

NCAA DIVISION II

WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Six-time champion Central Oklahoma is the slight favorite to capture the 2007 NCAA Division II wrestling national championship, according to the preseason poll released Tuesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association.

Only two points separated the top three teams, with the Bronchos earning four of the eight first-place votes and finishing with 152 points to edge out Nebraska-Kearney (151) and Minnesota State-Mankato (150). The Antelopes received three first-place votes and the Mavericks the other first-place nod in the balloting of coaches from around the country.

Three-time defending national champion Nebraska-Omaha was fourth in the rankings, with Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Western State (Colo.), Indianapolis (Ind.), Upper Iowa, Fort Hays State and Augustana (S.D.) rounding out the top 10.

UCO, which won eight NAIA titles from 1979-89 in addition to claiming Division II crowns in 1992-93-94-95-02-03, has No. 1 Kyle Evans (141) leading a list of eight ranked individuals.

UNK, last year's runner-up and the host of this season's national tournament, is led by top-rated Brett Allgood (133) and Tervel Dlagnev (285). MSU-Mankato has seven top-eight individuals, headed by No. 2 Nick Smith (125).

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 preseason poll, with points and last year's national tournament finish:

| Rank | School (State) | Points | Last Year's Finish |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Central Oklahoma | 152 | 4th |
| 2. | Nebraska-Kearney | 151 | 2nd |
| 3. | Minnesota State-Mankato | 150 | 5th |
| 4. | Nebraska-Omaha | 139 | 1st |
| 5. | Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) | 126 | 7th |
| 6. | Western State (Colo.) | 108 | 18th |
| 7. | Indianapolis (Ind.) | 100 | T9th |
| 8. | Upper Iowa | 93 | 16th |
| 9. | Fort Hays State | 87 | 11th |
| 10. | Augustana (S.D.) | 85 | 6th |
| 11. | Mercyhurst (Pa.) | 81 | 14th |
| 12. | West Liberty State (W.Va.) | 74 | 21st |
| 13. | Wisconsin-Parkside | 61 | 13th |
| 14. | Minnesota State-Moorhead | 51 | 12th |
| 15. | Ashland (Ohio) | 50 | 19th |
| 16. | Adams State (Colo.) | 42 | 8th |
| 17. | Findlay (Ohio) | 30 | T9th |
| 18. | Carson-Newman (Tenn.) | 29 | 20th |
| 19. | Anderson (S.C.) | 18 | T31st |
| 20. | Kutztown (Pa.) | 15 | 27th |

Others receiving votes: Chadron State (Neb.), Newberry (S.C.), Northern State (S.D.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State (Mo.).

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125 Pounds

1. Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Nick Smith, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Trevor Charboneau, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Mike Compton, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Shane Caruthers, Central Oklahoma
6. Tyler Mumbulo, Upper Iowa
7. Chris Trampe, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Payne Lint, Mercyhurst (Pa.)

133 Pounds

1. Brett Allgood, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Andy Uhl, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Shane Perkey, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. Brandon Reasey, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Jeff Pfaffinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Jared Henning, Central Oklahoma
7. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
8. Marques Bravo, Western State (Colo.)

141 Pounds

1. Kyle Evans, Central Oklahoma
2. Jeff Rutledge, Nebraska-Kearney
3. J.J. Zanetta, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
4. Chris Freije, Western State (Colo.)
5. Virgil Lockett, San Francisco State (Calif.)
6. Craig Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
7. Efrain Ayala, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. John Gamble, Upper Iowa

149 Pounds

1. Mikel Delk, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
2. Charlie Pingleton, Indianapolis (Ind.)
3. Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Shea Timothy, Central Oklahoma
5. Camille DuPont, Western State (Colo.)
6. Chris Chambers, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Don Cummings, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
8. Matt True, Nebraska-Kearney

157 Pounds

1. Brad Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Tony Guerra, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Austin Scarset, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Cody Humphrey, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
5. Zach Lee, Western State (Colo.)
6. Jason Leavitt, Central Oklahoma
7. Kevin Kalbach, Kutztown (Pa.)
8. Jared Webster, Chadron State (Neb.)

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165 Pounds

1. Nate Baker, Minnesota State-Moorhead
2. Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Albert Miles, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Andy Pickar, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Larry Wilbanks, Western State (Colo.)
6. Blake Peterson, Truman State (Mo.)
7. Kyle Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Evan Copeland, Adams State (Colo.)

174 Pounds

1. J.D. Naig, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Careef Robertson, Anderson (S.C.)
3. Michael Jackson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. Zach Shafer, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
5. Cody Henriksen, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Tom Clark, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
7. Quinn Tolbert, Newberry (S.C.)
8. Jesse Sheets, Central Missouri State

184 Pounds

1. Mike Corcetti, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Mark Murphy, Shippensburg (Pa.)
3. Travis Krinke, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Nate Jones, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
5. Jared Hess, Central Oklahoma
6. Mike Howell, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Phil Bruschuk, Upper Iowa
8. Derek Brunson, North Carolina-Pembroke

197 Pounds

1. Casey Woodall, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Nate Buys, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Chris Taylor, West Liberty (W.Va.)
4. Mike Fowler, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Heath Jolley, Central Oklahoma
6. Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Ryan Phillips, Upper Iowa
8. Kelsey Empting, Nebraska-Kearney

285 Pounds

1. Tervel Dlagnev, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Chris Finn, Central Oklahoma
3. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
4. Jose Navarro, Indianapolis (Ind.)
5. Brian Black, Upper Iowa
6. Charles Saguil, New Mexico Highlands
7. Josh Ohl, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Brady Wilson, Minnesota State-Mankato