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Maine-Farmington Picked to Win NAC Women's Basketball Title

The University of Maine-Farmington was chosen by the league's coaches as the North Atlantic Conference women's basketball preseason favorite. The Beavers, led by head coach Jamie Beaudoin in his eighth season, received ___ first place votes and ___ points in the NAC women's basketball preseason poll. Maine-Farmington, which lost two all-conference first team selections off of last seasons 17-0 squad, does return three starters led by NAC Rookie of the Year Caitlyn Laflin who averaged 14 points and 6 rebounds per conference contest. The Beavers, who were only the third team to go undefeated in conference play, also won the NAC tournament for the second straight season.

Maine Maritime, which finished the 2006-07 season with a 15-2 mark and earned an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament, will attempt to replace three-time NAC Player of the Year Alyssa Burns. The Mariners will have 11 freshman on the roster and return just two starters from a team that made back to back to back NAC tournament finals. Castleton, which finished atop the West division a season ago, earned 103 points in the poll placing third. Husson placed fourth with 81 points and one first place vote.

2007-08 North Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Pre-Season Poll

Order	Team	2006-07 NAC/Overall	2006-07 NAC Finish	Points
1.	Maine-Farmington	17-0/25-4	1 st East	116 (8)
2.	Maine Maritime	15-2/25-4	2 nd East	104 (2)
3.	Castleton	14-4/19-9	1 st West	103
4.	Becker	10-8/15-11	2 nd West	81 (1)
5.	Thomas	10-7/14-12	4 th East	72
6.	Husson	11-6/14-13	3 rd East	68
7.	Johnson St.	10-8/13-13	3 rd West	62
8.	Lesley	4-14/7-18	6 th West	45
9.	Elms	5-13/7-18	5 th West	38
10.	Bay Path	0-18/2-22	7 th West	24
11.	Wheelock	1-16/1-24	6 th East	13

Note: Points in are awarded in descending order with first-place votes (in parentheses) earning 11 points through eleventh-place votes which are worth one point. Records shown are 2006-07 conference and overall records with last season's regular season conference finish.