

The WDIIB Preseason Top 10

1. Michigan Tech

2008-09 Record: 27-7 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/0

Scouting Report: Five senior starters are back from the Huskies' Elite Eight team.

2. Franklin Pierce

2008-09 Record: 29-6 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: National runner-up Ravens feature Division II's best player in senior Johannah Leedham.

3. Delta St.

2008-09 Record: 30-7 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: The Lady Statemen return three starters, including the top point guard in the country in Sarita Cooper.

4. Indianapolis

2008-09 Record: 24-10 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1

Scouting Report: The Greyhounds will run behind Samantha Meissel (18.7 ppg) and Jessica Canary (14.4 ppg).

5. California (Pa.)

2008-09 Record: 29-5 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: The Vulcans, with new head coach Mark Swasey, are poised for a repeat trip to the Elite Eight.

6. Stonehill

2008-09 Record: 22-9 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1

Scouting Report: Three returning double-figure scorers power the Skyhawks' offense.

7. Emporia St.

2008-09 Record: 26-6 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: The senior backcourt of Cassandra Boston and Sophia Lenard provide leadership for the Lady Hornets.

8. Fort Lewis

2008-09 Record: 28-4 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1

Scouting Report: Three double-figure scorers are back in the lineup from last year's Sweet 16 team.

9. Holy Family

2008-09 Record: 26-6 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: New coach Mark Miller has all-conference forward Catherine Carr (15.3 ppg, 5.9 rpg) to rally behind.

10. UC San Diego

2008-09 Record: 27-5 **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Scouting Report: Tritons lost only two players from last year's NCAA tournament team and could be the West's best.

Michigan Tech Ranked No. 1 in 2009 WDIIB Preseason Top 25

• *All five starters back from Elite Eight team*

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Midwest Regional champion Michigan Tech is the top team in the 2009 Women's *Division II Bulletin* Preseason Top 25 ranking.

The Huskies return all five starters from last year's 27-7 team that won the Midwest Regional Championship and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division. All five returning starters are seniors and include All-American Katie Wysocky (15 ppg, 10.5 rpg), one of the top frontcourt players in the country

"On paper, Michigan Tech looks to have it all this season and could take a shot at a national title," said Gary Rubin, publisher of *Women's Division II Bulletin*. "It was a difficult decision picking a top team this season because so many teams are talented. It should be an entertaining year in Division II basketball."

Right behind at No. 2 is last year's national runner-up Franklin Pierce, which features a new head coach and national player of the year Johannah Leedham.

Rounding out the top five are Delta St., Indianapolis, and California (Pa.).

The second five includes Stonehill, Emporia St., Fort Lewis and Holy Family.

11. Central Oklahoma
12. Minnesota St. Mankato
13. Grand Valley St.
14. Alaska Anchorage
15. West Texas A&M
16. Clayton St.
17. Tampa
18. Northern Kentucky
19. Indiana (Pa.)
20. Philadelphia
21. Gannon
22. Lenoir-Rhyne
23. West Liberty
24. Seattle Pacific
25. Columbus St.

Others to watch: Ark. Tech, Barton, Bentley, Carson-Newman, Drury, Fayetteville St., Francis Marion, Humboldt St., Lander, Millersville, Molloy, Neb. Kearney, Northwood, Washburn, Winona St.

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