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NWCA Rankings

<https://www.ncaa.com/rankings/wrestling/d1/nwca-coaches>

InterMat Rankings

<https://intermatwrestle.com/rankings/college>

Takedowns

- Four ACC teams remain ranked among the top 15 of the latest NWCA Preseason Poll released Tuesday with NC State at No. 5, followed by No.8 Virginia Tech, No. 14 North Carolina and No. 15 Pitt.
- The ACC also has four teams ranked in the latest InterMat dual meet rankings, including two among the top 10 (No. 5 NC State and No. 10 Virginia Tech), along with No. 15 North Carolina and No. 19 Pitt
- Individually, nine ACC wrestlers are nationally ranked in the top five of their respective weight classes by InterMat, including 2021 NCAA 149-pound Champion Austin O'Connor who is currently ranked No. 2 in the 157-pound weight class.
- Additionally, Pitt's Nino Bonaccorsi (197) is also ranked No. 2 nationally, while NC State's Tariq Wilson (149) and Trent Hidlay (184) are ranked third. Pitt's Jake Wentzel (165) and Virginia Tech's Korbin Myers (133) Mekhi Lewis (174) are ranked fourth, and Pitt's Micky Phillippi (133) and NC State's Hayden Hidlay (174) are ranked fifth. Lewis won a 2019 individual NCAA title at the 165-pound weight class. Overall, a total of 41 ACC wrestlers hold top-33 weight class rankings entering the second week of the 2021-22 season.
- Duke's Matt Finesilver has worked his way back from a torn ACL suffered just before the 2019-20 season began. Seeing his first Duke action in two years, he opened this season by taking the gold medal at 174 pounds in both the Battle at The Citadel and the Appalachian State Mountaineer Invitational. He is currently ranked seventh in his weight class by InterMat.
- Forty-three ACC wrestlers are ranked among the nation's top 33 in their respective weight classes by InterMat, including 14 among the top 10.
- NC State has now been ranked in the top-10 in the NWCA Coaches Poll 85 straight times, dating back to the early portion of the 2015-16 season. NC State has posted a top-10 finish in the final poll each of the last six seasons: No. 7 last year with a 7-1 dual record, No. 3 in 2020, No. 10 in 2019, No. 6 in 2018, No. 7 in 2017 and No. 2 in 2016.
- This week's action includes No. 14 North Carolina at No. 10 Nebraska on Wednesday night, while Virginia Tech plays host to No. 9 Ohio State on Friday evening.



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