

# Ohio State Moves Up To No. 23 In AP Poll After Beating Maryland



The Ohio State men's basketball team jumped two spots to No. 23 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

The Scarlet and Gray look destined to drop out of the top 25 after a loss at No. 18 Iowa, but they bounced back in a big way with a gutsy win against No. 9 Maryland.

After beating the ninth-ranked Terrapins, the Buckeyes improved to 18-9 overall and 8-8 in the Big Ten. Ohio State is the fifth-highest ranked team in the conference.

The other five Big Ten teams in the top 25 include: No. 9 Maryland, No. 16 Penn State, No. 18 Iowa, No. 19 Michigan and No. 24 Michigan State. No. 27 Illinois and No. 38 Wisconsin also received votes in the poll.

The Buckeyes boast wins against Maryland, Penn State, Michigan and Wisconsin, but also lost to the Terrapins, Nittany Lions and Badgers, in addition to Iowa.

No. 19 Michigan comes to Columbus for rivalry matchup on Sunday, March 1, with Illinois visiting on Thursday, March 5. The Buckeyes close out the regular season at No. 24 Michigan State on Sunday, March 8.

The Buckeyes next take the floor at Nebraska on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The other two ranked wins for Ohio State came during the nonconference slate against No. 8 Kentucky and No. 12 Villanova.

Below is the entire AP Top 25 Poll along with the other teams receiving votes.

## AP TOP 25 POLL

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Rank	Team	Previous Rank	Conference	Points
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<b>1</b>	Kansas (24-3)	<b>3</b>	Big 12	1,598
<b>2</b>	Baylor (24-2)	<b>1</b>	Big 12	1,532
<b>3</b>	Gonzaga (27-2)	<b>2</b>	West Coast	1,442
<b>4</b>	Dayton (25-2)	<b>5</b>	Atlantic 10	1,413
<b>5</b>	San Diego State (26-1)	<b>4</b>	Mountain West	1,287
<b>6</b>	Florida State (23-4)	<b>8</b>	Atlantic Coast	1,247
<b>7</b>	Duke (23-4)	<b>6</b>	Atlantic Coast	1,186
<b>8</b>	Kentucky (22-5)	<b>10</b>	Southeastern	1,130
<b>9</b>	Maryland (22-5)	<b>7</b>	Big Ten	1,124
<b>10</b>	Creighton (22-6)	<b>15</b>	Big East	986
<b>11</b>	Louisville (23-5)	<b>11</b>	Atlantic Coast	966
<b>12</b>	Villanova (21-6)	<b>12</b>	Big East	928
<b>13</b>	Seton Hall (20-7)	<b>16</b>	Big East	842
<b>14</b>	Oregon (21-7)	<b>14</b>	Pacific 12	653
<b>15</b>	Auburn (23-4)	<b>13</b>	Southeastern	643
<b>16</b>	Penn State (20-7)	<b>9</b>	Big Ten	618
<b>17</b>	BYU (23-7)	<b>23</b>	West Coast	598
<b>18</b>	Iowa (19-8)	<b>20</b>	Big Ten	489
<b>19</b>	Michigan (18-9)		Big Ten	329
<b>20</b>	West Virginia (19-8)	<b>17</b>	Big 12	313
<b>21</b>	Colorado (21-7)	<b>18</b>	Pacific 12	291
<b>22</b>	Texas Tech (18-9)		Big 12	226

<b>23</b>	Ohio State (18-9)	<b>25</b>	Big Ten	210
<b>24</b>	Michigan State (18-9)		Big Ten	160
<b>25</b>	Houston (21-7)	<b>22</b>	American Athletic	102

**Others receiving votes:**

Arizona State 95, Illinois 82, Arizona 71, Butler 51, Virginia 50, Marquette 41, Stephen F. Austin 29, LSU 24, East Tennessee State 13, Utah State 9, Florida 8, Wisconsin 7, New Mexico State 2, Northern Iowa 2, Liberty 2, UCLA 1

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