

2005-2006 NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Pre-Season Poll

The top-30 in the 2005-2006 NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Pre-Season Poll includes seven teams that participated in last year's National Championships.

Led by third-team All-American **Sonny Weems**, the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith tops the pre-season poll. **Weems**, who recently committed to the University of Arkansas, averaged 14.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.0 apg and 2.0 spg last season. He is joined by Dixie State transfer **Hatila Passos** (12.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), returning sophomore **Bruce Carter** (10.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 2.0 apg) and transfer **Fabio Nass** (8.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg). Two high school MVP's will be the top recruits for the Lions: **Mark Mangum** (5-11 point guard) was the Arkansas 5A MVP and **Marvell Vealy** (6-0 two-guard) was the Oklahoma 5A MVP last season. Arkansas-Fort Smith, also chosen pre-season #1 by *Street & Smith's*, is coming off a 29-4 season that ended with a 78-74 loss to Seminole State College in the region championship. Head coach **Jeremy Cox** is 52-13 over two seasons with the Lions.

Holding the second spot is national tournament qualifier Chipola College, Fla. The Indians return three all-conference players to a team that finished 33-4 and fourth in the nation last season. Top-returner first-team all-conference selection **Stefhon Hannah** averaged 10.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 7.2 assists and 3.4 steals per game last season. **Hannah** is joined by second team selections **Michael Taylor** (9.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 3.0 apg, 2.0 spg) and **Ryne Hamblet** (9.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 2.5 apg, 1.1 spg). Two incoming transfers from Westinghouse High School (Ill) will look to make an immediate impact this season.

Ranked third is regional qualifier Indian Hills Community College-Ottumwa (18-12). The Warriors are followed by national qualifier College of Southern Idaho (33-3), regional qualifier Coffeyville Community College, Kan. (27-6) to round out the top five.

Others in the top-30 that made national tournament appearances last year are 12th-ranked Globe Institute of Technology, N.Y. (25-8), 13th-ranked Midland College, Texas (26-10), 18th-ranked Northeastern Junior College, Colo. (28-9), 20th-ranked Shelton State Community College, Ala. (30-8), Northwest Mississippi Community College (30-4) and 27th -ranked North Dakota State College of Science (28-7).

Defending national champion and runner-up Paris Junior College, Texas (28-9) and Moberly Area Community College, Mo. (30-7) are in the others receiving votes.

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Place	College	Location	Record	Points	1st Pl Votes
1	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR	29-4	0	0
2	Chipola College	Marianna, FL	33-4	0	0
3	Indian Hills Community College-Ottumwa	Ottumwa, IA	18-12	0	0
4	College of Southern Idaho	Twin Falls, ID	33-3	0	0
5	Coffeyville Community College	Coffeyville, KS	27-6	0	0
6	Coastal Georgia Community College	Brunswick, GA	23-8	0	0
7	Southeastern Illinois College	Harrisburg, IL	19-11	0	0
8	San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena, TX	31-3	0	0
9	Three Rivers Community College (MO)	Poplar Bluff, MO	21-11	0	0
10	Cochise College	Douglas, AZ	23-8	0	0
11	Schoolcraft College	Livonia, MI	27-3	0	0

12	Globe Institute of Technology	New York, NY	25-8	0	0
13	Midland College	Midland, TX	26-10	0	0
14	Redlands Community College	El Reno, OK	27-4	0	0
15	Okaloosa-Walton College	Niceville, FL	23-7	0	0
16	Walters State Community College	Morristown TN	27-7	0	0
17	Kilgore College	Kilgore, TX	20-11	0	0
18	Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, CO	28-9	0	0
19	Mineral Area College	Park Hills, MO	21-10	0	0
20	Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa, AL	30-8	0	0
21	Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia, MS	30-4	0	0
22	Allegany College of Maryland	Cumberland, MD	22-8	0	0
23	Dixie State College of Utah	St. George UT	25-7	0	0
24	Georgia Perimeter College	Decatur, GA	25-7	0	0
25	Seward County Community College	Liberal, KS	23-9	0	0
26	Lon Morris College	Jacksonville, TX	25-5	0	0
27	North Dakota State College of Science	Wahpeton, ND	28-7	0	0
28	Southeastern Community College	West Burlington, IA	19-12	0	0
29	Brunswick Community College	Supply, NC	28-6	0	0
30	Howard College	Big Spring, TX	27-6	0	0

Other schools receiving votes						
College	Location	Record	Points	1st PI Votes	Last Week	
Arizona Western College	Yuma, AZ	31-3	0	0	0	0
Daytona Beach Community College	Daytona Beach, FL	24-10	0	0	0	0
Faulkner State Community College	Bay Minette, AL	27-5	0	0	0	0
Garden City Community College	Garden City, KS	22-10	0	0	0	0
Garrett College	McHenry MD	21-9	0	0	0	0
Highland Community College-Illinois	Freeport, IL	32-5	0	0	0	0
Iowa Western Community College	Council Bluffs, IA	33-7	0	0	0	0
John A. Logan College	Carterville, IL	26-7	0	0	0	0
Kankakee Community College	Kankakee, IL	23-10	0	0	0	0
Miami-Dade College	Miami, FL	27-5	0	0	0	0
Missouri State University - West Plains	West Plains, MO	16-16	0	0	0	0
Moberly Area Community College	Moberly, MO	30-7	0	0	0	0
Monroe College	Bronx, NY	23-10	0	0	0	0

Paris Junior College	Paris, TX	28-9	0	0	0
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville, MS	14-13	0	0	0
Seminole State College	Seminole, OK	23-13	0	0	0
South Georgia Technical College	Americus, GA	26-7	0	0	0
Southern Union State Community College	Wadley, AL	14-10	0	0	0
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis, TN	22-6	0	0	0
Southwestern Illinois College	Belleville, IL	24-8	0	0	0
Spartanburg Methodist College	Spartanburg, SC	13-16	0	0	0
Temple College	Temple, TX	31-1	0	0	0
Vincennes University	Vincennes, IN	22-10	0	0	0
Western Nebraska Community College	Scottsbluff, NE	28-5	0	0	0
Williston State College	Williston ND	21-8	0	0	0

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