeport, Conn. (4-2)
No. 19 Wingate, N.C. (4-3)
No. 23 Missouri Rolla (3-4)
No. 24 Fort Valley State, Ga. (6-1)
No. 25 Arkansas Tech (7-2).

Also receiving votes: Fort Valley State, Ga. 70; Arkansas Tech 63; Pittsburg State, Kan. 62; Longwood, Va. 48; Massachusetts-Lowell 43; Bridgeport, Conn. 36; Southwest Baptist, Mo. 35; Florida Tech 32; Norfolk State, Va. 26; Missouri-Rolla 22; Wingate, N.C. 20; Albany State, Ga. 15; Metropolitan State, Colo. 15 and Seattle Pacific, Wash. 15; Kentucky State 13; Nebraska-Omaha 10; West Chester, Pa. 8; USC-Spartanburg 7 and American International, Mass. 7; Tampa, Fla. 6 and Washburn, Kan. 6; Bloomsburg, Pa. 5 and Fayetteville State, N.C. 5 and Presbyterian, S.C. 5; California State-Dominguez Hills 3; Ashland, Ohio 1 and High Point, N.C. 1 and Salem-Teikyo, W. Va. 1.



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(Through games of Sunday, December 15)

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (23)	8-0	599	1
2. North Dakota	7-0	567	2
3. Abilene Christian, Tex. (1)	7-0	557	3
4. St. Rose, N.Y.	7-0	519	5
5. West Texas A&M	5-1	487	4
6. Bentley, Mass.	6-1	445	7
7. Oakland, Mich.	10-0	434	10
8. UC Davis	6-1	430	8
9. Shippensburg, Pa.	8-1	398	9
10. South Dakota State	7-1	349	11
11. Stonehill, Mass.	7-1	320	12
12. Northern Michigan	7-1	295	13
13. Southern Indiana	6-1	285	14
14. Delta State, Miss.	6-3	254	6
15. Augustana, S.D.	8-0	247	17
16. Nebraska-Kearney	7-1	232	15
17. Bellarmine, Ky.	4-1	173	16
18. Michigan Tech	7-1	147	20
19. Western New Mexico	6-0	137	23
20. Northern Colorado	6-1	132	19
21. Minnesota-Duluth	6-3	129	18
22. Georgia College & State University	7-0	110	21
23. Kennesaw State, Ga.	8-0	100	25
24. Montana State-Billings	7-3	80	24
25. Florida Southern	5-2	55	22

Dropped out:
None

Next Poll: January 6, 1997

Also receiving votes: American International, Mass. 40; Longwood, Va. 32; Pittsburg State, Kan. 27; West Chester, Pa. 24; Emporia State, Kan. 23; Arkansas Tech 20; Saint Anselm, N.H. 19; Metropolitan State, Colo. 17 and Southwest Baptist, Mo. 17; Bridgeport, Conn. 15; Florida Tech 14; Augusta State, Ga. 10; Albany State, Ga. 9; Presbyterian, S.C. 9; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 7; Charleston, W.Va. 6; Ashland, Ohio 5; Seattle Pacific, Wash. 4; Gardner-Webb, N.C. 3; Fayetteville State, N.C. 1 and Salem-Teikyo, W.Va. 1.



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January 8, 1997

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	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (24)	12-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	12-0	558	4
3. North Dakota	11-1	557	2
4. Abilene Christian, Tex.	10-1	513	3
5. West Texas A&M	10-1	501	5
6. Oakland, Mich.	13-1	450	7
7. South Dakota State	10-1	442	10
8. Southern Indiana	10-1	370	13
9. UC Davis	11-2	360	8
10. Shippensburg, Pa.	10-2	339	9
11. Stonehill, Mass.	8-2	311	11
12. Nebraska-Kearney	10-1	289	16
13. Bentley, Mass.	8-3	286	6
14. Augustana, S.D.	11-1	278	15
15. Northern Colorado	11-1	258	20
16. Northern Michigan	10-2	253	12
17. Delta State, Miss.	7-3	196	14
18. Ashland, Ohio	12-0	179	NR
19. Metro State, Colo.	10-2	153	NR
20. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	10-1	132	NR
21. Western New Mexico	10-4	98	19
22. Bellarmine, Ky.	7-3	95	17
23. Minnesota-Duluth	9-5	93	21
24. Georgia College & State University	9-1	91	22
25. Michigan Tech	10-3	74	18

Dropped out:
Kennesaw State, Ga. (9-1)
Montana State-Billings (9-4)
Florida Southern

Next Poll: January 14, 1997

Also receiving votes: Kennesaw State, Ga. 65; St. Anselm, N.H. 42; Montana State-Billings 31; Bowie State, Md. 26; Florida Southern 22; Southwest Baptist, Mo. 22; Arkansas Tech 18; Longwood, Va. 18; Emporia State, Kan. 11; Florida Tech 11; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 11; West Chester, Pa. 10; Norfolk State, Va. 7; Fort Valley State, Ga. 6; Missouri Southern State 4; Bridgeport, Conn. 2; Missouri Western State 2; Presbyterian, S.C. 1; Regia Colo. 1.



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	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (24)	14-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	14-0	571	2
3. North Dakota	13-1	550	3
4. Abilene Christian, Tex.	14-1	527	4
5. West Texas A&M	13-1	500	5
6. Oakland, Mich.	15-1	481	6
7. Southern Indiana	12-1	423	8
8. South Dakota State	11-2	332	7
9. UC Davis	13-2	380	9
10. Shippensburg, Pa.	12-2	372	10
11. Nebraska-Kearney	12-1	357	12
12. Stonehill, Mass.	10-2	332	11
13. Augustana, S.D.	12-1	311	14
14. Bentley, Mass.	10-3	289	13
15. Northern Michigan	13-2	238	16
16. Northern Colorado	11-2	235	15
17. Delta State, Miss.	9-3	203	17
18. Metro State, Colo.	11-2	199	19
19. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	12-1	190	20
20. Michigan Tech	12-3	91	25
21. Minnesota-Duluth	10-5	80	23
22. Kennesaw State, Ga.	11-1	78	NR
23. Western New Mexico	11-4	74	21
24. Ashland, Ohio	12-2	70	18
25. Nebraska-Omaha	12-1	66	NR

Dropped out:
#22 Bellarmine, Ky. (8-4)
#24 Ga. College & St. Univ. (10-2)

Next Poll: January 21, 1997

Also receiving votes: Bowie State, Md. 33; Longwood, Va. 28; Florida Tech 20; Bellarmine, Ky. 19; Emporia State, Kan. 12; Ga. College & State Univ. 11; Montana State-Billings 10; Northern Kentucky 8; Southwest Baptist, Mo. 8; Arkansas Tech 7; Bridgeport, Conn. 7; St. Anselm, N.H. 7; Regis, Colo. 6; Florida Southern 4; Missouri Western 3; Cal Poly Pomona 2; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 2; Fayetteville State, N.C. 1; Missouri Southern 1; Valdosta State, Ga. 1.



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January 22, 1997

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USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Poll (Through games of Sunday, January 19)

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (24)	16-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	16-0	571	2
3. North Dakota	15-1	553	3
4. Abilene Christian, Tex.	16-1	530	4
5. West Texas A&M	16-1	503	5
6. Oakland, Mich.	16-1	477	6
7. Southern Indiana	14-1	407	7
8. UC Davis	15-2	416	8
9. Nebraska-Kearney	14-1	407	11
10. South Dakota State	12-4	374	8
11. Stonehill, Mass.	13-2	363	12
12. Shippensburg, Pa.	13-3	302	10
13. Northern Michigan	15-1	292	15
14. Augustana, S.D.	13-3	278	13
15. Delta State, Miss.	12-3	225	17
16. Northern Colorado	12-3	221	16
17. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	14-1	220	19
18. Bentley, Mass.	11-4	217	14
19. Michigan Tech	13-4	156	20
20. Kennesaw State, Ga.	13-1	138	22
21. Metro State, Colo.	12-3	122	18
22. Minnesota-Duluth	11-5	92	21
23. Bowie State, Md.	13-1	57	NR
24. Western New Mexico	13-4	45	23
25. Longwood, Va.	14-1	66	NR

Dropped out:

#24 Ashland, Ohio. (13-3)
#25 Nebraska-Omaha (12-3)

Next Poll: January 28, 1997

Also receiving votes: Regis, Colo. 27; Florida Tech 24; St. Anselm, N.H. 16, Southwest Baptist, Mo. 16; Ashland, Ohio 13; Nebraska-Omaha 13; Edinboro, Pa. 10; Missouri Western State 8; Montana State-Billings 8; Northern Kentucky 7; Bridgeport, Conn. 6; Arkansas Tech 4; Bloomsburg, Pa. 4; Mercyhurst, Pa. 4; Fayetteville State, N.C. 2; Massachusetts-Lowell 2; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 2; Washburn, Kan. 2; Emporia State, Kan. 1; Fort Valley State, Ga. 1.



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USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Poll

(Through games of Sunday, January 26)

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1. North Dakota State (24)	18-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	18-0	575	2
3. Abilene Christian, Tex.	18-1	547	4
4. West Texas A&M	17-1	519	5
5. Southern Indiana	16-1	487	7
6. North Dakota	16-2	481	3
7. Nebraska-Kearny	17-1	432	9
8. UC Davis	16-2	423	8
9. Stonehill, Mass.	15-2	378	11
10. Northern Michigan	17-2	365	13
11. South Dakota State	14-4	345	10
12. Oakland, Mich.	16-3	326	6
13. Shippensburg, Pa.	15-3	313	12
14. Augustana, S.D.	15-3	296	14
15. Northern Colorado	13-4	239	16
16. Kennesaw State, Ga.	15-1	206	20
17. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	15-2	190	17
18. Bentley, Mass.	13-4	176	18
19. Delta State, Miss.	12-4	168	15
20. Michigan Tech	14-4	147	19
21. Metro State, Colo.	14-3	126	21
22. Bowie State, Md.	15-1	111	23
23. Minnesota-Duluth	13-5	86	22
24. Longwood, Va.	16-1	77	25
25. Florida Tech	16-2	52	NR

Dropped out:
#24 Western New Mexico

Next Poll: February 4, 1997

Also receiving votes: Nebraska-Omaha 19; Montana State-Billings 16; Western New Mexico 15; Missouri Western State 13; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 11; Bloomsburg, Pa. 6; Fayetteville State, N.C. 6; Southwest Baptist, Mo. 6; Alabama A&M 5; Arkansas Tech 4; Edinboro, Pa. 4; Regis, Colo. 4; Kentucky State 3; Washburn, Kan. 3; Massachusetts-Lowell 2; St. Anselm, N.H. 2; Valdosta State, Ga. 2; Emporia State, Kan. 1; Fort Valley State, Ga. 1; West Chester, Pa. 1.



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USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Poll (Through games of Sunday, February 2)

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1. North Dakota State (24)	20-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	20-0	576	2
3. West Texas A&M	19-1	540	4
4. Southern Indiana	18-1	519	5
5. Abilene Christina, Tex.	19-2	494	3
6. Nebraska-Kearney	19-1	467	7
7. North Dakota	18-2	462	6
8. UC Davis	18-2	424	8
9. Stonehill, Mass.	17-2	395	9
10. Northern Michigan	18-2	387	10
11. Oakland, Mich.	18-3	339	12
12. Shippensburg, Pa.	17-3	306	13
13. Augustana, S.D.	16-3	299	14
14. Kennesaw State, Ga.	18-1	262	16
15. South Dakota State	14-5	238	11
16. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	17-2	234	17
17. Northern Colorado	15-4	231	15
18. Bentley, Mass.	15-4	184	18
19. Delta State, Miss.	15-4	171	19
20. Bowie State, Md.	18-1	162	22
21. Michigan Tech	15-4	144	20
22. Florida Tech	18-2	95	25
23. Longwood, Va.	18-1	87	24
24. Metropolitan State, Colo.	15-4	43	21
25. Minnesota-Duluth	14-6	34	23

Dropped out:
None

Next Poll: February 11, 1997

Also receiving votes: Fayetteville State, N.C. 17; West Chester, Pa. 15; Kentucky State 13; Nebraska-Omaha 13; Arkansas Tech 11; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 8; Massachusetts-Lowell 6; Fort Valley State, Ga. 5; Western New Mexico 4; Central Missouri State 3; Montana State-Billings 3; Valdosta State, Ga. 3; Fort Hays State, Kan. 2; Pittsburg State, Kan. 2; Missouri Western State 1; St. Anselm, N.H. 1.



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1. North Dakota State (24)	22-0	600	1
2. St. Rose, N.Y.	22-0	575	2
3. West Texas A&M	21-1	547	3
4. Southern Indiana	20-1	526	4
5. Abilene Christian, Tex.	21-2	502	5
6. North Dakota	20-2	478	7
7. UC Davis	20-2	444	8
8. Northern Michigan	20-2	415	10
9. Nebraska-Kearney	20-2	406	6
10. Oakland, Mich.	20-3	366	11
11. Augustana, S.D.	18-3	330	13
12. Shippensburg, Pa.	19-3	324	12
13. Stonehill, Mass.	18-3	319	9
14. Kennesaw State, Ga.	20-1	310	14
15. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	19-2	268	16
16. Bentley, Mass.	17-4	229	18
17. Bowie State, Md.	21-1	197	20
18. Florida Tech	20-2	168	22
19. Northern Colorado	16-5	165	17
20. South Dakota State	15-6	148	15
21. Delta State, Miss.	16-5	111	19
22. Metropolitan State, Colo.	17-4	73	24
23. Longwood, Va.	19-2	69	23
24. Michigan Tech	16-5	63	21
T25. Fayetteville State, N.C.	20-3	31	NR
T25. Fort Hays State, Kan.	16-4	31	NR

Dropped out:
#25 Minnesota-Duluth

Next Poll: February 18, 1997

Also receiving points: Minnesota-Duluth 27; Arkansas Tech 23; Montana State-Billings 11; West Chester, Pa. 9; Fort Valley State, Ga. 8; Missouri Western State 8; Valdosta State, Ga. 8; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 7; Bellarmine, Ky. 3; Alabama-Huntsville 1.



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3. West Texas A&M	23-1	547	3
4. Southern Indiana	22-1	528	4
5. Abilene Christian, Tex.	22-2	502	5
6. UC Davis	22-2	471	7
7. Northern Michigan	22-2	440	8
8. Nebraska-Kearney	22-2	420	9
9. North Dakota	21-3	399	6
10. Oakland, Mich.	22-3	356	10
11. Augustana, S.D.	19-4	346	11
12. Kennesaw State, Ga.	23-1	340	14
13. Seattle Pacific, Wash.	22-2	300	15
14. Bentley, Mass.	20-4	263	16
15. Bowie State, Md.	24-1	256	17
16. Shippensburg, Pa.	20-4	243	12
17. Stonehill, Mass.	20-4	232	13
18. Florida Tech	22-2	213	18
19. Northern Colorado	17-5	154	19
20. Delta State, Miss.	18-5	148	21
21. Longwood, Va.	22-2	109	23
22. South Dakota State	15-8	84	20
23. Michigan Tech	18-5	63	24
24. Fayetteville State, N.C.	22-3	58	T25
25. Fort Hays State, Kan.	18-4	41	T25

Dropped out:
#22 Metropolitan State, Colo.

Next Poll: February 25, 1997

Also receiving points: Arkansas Tech 32; Minnesota-Duluth 15; Metropolitan State, Colo. 12; Fort Valley State, Ga. 9; Missouri Western State 8; Bellarmine, Ky. 7; Kentucky State 5; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 4; Valdosta State, Ga. 3; Alabama-Huntsville 2; High Point, N.C. 1.



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USA Today/WBAC Women's Division II Basketball Poll

(Through games of Sunday, February 23)

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>	
1.	North Dakota State (24)	26-0	600	1
2.	St. Rose, N.Y.	26-0	576	2
3.	West Texas A&M	25-1	549	3
4.	Southern Indiana	24-1	528	4
5.	UC Davis	23-2	494	6
6.	Northern Michigan	24-2	471	7
7.	Nebraska-Kearney	24-2	431	8
8.	North Dakota	23-3	422	9
9.	Abilene Christian	22-4	405	5
10.	Oakland, Mich.	23-3	381	10
11.	Kennesaw State, Ga.	25-1	347	12
12.	Augustana, S.D.	21-4	340	11
13.	Seattle Pacific, Wash.	24-2	315	13
14.	Bentley, Mass.	22-4	280	14
15.	Bowie State, Md.	25-1	263	15
16.	Shippensburg, Pa.	22-4	245	16
17.	Florida Tech	24-2	225	18
18.	Delta State, Miss.	21-5	180	20
19.	Stonehill, Mass.	21-5	151	17
20.	Fayetteville State, N.C.	23-3	97	24
21.	Longwood, Va.	23-3	90	21
22.	South Dakota State	17-8	88	22
23.	Northern Colorado	17-7	82	19
24.	Michigan Tech	19-6	71	23
25.	Arkansas Tech	24-3	65	NR

Dropped out:
#25 Fort Hays State, Kan.

Next Poll: March 4, 1997

Also receiving points: Fort Hays State, Kan. 21; Fort Valley State, Ga. 18; Massachusetts-Lowell 13; Minnesota-Duluth 13; Kentucky State 10; Missouri Western 10; Montana State-Billings 7; Bellarmine, Ky. 4; Metropolitan State, Colo. 3; Nebraska-Omaha 2; Central Missouri 1; Gardner-Webb, N.C. 1; West Chester, Pa. 1.



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7. Abilene Christian (11-2)	386
8. Mo.-St. Louis (0-0)	370
9. Columbus St. (12-3)	358
10. Southern Colo. (7-2)	336
11. UC Riverside (14-3)	304
12. St. Leo (8-2)	300
13. Indianapolis (8-0)	292
14. Delta St. (8-4)	268
15. Mercyhurst (4-1)	256
16. Central Mo. St. (0-0)	254
17. Mount Olive (10-2)	212
17. Adelphi (0-0)	212
19. Mesa St. (8-4)	208
20. Mansfield (0-0)	182
21. Lincoln Memorial (14-3-1)	152
22. Cal St. San B'dino (10-5)	124
23. SIU-Edwardsville (3-1)	112
24. Slippery Rock (0-0)	102
25. Shippensburg (0-3)	85

Division II Women's Basketball

The USA Today/Women's Basketball Coaches Association top 25 NCAA Division II women's basketball teams through March 2, with records in parentheses and points:

1. North Dak. St. (27-0)	600
2. St. Rose (29-0)	576
3. West Tex. A&M (27-1)	548
4. Southern Ind. (26-1)	525
5. UC Davis (25-2)	494
6. Northern Mich. (26-2)	468
7. Neb.-Kearney (27-2)	448
8. North Dak. (23-4)	416
9. Kennesaw St. (28-1)	392
10. Abilene Christian (23-5)	385
11. Oakland (24-4)	353
12. Augustana (S.D.) (23-4)	335
13. Seattle Pacific (25-2)	322
14. Bowie St. (28-1)	280
15. Shippensburg (25-4)	256
16. Florida Tech (27-2)	237
17. Bentley (24-5)	215

18. Delta St. (23-5)	198
19. Stonehill (24-5)	175
20. South Dak. St. (19-8)	100
21. Northern Colo. (19-7)	86
22. Longwood (25-4)	78
23. Fayetteville St. (25-4)	74
24. Arkansas Tech (24-3)	60
25. Michigan Tech (20-8)	34

Men's Gymnastics

The top 20 NCAA men's gymnastics teams through March 2, ranked according to the teams' regional qualifying averages as reported by GymInfo:

1. Ohio St.	231.757
2. Iowa	229.757
3. Nebraska	229.533
4. Oklahoma	228.587
5. Penn St.	228.283
6. Stanford	226.697
7. Illinois	226.017
8. Massachusetts	225.200
9. New Mexico	225.190
10. Minnesota	224.923
11. Michigan St.	224.207
12. Brigham Young	224.050
13. Ill.-Chicago	223.867
14. Temple	220.657
15. Navy	219.067
16. Michigan	218.350
17. Army	216.967
18. Air Force	215.083
19. UC Santa Barb.	207.733
20. James Madison	206.383

Women's Gymnastics

The top 25 NCAA women's gymnastics teams through March 2, ranked according to the teams' regional qualifying averages as reported by GymInfo:

1. Georgia	197.542
2. Utah	196.735
3. Alabama	106.888



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USA TODAY/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll

Final Poll (Spring 1997)

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Last Poll
1.	North Dakota (24 first-place votes)	28-4	600	8
2.	Southern Indiana	30-2	570	4
3.	UC Davis	29-3	538	5
4.	North Dakota State	28-1	521	1
5.	West Texas A&M	29-2	493	3
6.	Bentley (Mass.)	27-7	476	17
7.	Kennesaw State (Ga.)	30-2	417	9
8.	Northern Michigan	27-3	387	6
9.	Delta State (Miss.)	25-6	369	18
10.	Nebraska-Kearney	28-3	351	7
11.	St. Rose (N.Y.)	29-1	336	2
12.	Seattle Pacific	26-3	316	13
13.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	24-5	276	10
14.	Bowie State (Md.)	29-2	245	14
15.	Edinboro (Pa.)	24-8	236	NR
16.	Oakland (Mich.)	25-5	227	11
17.	Stonehill (Mass.)	26-6	218	19
18.	Augustana (S.D.)	23-5	210	12
19.	Florida Tech	27-3	152	16
20.	Missouri Western State	24-7	138	NR
21.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	25-5	109	15
22.	High Point (N.C.)	26-6	97	NR
23.	Northern State (S.D.)	24-5	92	NR
24.	Northern Colorado	19-8	87	21
25.	Fort Valley State (Ga.)	25-6	73	NR

Dropping out: No. 20 South Dakota State (19-8), No. 22 Longwood (Va.) (25-5), No. 23 Fayetteville State (N.C.) (26-5), No. 24 Arkansas Tech (29-4), No. 25 Michigan Tech (21-9).

Others receiving points: South Dakota State 52, Michigan Tech 32, Fayetteville State 31, Emporia State (Kan.) 23, West Chester (Pa.) 19, Longwood 16, Massachusetts-Lowell 16, Minnesota-Duluth 15, Arkansas Tech 12, Western New Mexico 12, Montana State-Billings 10, Georgia College 8, Kentucky State 6, Nebraska-Omaha 6, Bellarmine (Ky.) 4, Cal Poly Pomona 4.

Voting panel: The USA TODAY/WBCA Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll is voted upon by 24 Division II head coaches who are members of the WBCA. They represent all eight WBCA Districts and each NCAA Division II conference.