

## Tar Heels No.1 In Coaches Preseason Poll

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The University of North Carolina men's basketball team has been voted the top team in the preseason USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll.

The Tar Heels received all but one

of the 31 first-place votes from a nationwide panel of coaches and a total of 774 points. Kentucky is No.2 and the Wildcats picked up the other No.1 vote.

North Carolina, which was 29-8 last season and lost to Kentucky in the East Regional final of the NCAA Tournament, returns all five starters from last year's team, which includes forwards Harrison Barnes, John Henson and Tyler Zeller.

Duke, which was a regional semifinalist last season, is sixth in the preseason poll and is followed by Vanderbilt, Louisville, Memphis and Florida to round-out the top ten.

The Tar Heels open the season against Michigan State on November 11 at the Quicken Loans Carrier Classic in San Diego, CA.

## USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 College Basketball Poll

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1.	North Carolina	(30)	29-8	774	8
2.	Kentucky	(1)	29-9	721	3
3.	Ohio State		34-3	702	5
4.	Connecticut		32-9	655	1
5.	Syracuse		27-8	649	18
6.	Duke Blue		32-5	635	7
7.	Vanderbilt		23-11	567	NR
8.	Louisville		25-10	514	22
9.	Memphis		25-10	482	NR
10.	Florida		29-8	474	10
11.	Pittsburgh		28-6	471	12
12.	Baylor		18-13	358	NR
13.	Kansas		35-3	331	4
14.	Wisconsin		25-9	313	15
15.	Xavier		24-8	277	NR

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16. Arizona	30-8	269	9
17. Alabama	24-11	194	NR
18. Michigan	21-14	187	NR
19. Texas A&M	24-9	161	NR
20. U-C-L-A	23-11	147	NR
21. Marquette	22-15	145	20
22. Cincinnati	26-9	141	NR
23. Gonzaga	25-10	125	NR
24. California	18-15	111	NR
25. Missouri	23-11	110	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Florida State 108, Texas 107, Michigan State 73, Temple 59, Washington 29, Butler 25, New Mexico 22, Creighton 19, Villanova 18, Purdue 17, U-N-L-V 16, West Virginia 13, George Mason 12, Mississippi State 11, St. John's 11, Saint Mary's 5, Virginia 5, Virginia Commonwealth 4, Drexel 2, Kansas State 2, Long Beach State 2, B-Y-U 1, Notre Dame 1.