

NCAA DIVISION II

WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Two-time defending national champion Nebraska-Omaha remained atop the first regular season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, with the Mavericks the unanimous pick in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association poll that was released Wednesday.

UNO received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points. The Mavericks topped every poll the past two seasons en route to winning back-to-back titles.

St. Cloud State (Minn.) collected 150 points and maintained its No. 2 rating, while Augustana (S.D.) stayed third with 141 points. Western State (Colo.) moved up from sixth to fourth with 137 points and Newberry (S.C.) stayed fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 is Minnesota State, Findlay (Ohio), Nebraska-Kearney, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and Upper Iowa. UPJ made the biggest jump, moving from 14th to ninth, while North Carolina-Pembroke broke into the poll at No. 20.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' preseason ranking following by the top-eight rankings at each weight:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	160	1st
2.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	150	2nd
3.	Augustana (S.D.)	141	3rd
4.	Western State (Colo.)	137	6th
5.	Newberry (S.C.)	130	5th
6.	Minnesota State	118	7th
7.	Findlay (Ohio)	100	8th
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	93	4th
9.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	92	14th
10.	Upper Iowa	91	10th
11.	Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	90	T-12th
12.	Central Oklahoma	73	11th
13.	Wisconsin-Parkside	72	9th
14.	West Liberty (W. Va.)	47	T-12th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	T-20th
16.	Adams State (Colo.)	37	19th
17.	Ashland (Ohio)	36	17th
18.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	26	18th
19.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	19	16th
20.	North Carolina-Pembroke	9	NR

Others receiving votes: Belmont Abbey (N.C.), Colorado State-Pueblo, Gannon (Pa.), Limestone (S.C.), Minnesota State-Moorhead.

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125 Pounds

1. Andy Forstner, Minnesota State
2. Terrell McKinney, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Russell Weakley, North Carolina-Pembroke
4. Trevor Franklin, Upper Iowa
5. Alex Meger, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Kyle O'Brien, Western State (Colo.)
7. Alex Johns, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Ben Sergent, Findlay (Ohio)

133 Pounds

1. Kyle Pedretti, Upper Iowa
2. Todd Wilcox, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
3. Ryan Link, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
4. Aldon Isenberg, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Austin Williams, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. B.J. Young, Newberry (S.C.)
7. Michael Magaha, Limestone (S.C.)
8. Scott Meyer, Ashland (Ohio)

141 Pounds

1. Jay Sherer, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Gabe Suarez, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Adam Hluschak, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
5. Jimmy Savada, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Naveed Bagheri, San Francisco State (Calif.)
7. Matt Irwin, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Kyle Kanaga, Ashland (Ohio)

149 Pounds

1. Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Nate Herda, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Jeremy Espinoza, Findlay (Ohio)
4. Jesse Snider, Colorado Mines
5. Mitchell Means, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Dale Debacko, Newberry (S.C.)
7. David Albrecht, Southwest Minnesota
8. Ethan Swope, Gannon (Pa.)

157 Pounds

1. George Ivanov, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Marcus Edgington, Augustana (S.D.)
3. T.J. Hepburn, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Dillon Bera, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Sean Byrnes, Newberry (S.C.)
6. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Justin Morris, Western State (Colo.)
8. Marshall Giovanni, American International (Mass.)

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165 Pounds

1. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
2. Tad Merritt, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Derrick Adkins, Central Oklahoma
4. Joey Wilson, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Matt Gille, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Jake Varilek, Belmont Abbey (N.C.)
7. Gavin Nelson, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Justin Grant, Colorado State-Pueblo

174 Pounds

1. Luke Rynish, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Anthony Petrella, Gannon (Pa.)
3. Tim Darling, Kutztown (Pa.)
4. Ryan Pankoke, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Shamus O'Grady, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Victor Carazo, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
7. Ben Becker, Minnesota State
8. Mason True, Findlay (Ohio)

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. Ryan Becerra, Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
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. Ben Hohensee, Nebraska-Kearney
5. J.D. Ramsey, West Liberty (W.Va.)
6. Chris Dempsey, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Matt Meuleners, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Brian Rodas, Southwest Minnesota