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Dutch wrestling squad up to No. 14 in Division III rankings

PELLA — The first National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division III rankings of 2019 saw the Central College wrestling team leap frog up to No. 12

At 197 pounds, sophomore **Gavin Babcock (Altoona, Southeast Polk HS)** cracked the top-10 for the first time in his career, coming in at No. 8.

Babcock (16-2) has won 10 of his matches by fall this season, nine of them coming in the first period. One of his two losses came against No. 6 Beau Yineman from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Elsewhere in the American Rivers Conference, Wartburg College is No. 3, Loras College is No. 8 and Coe College is No. 10. In total, 15 wrestlers from the league are ranked in the top-10 of their weight class.

Central returns to action on January 15 with a dual against at Loras College in Dubuque on January 15 at 7 p.m.