

THE TOP TWENTY FIVE

<p>BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.</p>	<p>RECORD PTS PRV 1. UCLA (30) 13-0 798 1 2. South Carolina (1) 12-1 763 2 3. Notre Dame (1) 11-2 727 3 4. Southern Cal 12-1 693 4 5. Texas 13-1 642 5 6. LSU 15-0 628 6</p>	<p>7. UConn 11-2 613 7 8. Maryland 12-0 609 8 9. Oklahoma 12-1 534 9 10. Ohio St. 13-0 504 10 11. TCU 13-1 475 11 12. Kansas St 13-1 452 12 13. Georgia Tech 14-0 400 13 14. Duke 10-3 357 14</p>	<p>15. Tennessee 12-0 340 15 16. Kentucky 11-1 321 16 17. North Carolina 13-2 303 17 18. West Virginia 10-2 233 18 19. Alabama 13-1 207 20 20. California 13-1 186 21 21. Michigan St. 11-2 148 19</p>	<p>22. NC State 10-3 137 22 23. Iowa 11-2 116 24 24. Michigan 10-3 82 23 25. Mississippi 8-3 48 25 Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 26, Utah 24, Illinois 11, Oklahoma St. 7, Baylor 5, Nebraska 4, Mississippi St. 3, Harvard 3, Portland 1.</p>
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TN remains No. 1 following quiet week in AP Top 25

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Tennessee remains No. 1 after a quiet holiday week in the AP Top 25.

The Volunteers received 41 first-place votes from a 61-person media panel in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll released Monday.

No. 2 Auburn had 20 first-place votes, with Iowa State, Duke and Alabama rounding out the top five.

The Tigers gained ground on Tennessee's No. 1 spot last Monday and did it again this week despite not playing, picking up eight additional first-place votes.

The top 13 teams remained unchanged following a week in which 12 ranked teams didn't play.

Tennessee won its lone game of Christmas week, beating Middle Tennessee 82-64 last Monday night to retain the No. 1 spot for the third straight week.

Tennessee is among four unbeaten left in men's Division I basketball, including three from the Southeastern Conference, joining No. 6 Florida (10-0) and No. 12 Oklahoma (10-0).

Drake (9-0) also begins this week undefeated.



Tennessee guard Chaz Lanier (2) shoots during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Middle Tennessee on Dec. 23 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Wade Payne/Associated Press

The Gators beat Stetson 85-45 and the Sooners knocked off Prairie View 89-67.

The SEC continued to dominate the Top 25, with No. 6 Florida giving the league four of the top six.

UCLA'S RISE

Most of the AP Top 25 teams in action last week went up against schools from smaller conferences.

Not UCLA and Gonzaga.

The Zags and Bruins played the final marquee

game of the nonconference season on Saturday, squaring off in the first college basketball game played at Intuit Dome, the new home of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers.

UCLA held off Gonzaga's late rally to pull out a 65-62 win behind Eric Daulton Jr.'s 18 points and was rewarded in this week's poll by moving up seven spots to No. 15.

Gonzaga dropped five spots to No. 19 with the loss.

RISING AND FALLING

UCLA was the only team to move up more than two spots in this week's poll.

No. 24 Mississippi barely held on to a ranking, dropping eight places following an 87-70 loss to No. 21 Memphis on Saturday.

IN AND OUT

Memphis was the only team to move into this week's poll after the win over Ole Miss.

San Diego State dropped out from No. 20

after losing 67-66 to Utah State on Tucker Anderson's 3-pointer with 6.8 seconds left. The Aggies appeared on 14 ballots after the win.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The SEC leads all conferences with 10 ranked teams.

The Big Ten and Big 12 each have five and the Big East two.

The Atlantic Coast, West Coast and American Athletic conferences each have one.

TOPS

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Gayle and Goldin both had 11 points to guide Michigan to a 59-31

advantage at halftime.

The Wolverines shot 57.6% from the floor and made 11 of 21 from 3-point range in posting their highest scoring half of the season.

The Wolverines topped the century mark on 3-pointer by Danny Wolf with 6:05 remaining for a 102-52 lead.

It was the first time the two teams squared off in 17 years. Michigan

has won 4 of 6 all time against the Hilltoppers.

Michigan travels to play Southern California on Saturday in a Big Ten Conference matchup.

Western Kentucky travels to play Liberty

on Thursday in a Conference USA opener.

REVIEW

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Drelyn Lander, proved too much to handle. Running back Keshawn Dixon did his part with 75 rushing yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to keep Fort Campbell's playoff hopes alive.

Standout Athlete: Keshawn Dixon — Dixon's tough running and touchdown were bright spots in an otherwise difficult playoff loss.

Christian County Basketball: Naveah Day's Next Step at Rend Lake College

Christian County's senior standout Naveah Day made a big commitment, officially signing with Rend Lake College. A key player for the Lady Colonels, Day's leadership has been vital to the team, and she's set to continue her basketball journey at the junior college level.

With her eyes on a potential transfer to a four-year school, Day is determined to make the most of her senior season.

The Lady Colonels, fueled by Day's leadership, have big aspirations for the upcoming season, aiming for a deep playoff run and perhaps a trip to Rupp Arena.

Standout Athlete: Naveah Day — Day's commitment to Rend Lake College and her leadership on the court have solidified her status

as one of the region's top players.

Hopkinsville High School: Danaja Wheeler shines as Senior Leader

Hopkinsville's volleyball star, Danaja Wheeler, has been an essential part of the Lady Tigers' success this season. Known for her athleticism and leadership, Wheeler embraced her role as a senior, motivating her teammates with both her play and her words.

Off the court, Wheeler's focus on schoolwork and community involvement sets a strong example for her peers.

She's been a driving force behind the Lady Tigers' strong performances, and as the season wraps up, Wheeler's leadership will be remembered as a key factor in their success.

Standout Athlete: Danaja Wheeler — Wheeler's ability to lead and inspire her team through her actions both on and off the court has earned her recognition as a top performer.

Skylar Kirby: A Volleyball Career That Started with a Leap of Faith
Skylar Kirby of Christian County was not always a volleyball player.

After years of competing in cheer and dance, Kirby made the switch to volleyball in eighth grade after a conversation with teammate Mary Owens.

Since then, Kirby has developed into one of the most respected leaders on the team.

Her leadership role this season has been evident, as she continues to guide her teammates with her experience and determination.

Off the court, Kirby has also remained active in church and school activities while preparing for the next step in her athletic career, which may include playing volleyball at the collegiate level.

Standout Athlete: Skylar Kirby — Kirby's growth from a cheerleader to a volleyball leader showcases her adaptability and commitment to the sport.

As the holiday season unfolds, local athletes continue to push forward in their sports.

The winter months bring basketball into full swing, and the excitement is only just beginning.

Whether on the court or the field, these athletes have made a lasting impression, and we can't wait to see what 2025 holds for our local high school sports teams.

UHA BASEBALL: HAYDEN HUNT'S DOMINANCE ON THE MOUND HEADLINES UHA'S BASEBALL SEASON

Hunt attributed his success to relentless offseason work and a commitment to stepping into a leadership role for the Blazers. "I wanted to step into Ian Tyler's role as the ace, so that's what I've been really trying to work on," Hunt said earlier this year.

His ability to trust his defense and his strategic use of pitches, including a curveball that helped him stay ahead in counts, set him apart as one of the region's premier pitchers.

Head coach Scott Gentry praised Hunt not only for his on-field performance but also for his leadership off the field.

"He's like a coach on the field for us," Gentry said.

"We rely on him to motivate the younger guys and get them in the right spot."

Hunt's season exemplified the blend of talent and character that makes for a truly memorable sports story.

LOOKING AHEAD: WHAT'S NEXT?

As the year comes to a close, the excitement of fall sports gives way to the promise of winter competition.

Basketball takes center stage, with athletes like Naveah Day poised to make their mark.

Spring sports aren't far behind, bringing new opportunities for teams and players to chase success.

With the determination and talent showcased this fall, the future is bright for local high school athletes. Here's to celebrating their achievements and looking forward to even more unforgettable moments in 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with KRS 424 and KRS 100.221, notice is hereby given that the Hopkinsville Board of Zoning Adjustment will hold public hearings on January 15, 2025, at 4:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Hopkinsville Municipal Center, 715 South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, KY. The purpose of these public hearings are as follows:

BZA24-12-1
REQUEST: The applicant(s), Kevin and Keri Williams (Owner), are requesting a Dimensional Variance of three (3.5) feet in building height to allow for the construction of an accessory structure (detached garage) with a height not to exceed seventeen (17.5) feet. The property in question is located at 216 Benjamin Lane, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). The maximum height of an accessory structure is 14 feet.

BZA24-12-2
REQUEST: The applicant, Richard Webster (owner), is requesting a variance of up to five (5) feet from the minimum side yard setback requirement (abutting a street) to place a storage shed at the end of the driveway at 507 Sheffield Rd., Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The property is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential District), where the minimum side yard setback for an accessory structure abutting a street is twenty-five (25) feet.

BZA25-1-1
REQUEST: The applicant, Mid State Property Management, LLC, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of a multi-family residential development. The proposed use will accommodate up to thirty-two (32) residential units. The property in question is a 7.21 acres (+/-) vacant lot located on East 21st Street immediately East of the intersection of East 21st Street and Country Club Lane in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The property is zoned B-4 (Arterial Commercial District). A Conditional Use Permit is required prior to the construction of a multi-family residential development in a B-4 (Arterial Commercial) District.

The applications and Staff Reports for these cases will be available for review at Community and Development Services on or after January 8, 2025 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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710 SOUTH MAIN STREET
HOPKINSVILLE, KY 42240

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SEALED BID AUCTION January 17, 2025, viewing/ bidding is 10am-2pm. Keith's Towing and Automotive Services LLC, 1275 Hugh Hunter Rd Oak Grove KY 42262 (270) 640-6400. We reserve the right to a NO SALE. Some vehicles may be retained by owners prior to sale date.

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- 2024 Hyundai Venue KM-HRC8A39RU282808 PV Holding Corp & The Bank Of New York Mellon Trust Company.
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