Ashland Men Soar to No. 1 in Eventful Division II Rankings

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NEW ORLEANS – It was "moving weekend" in the NCAA Division II National Team Computer Rankings released Tuesday by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA), as all but one team currently ranked in either gender's top 25 remained steady.

That lone stationary team was the No. 1 **Central Missouri** women, who were joined at the top of the rankings by the **Ashland** men. These two teams have the early lead in the races for the NCAA Championships team titles, which will culminate in Allendale, Michigan, on the weekend of May 21-23.

Ashland ascended 11 spots to No. 1 with 164.71 ranking points, displacing two-time defending national champion **Saint Augustine's** to the No. 2 spot. The Eagles' **Drew Windle** moved to No. 1 at 800 meters – the event in which he has won five national titles – and was joined at the top of the rankings by 400-meter hurdler **Elijha Owens**. The two combined forces for the No. 3 4×400.

NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS TOP 5 – MEN

1)	2)	3)	4)	5)
Ashland	Saint. Augustine's	Pittsburg St.	Adams St..	Angelo St.

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Central Missouri	NM Highlands	Grand Valley St.	Lincoln (Mo.)	Azusa Pacific

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The Eagles also got big contributions from its throws corps, particularly in the hammer. **Bryn Campbell** moved to No. 4 to lead an Ashland group that includes five of the top nine throwers in the country.

Saint Augustine's fell to No. 2 at 135.47 points, headlining a chase group of 10 teams that are all separated in the rankings by less than 30 points.

No. 3 **Pittsburg State** (134.55) moved up five spots from a week ago, while indoor champion **Adams State** (134.19) dropped a spot to No. 4 and **Angelo State** (130.55) fell two to No. 5.

The remainder of the top 10 is firmly in contention for the podium at this point in the season: No. 6 **Texas A&M-Commerce** (127.77), No. 7 **Grand Valley State** (125.56), No. 8 **Chico State** (119.97), No. 9 **Findlay** (118.85), and No. 10 **West Texas A&M** (114.41) – as well as No. 11 **Texas A&M-Kingsville** (106.63).

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Central Missouri's position atop the women's rankings is under assault from comparatively fewer teams, but the threat is lesser only in quantity. Indoor runner-up **New Mexico Highlands**checked in at No. 2, moving up two spots following **Salcia Slack**'s NCAA Division II record in the heptathlon.

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Following at No. 3 was three-time defending cross country champion **Grand Valley State**, which moved up six positions. Interestingly enough, it wasn't the distance events which the Lakers are known for that propelled the improvement; of the 11 season-best performances from GVSU that impacted the rankings, nine came in the field events. **Alexandra Kitz** and **Jamie Roberts** are tied at No. 2 in the pole vault.

Moving up to No. 3 was defending outdoor national champion **Lincoln (Mo.)**, a two-spot jump from last week into the top five. Leading the charge was second-ranked 100-meter hurdler **Ladonna Richards.**

Azusa Pacific fell three spots to No. 5, narrowly edging out **Saint Augustine's** for the final top-five position.

Moving up farther than any other team in the rankings this week were the men of **Missouri Southern**, who jumped 31 spots to No. 20. The biggest gainer for the women was No. 17 **Shorter**, which improved 27 positions.

For all the change that took place in the National Team Rankings, very little changed atop the regional rankings. **Nova Southeastern** in the South Region was the lone new top-ranked men's regional team, while three new women's teams took over their regions: **Shippensburg** in the Atlantic, **New Haven** in the East and**Nova Southeastern** in the South.

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MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL TEAM COMPUTER RANKINGS (TOP 25)

2015 Week #5 — April 14

next ranking: April 21

Rank	Institution	Points	Conference	Head Coach (Yr)	Last Week
1	Ashland	164.71	GLIAC	Jud Logan (12th)	12
2	Saint Augustine's	135.47	CIAA	George Williams (39th)	1
3	Pittsburg State	134.55	MIAA	Russ Jewett (27th)	8
4	Adams State	134.19	RMAC	Rock Light (2nd)	3
5	Angelo State	130.55	Lone Star	James Reid (16th)	2
6	Texas A&M-Commerce	127.77	Lone Star	Tom Dibbern (2nd)	4
7	Grand Valley State	125.56	GLIAC	Jerry Baltes (16th)	6
8	Chico State	119.97	CCAA	Oliver Hanf (3rd)	5
9	Findlay	118.85	GLIAC	Marc Arce (27th)	14
10	West Texas A&M	114.41	Lone Star	Darren Flowers (6th)	11
11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	106.63	Lone Star	Ryan Dall (7th)	7
12	Shippensburg	93.23	PSAC	Dave Osanitsch (10th)	16

13	Colorado Mines	82.87	RMAC	Matt Sparks (2nd)	10
14	Alaska Anchorage	78.40	GNAC	Michael Friess (25th)	13
15	Minnesota State	76.59	NSIC	Jim Dilling (2nd)	9
16	Academy of Art	73.60	PacWest	Charles Ryan (5th)	19
17	Cal Poly Pomona	68.71	CCAA	Octavious Gillespie-Bennett (3rd)	15
18	Tiffin	59.92	GLIAC	Jeremy Croy (15th)	38
19	Central Missouri	59.43	MIAA	Kirk Pedersen (19th)/Kip Janvrin (17th)	18
20	Missouri Southern	57.18	MIAA	Bryan Schiding (2nd)	51
21	Johnson C. Smith	53.85	CIAA	Lennox Graham (8th)	25
22	Western State	52.74	RMAC	Chris Bradford (6th)	32
23	Azusa Pacific	51.27	PacWest	Kevin Reid (20th)	17
24	Western Washington	50.12	GNAC	Pee Wee Halsell (28th)	21
25	Lincoln (Mo.)	48.14	MIAA	Victor Thomas (14th)	36

dropped out: No. 20 Nove Southeastern, No. 22 Tarleton State, No. 23 Simon Fraser, No. 24 Cal State Stanislaus

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Men's Conference Index Top 10

Rank	Conference	Points	Top 25 Teams
1	GLIAC	568.26	4
2	Lone Star	547.74	4
3	MIAA	434.75	4
4	RMAC	352.04	3
5	CCAA	292.01	2
6	CIAA	211.35	2
7	GNAC	210.58	2
8	PacWest	160.92	2
9	PSAC	120.27	1
10	NSIC	98.47	1

Men's Regional Index Leaders

Region	Institution	Points	Last Week
Atlantic	Shippensburg	635.92	1
Central	Pittsburg State	489.49	1
East	Franklin Pierce	423.14	1
Midwest	Grand Valley State	449.79	1
South	Nova Southeastern	292.34	2
South Central	Texas A&M-Commerce	503.69	1
Southeast	Mount Olive	590.45	1
West	Chico State	504.15	1

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WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL TEAM COMPUTER RANKINGS (TOP 25)

2015 Week #5 — April 14

next ranking: April 21

Rank	Institution	Points	Conference	Head Coach (Yr)	Last Week
1	Central Missouri	176.14	MIAA	Kirk Pedersen (19th)/Kip Janvrin (17th)	1
2	New Mexico Highlands	143.35	RMAC	Bob DeVries (23rd)	4
3	Grand Valley State	132.64	GLIAC	Jerry Baltes (16th)	9
4	Lincoln (Mo.)	119.21	MIAA	Victor Thomas (14th)	6
5	Azusa Pacific	100.55	PacWest	Preston Grey (1st)	2
6	Saint Augustine's	99.22	CIAA	George Williams (39th)	5
7	West Texas A&M	90.79	Lone Star	Darren Flowers (6th)	10
8	Pittsburg State	86.82	MIAA	Russ Jewett (29th)	25
9	Angelo State	84.66	Lone Star	James Reid (16th)	3
10	Ashland	78.98	GLIAC	Jud Logan (12th)	12
11	Hillsdale	76.04	GLIAC	Andrew Towne (4th)	17
12	Wayne State (Neb.)	64.34	NSIC	Marlon Brink (15th)	16
13	Lewis	63.30	GLVC	Dana Schwarting (10th)	7
14	Winona State	63.10	NSIC	Mason Rebarchek (11th)	13
15	Texas A&M-Kingsville	61.98	Lone Star	Ryan Dall (7th)	11
16	Chico State	59.90	CCAA	Robert Nooney (2nd)	15
17	Shorter	58.46	Peach Belt	Scott Byrd (8th)	44
18	Simon Fraser	55.93	GNAC	Brit Townsend (15th)	21
19	Humboldt State	55.37	CCAA	Scott Pesch (5th)	14
20	Wayne State (Mich.)	53.93	GLIAC	Rick Cummins (3rd)	37
21	Adams State	53.42	RMAC	Rock Light (2nd)	24
22	Fort Hays State	51.01	MIAA	Dennis Weber (22nd)	19
23	UC San Diego	50.12	CCAA	Darcy Ahner (8th)	8
24	Livingstone	41.76	CIAA	Justin Davis (6th)	36
25	Winston-Salem State	41.34	CIAA	Inez Turner (6th)	18

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Women's Conference Index Top 10

Rank	Conference	Points	Top 25 Teams
1	MIAA	562.40	4
2	GLIAC	444.73	4
3	RMAC	339.12	2
4	Lone Star	305.87	3
5	CIAA	240.61	3
6	GNAC	226.06	1
7	NSIC	216.92	2
8	CCAA	201.08	3
9	GLVC	173.13	1
10	PacWest	160.95	1

Women's Regional Index Leaders

Region	Institution	Points	Last Week
Atlantic	Shippensburg	363.25	2
Central	Central Missouri	402.55	1
East	New Haven	363.55	5

Midwest	Grand Valley State	431.75	1
South	Nova Southeastern	449.57	2
South Central	Angelo State	480.56	1
Southeast	Queens (N.C.)	422.00	1
West	Chico State	406.07	1

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