

NCAA DIVISION II

WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Kearney took over as the No. 1 team in NCAA Division II wrestling, with the Lopers the near-unanimous pick in the first regular-season poll released by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Thursday.

UNK, last year's national runner-up, shared the No. 1 spot with defending champion Central Oklahoma in the preseason poll before taking the top spot by itself. The Lopers earned seven of the eight first-place votes cast in balloting of coaches from around the country and finished with 158 points.

Minnesota State-Mankato moved up from third to second with 152 points, while the Bronchos dropped to third with 140. Adams State (Colo.) and Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) stayed fourth and fifth, respectively, and rounding out the top 10 was Upper Iowa, Nebraska-Omaha, Western State (Colo.), Newberry (S.C.) and Ashland (Ohio).

The 2008 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be hosted by Upper Iowa on March 14-15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association top 20 poll, with points and their last ranking:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Preseason Ranking
1.	Nebraska-Kearney	158	T1st
2.	Minnesota State-Mankato	152	3rd
3.	Central Oklahoma	140	T1st
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	132	4th
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	128	5th
6.	Upper Iowa	125	6th
7.	Nebraska-Omaha	116	7th
8.	Western State (Colo.)	100	8th
9.	Newberry (S.C.)	87	13th
10.	Ashland (Ohio)	85	12th
11.	Chadron State (Neb.)	79	10th
12.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	77	11th
13.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	69	14th
14.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	52	15th
15.	Limestone (S.C.)	47	17th
16.	Findlay (Ohio)	41	16th
17.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	33	18th
18.	Central Missouri	20	NR
19.	Wisconsin-Parkside	17	9th
T20.	Gannon (Pa.)	8	NR
T20.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	8	NR

Others receiving votes: Augustana (S.D.), Northern State (S.D.), Truman State (Mo.), San Francisco State.

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125 Pounds

1. Tyler Zukerman, Central Oklahoma
2. Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Derrek Bosso, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Chris Neidermeier, Belmont-Abbey (N.C.)
5. Tyler Mumbulo, Upper Iowa
6. Nick Smith, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Joe Morrison, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Eddie Lopez, Western State (Colo.)

133 Pounds

1. Shane Perkey, Indianapolis (Ind.)
2. Brandon Reasy, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Craig DeGreef, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Andrew Young, Newberry (S.C.)
6. Matt Mossor, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Jacob Pederson, Upper Iowa
8. Kelly Janke, Minnesota State-Moorhead

141 Pounds

1. Kyle Evans, Central Oklahoma
2. Steven Fittery, Shippensburg (Pa.)
3. Doug Surra, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Jeff Rutledge, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Joey Deaguero, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Yasiim Bribieseca, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Travis Elg, Minnesota State-Mankato

149 Pounds

1. Mike Rogers, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Camille DuPont, Western State (Colo.)
3. Tee Adams, Upper Iowa
4. Latra Collick, Newberry (S.C.)
5. Marcus Gordon, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Shane Walton, Minnesota State-Moorhead
7. Colby Robinson, Central Oklahoma
8. Ryan Etherton, Nebraska-Kearney

157 Pounds

1. Tony Guerra, Findlay (Ohio)
2. Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Michael Horton, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. Jason Leavitt, Central Oklahoma
5. Joe Ellenberger, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Andy Lamancusa, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
7. Travis Eggers, Upper Iowa
8. Danny Grater, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

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165 Pounds

1. Brett Hunter, Chadron State (Neb.)
2. Andy Pickar, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Zach Lee, Western State (Colo.)
4. Taylor May, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Mitch Norton, Upper Iowa
6. Matt Bailes, Central Missouri
7. Blake Peterson, Truman State (Mo.)
8. Alonzo Azumendi, Newberry (S.C.)

174 Pounds

1. Larry Wilbanks, Western State (Colo.)
2. Justin Ferguson, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Tyler Tubbs, Minnesota State-Moorhead
4. Tim Matheson, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Tommy McCarty, Central Oklahoma
6. Albert Miles, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Brady Hakeman, Upper Iowa
8. Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha

184 Pounds

1. Jared Deaguero, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Austin Boehm, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Mike Corcetti, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Heath Jolley, Central Oklahoma
5. Jeremy Hudson, Central Missouri
6. Brad Padgett, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Dan Scanlan, Limestone (S.C.)
8. Cale Corneman, Northern State (S.D.)

197 Pounds

1. Josh Majerus, Chadron State (Neb.)
2. Kelsey Empting, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Kelly Anundson, Newberry (S.C.)
4. Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Josh Ohl, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Dan Stevenson, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Matt Nelson, Minnesota State-Moorhead
8. Peter Grodziak, Shippensburg (Pa.)

285 Pounds

1. Tervel Dlagnev, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Travis Clark, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Brady Wilson, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Dan Goodson, Upper Iowa
5. Cy Wainwright, Newberry (S.C.)
6. Trey Moss, Limestone (S.C.)
7. Jesse Laber, Mary (N.D.)
8. Tony Lewis, Nebraska-Omaha