

DIVISION II NCAA

Nebraska-Omaha Repeats

By John Johnson

Guided by head coach Mike Denney, the University of Nebraska-Omaha crowned three individual national champions in front of their home crowd at the Lee and Helene Sapp Fieldhouse helping the UNO Mavericks claim their second-consecutive team title at the 2005 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships.

This national tournament was exciting as the tournament was not determined until the finals as UNO edged Augustana by eight points for the team title with 109.5 points, followed by Augustana with 101 points. Augustana won their regional that included UNO and Mankato State, a tough regional when you consider the top three at the regional went one, two, three at the Division II tournament. Entering the tournament it looked like a real battle between Augustana, UNO, and Mankato State. Augustana had a four-point lead over UNO entering the morning's third session, and heading into the finals Augustana had three finalists, UNO four, and Mankato had two. The key to UNO's title was the ability of the Maverick's to win 10 of 12 matches on the final day to secure the victory. Minnesota State, Mankato, lost both of their finals matches and finished third with 77.5 points, fourth went to Pittsburgh-Johnstown with 73.5 points and Findlay finished in the top five with 65.0 points.

UNO's sophomores 157 pound Patrick Allibone, 165 pound J.D. Naig, and junior Les Sigman (285) all won national championships. Sigman won his third straight national championship.

2005 NCAA Division II Team Scores

Nebraska-Omaha	109.5
Augustana, SD	101
St. Mankato, MN	77.5
Pitt-Johnstown	73.5
Findlay	65
Nebraska-Kearney	54.5
UNC Pembroke	52.5
Shippensburg	51.5
Mercyhurst	48.5
Adams State	45.5
Central Oklahoma	35.5
San Francisco State	35.5
Ashland	34
Central Missouri	33
Indianapolis	32.5
St. Moorehead, MN	24
Anderson	19
Gannon	18
Colorado Mines	17
Western State	15.5



Aaron Graumann
125-Augustana



Andy Uhl
133-Findlay



Thad Benton
141-Pitt-Johnstown



Pacifico Garcia
149-San Fran State



Patrick Allibone
157-Nebraska-Omaha



Jeremiah Naig
165-Nebraska-Omaha



Careef Robertson
174-Anderson



Tom Meester
184-Augustana



Corey Jacoby
197-Shippensburg



Les Sigman
Hwt-Nebraska-Omaha