



NAIA poll includes Carroll, Northern

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Carroll College and Montana State-Northern of the Frontier Conference are ranked in the NAIA Top 25 preseason football coaches' poll, which was released on Monday.

Carroll, last year's national runner-up, is listed No. 2 behind reigning national champion Sioux Falls, S.D. MSU-Northern is ranked No. 18.

Sioux Falls, which went 14-0 last year, received 17 of 18 first-place votes. Carroll, 13-1 a year ago, collected the other one. Sioux Falls has won two of the last three national championships.

Lindenwood, Mo., is No. 3, followed by the University of St. Francis, Ind., and Morningside College of Iowa.

Dickinson State, which opens its season at Rocky Mountain College on Aug. 29, is ranked No. 15. The Blue Hawks went 7-4 last season, including a 34-19 loss to Rocky in Dickinson.