

Bowling



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE

2014 Highlights

Sam Houston State earns first title in any NCAA sport: Sam Houston State's amazing run at Game of Wickliffe culminated with the school's first national championship Saturday night, as the Bearkats upset last year's champion Nebraska 4-2. The title is the first in any sport for the Bearkats since the team moved to Division I in 1986. The bowling team wins its first title in just its fourth year of existence.

"This has been the dream from the beginning," head coach Brad Hagen said.

Strikes were tough to come by in the early games, doubles even more so. The teams traded the first four games of the match, Sam Houston winning the first 181-166 and the third 193-190 while Nebraska took the second 187-182 and the fourth 197-189.

The momentum seemed to turn in the fifth game, when Sam Houston started with four consecutive strikes and six strikes in the match, including a clinching strike by the program's first recruit, senior Kimi Davidson, to give Sam Houston a 205-191 victory – and the momentum.

"Coach and I made a couple of adjustments," Davidson said. "After that, I just took a deep breath and let the ball roll."

Even with the win and the lead, Hagen knew more tweaking was needed.

"We had to get a little more aggressive," Hagen said. "It wasn't so much the equipment as it was operating error. We had to really settle down."

"We did make a little move, but then we had to trust it. We had to stay aggressive mentally and stay in the moment and play our game. In the fifth game, Nebraska suffered three open frames in the first seven while Sam Houston rolled a clean 195 to claim the title.

"We stuck to our gameplan," Hagen said. "We knew if we could grind it out and stay in the moment, that we had a pretty good chance."

The team's other senior and member of the school's first team, Neishka Cardona said the fact that the team went through the entire final game without an open frame wasn't lost on them.

"It was the first thing we said before that game," Cardona said. "We said 'hey guys, clean game.' We told each other that if you leave something, just take a deep breath and go for the spare.

"We just tried to stay in our routine," she said. "When we practice, whenever we get a clean game, we get to do 10 less single pins [at the end of practice]. So we just stuck to it and tried to joke the entire time and stay loose."

And in the end, again, it was Davidson with the ball in her hand with a chance to win the championship. And again, she struck.

"It was a matter of making a little adjustment and just going after it," Davidson said.

Nebraska was foiled in its attempt to win the school's fifth bowling title and second in a row. Head coach Bill Straub said it came down to one thing that always seems to spell the difference between victory and defeat.

"It all about how you adapt to the playing conditions," Straub said. "We simply did a bad job of doing that and Sam Houston did a much better job."

History

Team Results

Year	Champion	Coach	Games	Runner-Up	Games	Host or Site	Championship Attendance
2004	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	2	Houston	439
2005	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	2	Orlando, Fla.	556
2006	Fairleigh Dickinson	Mike LoPresti	4	Alabama A&M	1	Houston	442
2007	Vanderbilt	John Williamson	4	UMES	3	Apopka, Fla.	781
2008	UMES	Sharon Brummell	4	Arkansas St.	2	Omaha, Neb.	467
2009	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	1	Detroit	1,236
2010	Fairleigh Dickinson	Mike LoPresti	4	Nebraska	3	New Jersey City	1,286
2011	UMES	Sharon Brummell	4	Vanderbilt	2	Detroit	878
2012	UMES	Kristina Frahm	4	Fairleigh Dickinson	2	Wickliffe, Ohio	938
2013	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4.5	Vanderbilt	2.5	Canton, Mich.	995
2014	Sam Houston St.	Brad Hagen	4	Nebraska	2	Wickliffe, Ohio	332

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nebraska 4, UMES 3, Fairleigh Dickinson 2, Vanderbilt 1, Sam Houston St. 1.

Individual Records**300 GAMES**

Jennifer Viens, New Jersey City vs. Winston-Salem, 2004
Tina Peak, Central Mo. vs. New Jersey City, 2004
Tina Peak, Central Mo. vs. UMES, 2005

BEST AVERAGE FOR TOURNAMENT

251.75—Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska, 2005

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

2004 Shannon Pluhowsky, Nebraska
2005 Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska
2006 Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
2007 Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
2008 Jessica Worsley, UMES
2009 Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
2010 Danielle McEwan, Fairleigh Dickinson
2011 Kristina Frahm, UMES
2012 T'nia Falbo, UMES
2013 Liz Kuhlkin, Nebraska
2014 Kimi Davidson, Sam Houston St.

All-Tournament Teams**2004**

*Shannon Pluhowsky, Nebraska
Katie Atkins, Sacred Heart
Eryn Cully, New Jersey City
Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
Amber Gazverde, Central Mo.

2005

*Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska
Lindsay Baker, Nebraska
Sarah Circle, Bethune-Cookman
Elysia Current, Fairleigh Dickinson
Tina Peak, Central Mo.

2006

*Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
Shanice Graham, Alabama A&M
Adrienne Miller, Nebraska
Whitney Smith, Alabama A&M
Vicki Spratford, New Jersey City
Kristina Szalay, Fairleigh Dickinson

2007

*Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
Kristi Kerr, Fairleigh Dickinson
Kaitlin Reynolds, Vanderbilt
Marion Singleton, UMES
Jessica Worsley, UMES

2008

*Jessica Worsley, UMES
Maggie Adams, Arkansas St.
Brittany Garcia, Vanderbilt
Maria Rodriguez, UMES
Vicki Spratford, New Jersey City

2009

*Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
Valerie Calberry, Nebraska
Theresa Christopher, Central Mo.
Jazmyne Hefflefinger, Delaware St.
Sara Litteral, Fairleigh Dickinson

Erica Perez, Fairleigh Dickinson

2010

*Danielle McEwan, Fairleigh Dickinson
Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
Jenn Marmo, New Jersey City
Erica Perez, Fairleigh Dickinson
Samantha Santoro, Arkansas St.

2011

*Kristina Frahm, UMES
Tracy Ganjoin, Fairleigh Dickinson
Brittini Hamilton, Vanderbilt
Kristina Mickelson, Nebraska
Maria Rodriguez, UMES

2012

*T'nia Falbo, UMES
Joely Carrillo, Fairleigh Dickinson
Natalie Cortese, Valparaiso
Kayla Johnson, Nebraska
Amanda Labossiere, Arkansas St.

2013

*Liz Kuhlkin, Nebraska
Elise Bolton, Nebraska
Jessica Earnest, Vanderbilt
Amanda Labossiere, Arkansas St.
Kristie Lopez, UMES

2014

*Kimi Davidson, Sam Houston St.
Liz Kuhlkin, Nebraska
Mariana Alvarado, UMES
Lindsey Rusch, Wis.-Whitewater
Brooke Wood, Arkansas St.

**Most Outstanding Player*

Won-Lost Records In Tournament Play

Team (Years Participated)	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Pct.	1st	2nd
Alabama A&M (2006)	1	3	2	.600	0	1
Arkansas St. (2008-09-10-11-12-13-14)	7	11	14	.440	0	1
Bethune-Cookman (2005-06)	2	2	4	.333	0	0
Central Mo. (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14)	11	15	22	.405	0	3
Delaware St. (2009-10)	2	2	4	.333	0	0
Fairleigh Dickinson (2004-05-06-07-09-10-11-12-13-14)	10	22	16	.579	2	1
Fayetteville St. (2005)	1	0	2	.000	0	0
Kutztown (2011)	1	1	2	.333	0	0
UMES (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14)	11	21	17	.553	3	1
Minn. St. Mankato (2007-08)	2	1	4	.200	0	0
Nebraska (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14)	11	33	15	.688	4	2
New Jersey City (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10)	7	11	14	.440	0	0
Sacred Heart (2004-05-07-08-12)	5	3	10	.231	0	0
Sam Houston St. (2011-13-14)	3	4	4	.500	1	0
Southern U. (2004)	1	1	2	.333	0	0
Valparaiso (2012)	1	1	2	.333	0	0
Vanderbilt (2006-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14)	9	21	15	.583	1	2
Winston-Salem (2004)	1	0	2	.000	0	0
Wis.-Whitewater (2013-14)	2	2	4	.333	0	0

All-Time Team Results

2004: Round 1: Central Mo. def. Winston-Salem, 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Southern U., 4-3; Sacred Heart def. New Jersey City, 4-0; Nebraska def. UMES, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3; Nebraska def. Sacred Heart, 4-2; Losers' Bracket-Southern U. def. Winston-Salem, 4-0 (Winston-Salem eliminated); New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-0 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket-Central Mo. def. Nebraska, 4-3; Losers' Bracket-New Jersey City def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Southern U., 4-1 (Southern U. eliminated). **Round 4:** New Jersey City def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 5:** Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 6:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2. **Round 7:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2.

2005: Round 1: Nebraska def. Fayetteville St., 4-0; Sacred Heart def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-1; New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. UMES, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Nebraska def. Sacred Heart, 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-0; Losers' Bracket-Bethune-Cookman def. Fayetteville St., 4-0 (Fayetteville St. eliminated); Central Mo. def. UMES, 4-2 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket-Nebraska def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4.5-3.5; Losers' Bracket-Bethune-Cookman def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated); Central Mo. def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 4:** Central Mo. def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-3 (Bethune-Cookman eliminated). **Round 5:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-0 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 6:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2.

2006: Round 1: Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-1; Alabama A&M def. UMES, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-2; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Alabama A&M def. Nebraska, 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4-3; Losers' Bracket-New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-2 (UMES eliminated); Central Mo. def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-2 (Bethune-Cookman eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket-Fairleigh Dickinson def. Alabama A&M, 4-3; Losers' Bracket-New Jersey City def. Vanderbilt, 4-0 (Vanderbilt eliminated); Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-2 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 5:** Alabama A&M def. Nebraska, 4-2 (Nebraska eliminated). **Round 6:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Alabama A&M, 4-1.

2007: Round 1: Fairleigh Dickinson def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1; UMES def. Central Mo., 4-2; Vanderbilt def. Sacred Heart, 4-2; Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3; Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-2; Losers' Bracket-Central Mo. def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4.5-0.5 (Minn. St. Mankato eliminated); Sacred Heart def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Nebraska, 4-2 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Championship:** Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-3.

2008: Round 1: Central Mo. def. Nebraska, 4-1; UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-0; Arkansas St. def. Sacred Heart, 4-0; New Jersey City def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4.5-2.5; UMES def. Arkansas St., 4.5-3.5; Losers' Bracket-Minn. St. Mankato def. Nebraska, 4-0 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Sacred Heart, 4-3 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-Arkansas St. def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1 (Minn. St. Mankato eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-2 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 4:** Arkansas St. def. New Jersey City, 4-2; Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-2. **Round 5:** Arkansas St. def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated); UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-3 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Arkansas St., 4-2.

2009: Round 1: Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-2.5; Central Mo. def. UMES, 4-0; Delaware St. def. New Jersey City, 4-3. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-1; Delaware St. def. Central Mo., 4-1; Losers' Bracket-Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-3 (Arkansas St. eliminated); New Jersey City def. UMES, 4.5-1.5 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-Central Mo. def. Vanderbilt, 4-0 (Vanderbilt eliminated); Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 4:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2; Nebraska def. Delaware St., 4-2. **Round 5:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated); Nebraska def. Delaware St., 4-2 (Delaware St. eliminated). **Championship:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1.

2010: Round 1: Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-2; UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-3; Arkansas St. def. Delaware St., 4-0. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-2; Arkansas St. def. UMES, 4-2; Losers' Bracket-New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4.5-0.5 (Central Mo. eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Delaware St., 4-2 (Delaware St. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-1 (UMES eliminated); Nebraska def. Vanderbilt, 4-1 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-2. **Round 5:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-2 (New Jersey City eliminated); Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Championship:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-3.

2011: Round 1: Fairleigh Dickinson def. Kutztown, 4-3; Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-1; UMES def. Arkansas St., 4-1; Nebraska def. Sam Houston St., 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 3.5-3.5; Nebraska def. UMES, 4-2; Losers' Bracket-Kutztown def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated); Arkansas St. def.

Sam Houston St., 4-2 (Sam Houston St. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-UMES def. Kutztown, 4-2 (Kutztown eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-1. **Round 5:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-1 (Nebraska eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-2.

**Advances as result of tiebreaker, 107-105.*

2012: Round 1: Vanderbilt def. Valparaiso, 4-1; UMES def. Sacred Heart, 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Arkansas St., 4-1; Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-0. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-1.5; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-3; Losers' Bracket-Valparaiso def. Sacred Heart, 4-2 (Sacred Heart eliminated); Arkansas St. def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-Nebraska def. Valparaiso, 4-3 (Valparaiso eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Nebraska, 4-1 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-0. **Round 5:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4-3 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2.

2013: Round 1: Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1; UMES def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-2; Arkansas St. def. Sam Houston St., 4-0; Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Nebraska def. UMES, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-3; Losers' Bracket-Central Mo. def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-1 (Wis.-Whitewater eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Sam Houston St., 4-2 (Sam Houston St. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-Arkansas St. def. Central Mo., 4-0 (Central Mo. eliminated); UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-1 (Arkansas St. eliminated); Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-3 (UMES eliminated). **Championship:** Nebraska def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-2.5.

2014: Round 1: Sam Houston St. def. UMES, 4-2; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-1; Nebraska def. Vanderbilt, 4-3; Arkansas St. def. Central Mo., 4-3. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket-Sam Houston St. def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-2; Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4.5-2.5; Losers' Bracket-UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-0 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-0 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket-UMES def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated); Wis.-Whitewater def. Vanderbilt, 4-0 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Round 4:** Sam Houston St. def. UMES, 4-0 (UMES eliminated); Nebraska def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-2 (Wis.-Whitewater eliminated). **Championship:** Sam Houston St. def. Nebraska, 4-2.