

NCAA DIVISION II

WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Two-time defending national champion Nebraska-Omaha is the overwhelming favorite to capture a third straight crown in 2011 after the Mavericks were the unanimous first-place pick in the preseason NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association poll that was released Thursday.

UNO received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points in the rankings. The Mavericks topped every poll the past two seasons en route to winning back-to-back titles and will be heavily stocked again this year.

St. Cloud State (Minn.), which finished seventh in the national tournament last year, earned the No. 2 rating after collecting seven second-place votes and finishing with 150 points. Augustana (S.D.), last year's national runner-up, is third with 144 points, followed by Nebraska-Kearney and Newberry (S.C.).

Rounding out the top 10 is Western State (Colo.), Minnesota State, Findlay (Ohio), Wisconsin-Parkside and Upper Iowa.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' national tournament finish last year following by the top-eight rankings at each weight:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Year's Finish
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	160	1st
2.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	150	7th
3.	Augustana (S.D.)	144	2nd
4.	Nebraska-Kearney	136	T-3rd
5.	Newberry (S.C.)	121	T-8th
6.	Western State (Colo.)	111	10th
7.	Minnesota State	108	6th
8.	Findlay (Ohio)	88	31st
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	83	5th
10.	Upper Iowa	82	T-3rd
11.	Central Oklahoma	81	15th
T12.	Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	76	19th
T12.	West Liberty (W. Va.)	76	20th
14.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	71	11th
15.	Kutztown (Pa.)	44	16th
16.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	39	25th
17.	Ashland (Ohio)	28	36th
18.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	25	24th
19.	Adams State (Colo.)	24	13th
T20.	Limestone (S.C.)	9	21st
T20.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	9	12th

Others receiving votes: Colorado State-Pueblo, Mercyhurst (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorhead

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125 Pounds

1. Andy Forstner, Minnesota State
2. Kenny Trumbetta, Seton Hill (Pa.)
3. Terrell McKinney, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Russell Weakley, North Carolina-Pembroke
5. Alex Meger, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Trevor Franklin, Upper Iowa
7. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Alex Johns, Indianapolis (Ind.)

133 Pounds

1. Kyle Pedretti, Upper Iowa
2. Michael Magaha, Limestone (S.C.)
3. Todd Wilcox, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
4. Blake Fisher, Newman (Kan.)
5. Matt Oliver, Newberry (S.C.)
6. Ryan Link, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
7. Jan Ulinski, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Jesse Cruz, Western State (Colo.)

141 Pounds

1. Jay Sherer, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Josh Hensley, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Gabe Suarez, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Adam Hluschak, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
6. Jimmy Savada, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Dallas Evans, Seton Hill (Pa.)
8. Naveed Bagheri, San Francisco State (Calif.)

149 Pounds

1. Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
2. T. J. Hepburn, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Nate Herda, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Derek Bomsted, Minnesota State-Moorhead
5. Jeremy Espinoza, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Mitch Arnold, Newman (Kan.)
7. Dan Genetin, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Brock Parker, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)

157 Pounds

1. George Ivanov, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Marcus Edgington, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Dillon Bera, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Sean Byrnes, Newberry (S.C.)
5. Michael Lybarger, Findlay (Ohio)
6. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Kyle Francis, Western State (Colo.)
8. Bryce Givens, Indianapolis (Ind.)

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165 Pounds

1. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
2. Ryan Pankoke, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Victor Carazo, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
4. Tad Merritt, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Matt Gille, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Gavin Nelson, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Mike Williams, North Carolina-Pembroke
8. Justin Grant, Colorado State-Pueblo

174 Pounds

1. Luke Rynish, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Anthony Petrella, Gannon (Pa.)
3. Tim Darling, Kutztown (Pa.)
4. Shamus O'Grady, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Ryan Becerra, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
6. Brandon Kelley, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Ben Becker, Minnesota State
8. Skye Wells, Western State (Colo.)

184 Pounds

1. Bryant Blanton, Newberry (S.C.)
2. Charlie Pipher, Western State (Colo.)
3. Aaron Norgren, Minnesota State
4. Aaron Denson, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Derek Skala, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Brady Anderson, Mary (N.D.)
7. Zach Jimenez, San Francisco State (Calif.)
8. Tanner Keck, Central Oklahoma

197 Pounds

1. Donavan McMahill, Western State (Colo.)
2. Ty Copsey, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Mitch Knapp, West Liberty (W.Va.)
4. Luke McPeck, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Jarrett Edison, Central Oklahoma
6. Austin Boehm, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Shane Nolan, North Carolina-Pembroke
8. Lucas Munkelwitz, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

285 Pounds

1. Elijah Madison, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Jacob Kahnke, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Charlie Alexander, Western State (Colo.)
4. Chris Dempsey, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Matt Meuleners, Northern State (S.D.)
6. Matt Clum, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Patrick Carey, Colorado State-Pueblo
8. Brian Rodas, Southwest Minnesota