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NCAA DIVISION III BASEBALL REGIONAL POLL

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division III Baseball Committee has released this week's Division III baseball regional rankings. The committee has ranked the top 15 percent of teams in each region, this will amount to Central – five teams, Mid-Atlantic – eight teams, Mideast – seven teams, Midwest – six teams, New England – nine teams, New York – six teams, South – six teams, and West – six teams. The next ranking will take place on May 11.

**5/04 Rankings – Games through 5/02**

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<b><u>Central</u></b>	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Aurora	21-4	25-8
2. Carthage	20-3	27-7
3. Augustana (Illinois)	25-7	29-8
4. Central (Iowa)	12-3	23-9
5. Washington-U. in St. Louis	21-2	34-5

<b><u>Mid-Atlantic</u></b>	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. The College of New Jersey	25-5	32-5
2. William Paterson	23-7	26-12
3. Montclair State	18-7	22-13-2
4. Kean	21-9	27-13
5. Gwynedd-Mercy	24-6	28-11
6. Rowan	17-8	26-11
7. Franklin & Marshall	18-7	26-9
8. Arcadia	26-8	26-12

**Midwest**

	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Wooster	29-3	36-7
2. Marietta	18-3	26-8
3. Manchester	19-4	28-7
4. Otterbein	17-7	22-13
5. Washington and Jefferson	19-8	25-9
6. Grove City	20-8	24-10
7. Adrian	18-6	24-12

**Midwest**

	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Ripon	14-2	23-5
2. St. Scholastica	8-2	31-3
3. St. Olaf	16-3	22-6
4. Wisconsin-Whitewater	19-7	24-10
5. St. Thomas (Minnesota)	15-5	23-7
6. Wisconsin-Oshkosh	17-7	23-11

**New England**

	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Wheaton (Massachusetts)	28-2	31-6
2. St. Joseph's (Maine)	25-4-1	30-8-1
3. Southern Maine	21-7	24-12
4. Salem State	20-4	30-6
5. Middlebury	14-4	20-7
6. Western New England	30-7	31-8
7. Bowdoin	23-5-1	25-5-1
8. Williams	17-5	26-7
9. Keene State	21-8	26-12

**New York**

	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Cortland State	21-4	31-6
2. Ithaca	17-4	25-7
3. St. John Fisher	20-7	23-11
4. Rensselaer	25-4	27-8
5. Stevens Institute of Technology	26-8	27-10
6. Oneonta State	22-6	28-8

<u>South</u>	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Millsaps	30-7	34-11
2. Salisbury	24-4	35-6
3. York (Pennsylvania)	21-11-1	24-13-1
4. Emory	24-7	31-7
5. Bridgewater (Virginia)	29-11-1	29-12-1
6. North Carolina Wesleyan	20-11	27-16

<u>West</u>	<b>Regional Record</b>	<b>Overall Record</b>
1. Chapman	19-6	26-8
2. Trinity (Texas)	26-10	33-11
3. Redlands	19-5	30-9
4. Cal State East Bay	20-7	24-10
5. Texas Lutheran	21-8-1	29-10-1
6. Mississippi College	24-11	29-14

The rankings are based on the following criteria:

**Primary Criteria — For ranking and selection (all contests leading up to NCAA championships):**

- **Win-loss percentage against regional opponents.**
- **Strength-of-schedule index (only contests versus regional competition).**

Win on the road versus a team at or above .667 .....	14 points
Win at home versus a team at or above .667 .....	13 points
Win on the road versus a team at or above .500, but below .667 .....	12 points
Win at home versus a team at or above .500, but below .667 .....	11 points
Win on the road versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 .....	10 points
Win at home versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 .....	9 points
Win on the road versus a team below .333 .....	8 points
Win at home versus a team below .333 .....	7 points
Loss on the road versus a team at or above .667 .....	7 points
Loss at home versus a team at or above .667 .....	6 points
Loss on the road versus a team at or above .500, but below .667 .....	5 points
Loss at home versus a team at or above .500, but below .667 .....	4 points
Loss on the road versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 .....	3 points
Loss at home versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 .....	2 points
Loss on the road versus a team at or below .333 .....	1 point
Loss at home versus a team at or below .333 .....	0 points

- Points for tied contests are calculated by taking the points which would have been awarded with a win, adding the points which would have been awarded with a loss and dividing by two.
- The strength-of-schedule index is calculated by adding the total number of points and dividing by the number of games.
- A neutral game is defined as being in neither team's locale and, as such, is awarded as if it were an away game.
- The strength-of-schedule index is calculated for ratings at the time of the ranking calls and using final results for selection purposes.

- **In-region head-to-head competition.**
- **In-region results versus common regional opponents.**
- **In-region results versus regionally ranked teams.**

- Opponents are considered ranked once they appear one time in the sport's official rankings.
- Conference postseason contests are included.

**Secondary Criteria — For ranking and selection:**

- **Out-of-region head-to-head competition.**
- **Overall Division III win-loss percentage.**
- **Results versus common non-Division III opponents.**
- **Results versus Division III teams ranked in other regions.**
- **Overall win-loss percentage.**
- **Results versus common out-of-region opponents.**
- **Should a committee find that evaluation of a team's win-loss percentage during the last 25 percent of the season is applicable (i.e., end of season performance), it may adopt such criteria with approval from the championships committee.**

Institutions must play at least 50 percent of their scheduled competition against in-region Division III institutions.

[Note: The above rankings do not guarantee a team's selection into the national championship.]