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Manheim, Pennsylvania - Penn State extended its win streak to 55 duals in a row and knocked Michigan from the ranks of the unbeaten in front of 15,703 fans at the Bryce Jordan Center on Friday and remained the top-ranked team in the nation as the NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches Poll was released on Tuesday.

The Nittany Lions improved to 10-0, while the loss left Michigan at 9-1. The Wolverines stayed at No. 4 this week despite the loss. Things won't get easier for the Nittany Lions as they head to Columbus this weekend for a showdown with sixth-ranked Ohio State (9-1).

Along with Penn State, second-ranked Oklahoma State, third-ranked Iowa, fifth-ranked Missouri and unranked Campbell are the lone Division I schools left with unblemished dual meet records this season. Oklahoma State improved to 12-0 with home wins over then-No. 16 Northern Iowa 24-9 and No. 22 Lehigh 27-6. Iowa improved to 11-0 after heading west to defeat No. 9 Nebraska 20-13 in Lincoln.

Ohio State rebounded from its loss to Michigan two weeks ago to beat Northwestern 27-15 and then-No. 21 Illinois 23-14. Also in the Big Ten, Minnesota improved to 12-2 after taking seven of 10 bouts against then-No. 19 Purdue on Sunday.

NC State (14-2) remained No. 8 after a 23-17 win in the ACC against No. 23 Virginia. Prior to falling to Iowa, Nebraska picked up a Big Ten road victory at No. 18 Rutgers 31-9. No. 10 Cornell beat No. 24 Lock Haven 32-9.

Wyoming split a pair of weekend matches against California schools. The Cowboys (13-4) were stunned 21-12 by unranked Fresno State before recovering to top CSU Bakersfield 25-6. Wyoming slid two spots to No. 13 this week, jumped by Virginia Tech and Iowa State. Then-No. 12 Virginia Tech pounded Duke 40-3, while then-No. 14 Iowa State beat South Dakota State and Utah Valley by a combined 100-0. The Cyclones (9-2) beat the Jackrabbits 47-0 on Friday, then smashed the Wolverines 53-0 on Sunday. The No. 12 ranking for Iowa State is the program's highest since January 18, 2011, when the Cyclones

checked in at NO. 12.

Wisconsin (7-5) slid up one spot to No. 14 after a weekend win over Maryland, while North Carolina (10-5) moved up two spots, beating Bucknell and surprising No. 13 Pittsburgh 19-16 thanks to heavyweight Cory Daniel’s improbable come-from-behind victory at heavyweight over Demetrius Thomas.

No. 18 Rutgers picked up one weekend win, a 19-18 thriller over No. 20 Princeton in front of over 5,000 fans. The highlight of the dual came at 149 pounds where No. 2 Anthony Ashnault of Rutgers majored top-ranked Matthew Kolodzik of Princeton 10-2. Christian Colucci’s major decision at heavyweight provided the final points needed for Rutgers to win the battle of New Jersey institutions. Princeton picked up two Ivy League wins a day prior to improve to 6-5 and No. 19, a program high, this week. No. 22 Lehigh left the state of Oklahoma with one win, beating Oklahoma 28-3. No. 23 Lock Haven bounced Edinboro 30-10 and a late throw by Gabe Townsell at 125 pounds provided the late-match heroics to give No. 25 Stanford a 21-16 win over Arizona State in the Pac-12.

The NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches Poll is voted on by two coaches from each Division I wrestling conference. Each first-place vote is worth 25 points, 24 points for a second-place vote, 23 for a third-place vote and so on through to one point for a 25th-place vote.

NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches Poll – February 5, 2019

Rank	Team (First)	Record	Points	Conference	Previous
1	Penn State (16)	10-0	400	Big Ten	1
2	Oklahoma State	12-0	383	Big 12	2
3	Iowa	11-0	364	Big Ten	3
4	Michigan	9-1	351	Big Ten	4
5	Missouri	14-0	340	MAC	5
6	Ohio State	9-1	322	Big Ten	6
7	Minnesota	12-2	301	Big Ten	7
8	NC State	14-2	285	ACC	8
9	Nebraska	10-4	269	Big Ten	9
10	Cornell	9-2	258	EIWA	10
11	Virginia Tech	8-2	239	ACC	12
12	Iowa State	9-2	219	Big 12	14
13	Wisconsin	7-5	198	Big 10	14
14	North Carolina	10-5	197	ACC	15
15	Pittsburgh	19-16	196	ACC	13
16	Stanford	21-16	195	Pac-12	25
17	Arizona State	16-10	194	Pac-12	25
18	Rutgers	19-18	193	Big Ten	18
19	Princeton	6-5	192	Ivy League	20
20	Lehigh	6-5	191	Ivy League	22
21	Oklahoma	28-3	190	Big 12	22
22	Lock Haven	30-10	189	Big Ten	23
23	Edinboro	30-10	188	Big Ten	23
24	Arizona State	16-10	187	Pac-12	25
25	Stanford	21-16	186	Pac-12	25

13	Wyoming	13-4	189	Big 12	11
14	Wisconsin	7-5	184	Big Ten	15
15	North Carolina	10-5	172	ACC	17
16	Pittsburgh	8-3	171	ACC	13
17	Northern Iowa	5-5	161	Big 12	16
18	Rutgers	9-5	140	Big Ten	18
19	Princeton	6-5	104	EIWA	20
20	Purdue	5-7	83	Big Ten	19
21	Lehigh	7-9	69	EIWA	22
22	Illinois	2-6	56	Big Ten	21
23	Virginia	11-8	46	ACC	23
24	Lock Haven	6-3	34	EWL	24
25	Stanford	7-1	33	Pac-12	25

Others Receiving Votes: Fresno State 11, Campbell 6, Arizona State 5, Army West Point 4, Navy 1

Dropped Out: None

2018-19 NWCA DIVISION I WRESTLING COACHES POLL RELEASE SCHEDULE			
November	December	January	February
6	4	1	5
13	11	8	12
20	18	15	19
27		22	26
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