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USA TODAY SPORTS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES POLL — 12/31/2018

The USA TODAY Sports Top 25 women's basketball coaches' poll, with team's RECORDS THROUGH MONDAY in parentheses, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last week's poll and first-place votes received:

Rank	School (record)	Points	Last week's rank	First-place votes
1.	Connecticut (11-0)	775	1	31
2.	Notre Dame (12-1)	736	2	0
3.	Louisville (12-0)	716	3	0
4.	Maryland (12-0)	668	4	0
5.	Oregon (11-1)	646	5	0
6.	Mississippi State (12-1)	595	7	0
7.	Baylor (8-1)	590	6	0
8.	Stanford (10-1)	583	8	0
9.	North Carolina State (13-0)	532	9	0
10.	Tennessee (11-1)	502	10	0
11.	Oregon State (10-2)	442	11	0
12.	Texas (10-2)	419	12	0
13.	Minnesota (12-0)	370	15	0
14.	Syracuse (11-2)	367	14	0
15.	Kentucky (13-1)	310	17	0
16.	Marquette (10-3)	255	19	0
17.	Michigan State (11-1)	249	22	0
18.	Gonzaga (12-1)	246	21	0
19.	California (9-2)	210	13	0
20.	Iowa (9-3)	193	16	0
21.	Texas A&M (11-2)	126	24	0
22.	Arizona State (9-3)	116	18	0
23.	Florida State (12-1)	110	25	0
24.	DePaul (9-4)	81	20	0
25.	Virginia Tech (13-0)	67	not ranked	0

**Dropped out:** No. 23 Miami (Fla.) (12-3).

**Others receiving votes:** Iowa State (10-2) 32; Miami (Fla.) (12-3) 30; South Carolina (8-4) 26; Alabama at Birmingham (12-1) 18; South Alabama (11-0) 13; Central Florida (11-2) 9; Indiana (12-1) 9; West Virginia (9-2) 9; Missouri (11-3) 8; Southern California (10-2) 5; New Mexico (10-1) 4; Arizona (11-1) 2; Central Michigan (9-3) 2; South Dakota (13-2) 2; Tulane (10-3) 2.

**Note:** Darrick Gibbs of North Florida could not be reached before the voting deadline.

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