

West Division

Concordia University at Austin
 Hardin-Simmons University
 Howard Payne University
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 McMurry University
 Schreiner University
 Sul Ross State University
 Texas Lutheran University

**East Division**

Austin College
 East Texas Baptist University
 LeTourneau University
 Louisiana College
 Mississippi College
 University of the Ozarks
 University of Texas at Dallas
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ASC Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches Polls

Richardson, Texas – Defending East Division champion Mississippi College is picked to win the division once again in the 2001-02 ASC Basketball East Division Preseason Coaches Poll. The Choctaws, who have advanced to the ASC Tournament finals in each of the last four seasons, lost to McMurry in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in the third meeting of the season between the rivals.

Louisiana College junior guard Ryan Vines is the East Division's Preseason Player of the Year. Vines was an All-Conference selection last season after finishing third in the conference in scoring (26.2 ppg) and second in free throw percentage (.857, 84 of 98).

2001-02 East Division Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Points
1. Mississippi College	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	46
2. Austin College	2	-	4	1	-	-	-	38
3. Univ. Ozarks	-	4	-	2	-	1	-	34
4. Louisiana College	-	2	1	2	1	-	1	29
5. East Texas Baptist	-	-	1	1	3	-	2	20
6. UT-Dallas	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	15
7. LeTourneau	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	14

Two-time defending ASC Tournament Champion McMurry is a narrow pick to win the West Division in the 2001-02 Preseason Coaches Poll. The Indians, 29-1 in conference regular season games the last two seasons, get the nod over Mary Hardin-Baylor. McMurry finished 24-4 last season, ending with a 77-59 loss to William Patterson in the Sectional Semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

Mary Hardin-Baylor senior forward Robert Moore is the West Division's Preseason Player of the Year. He finished first in the final ASC rankings in scoring (28.8 ppg) and second in rebounding (9.6 rpg) last season. Concordia senior forward K.B. DeBord was the only other player to receive more than one vote for preseason honors.

2001-02 West Division Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points
1. McMurry	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	56
2. Mary Hardin-Baylor	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	53
3. Howard Payne	-	1	3	1	2	1	-	-	41
4. Texas Lutheran	-	1	-	5	2	-	-	-	40
5. Concordia	-	-	2	2	1	2	1	-	34
6. Hardin-Simmons	-	-	1	-	2	4	-	1	27
7. Schreiner	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	19
8. Sul Ross State	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	18

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