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## Big Ten powers remain undefeated and atop nation's Top 25

**Manheim, Pennsylvania** - The top three teams in the nation are a combined 25-0 this season in dual meets and all three are from the Big Ten. Penn State (8-0), Iowa (10-0) and Michigan (7-0) came in 1-2-3 in the most recent NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches Poll released on Tuesday.

With Penn State idle, Iowa topped then-No. 11 Northwestern 27-9 at sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Michigan beat a pair of ranked teams, winning 25-10 in front of a nearly 5,000 fans at then-No. 21 Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse on Friday and then topping then-No. 14 Wisconsin 27-6.

It also sets the stage for a gigantic No. 1 Penn State vs. No. 3 Michigan matchup this coming Friday in University Park at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Iowa State (10-2) headed West to top host Utah Valley 31-9 and NC State wrapped up its non-conference schedule at 10-0 with a 30-6 win over visiting Army West Point. Cornell topped rival Lehigh 18-15 in one of the most storied rivalries in the EIWA. Ohio State remained seventh after beating visiting Rutgers 27-12 at the Covelli Center. Arizona State dropped a 24-12 home dual to visiting Princeton. The Sun Devils (2-3) dropped two spots to No. 10 this week. Virginia Tech (6-2) moved up a spot to No. 8 after a 23-11 win at then-No. 22 Appalachian State. Missouri (6-2) moved up a spot after a Western swing that saw the Tigers top Air Force 35-9 and Wyoming 28-10.

Nebraska (6-2) was the biggest mover within the rankings this week. The Huskers moved to No. 11 after wins over then-No. 11 Northwestern 21-15 and then-No. 12 Minnesota 21-9. The Big Ten also saw a new team enter the rankings this week. Indiana (6-1) opened the week with a win over then-No. 23 Maryland on criteria and followed with a 24-16 win over then-No. 18 Rutgers. Indiana comes into the rankings this week tied for No. 21 and the Hoosiers are ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since February 2016.

### **This Week**

**Friday:** No. 3 Michigan is at No. 1 Penn State in the week's biggest dual and the Nittany Lions will do it at the Bryce Jordan Center, which holds the attendance record for a single dual meet across indoor facilities. No. 11 Nebraska will head to Carver-Hawkeye Arena and take on second-ranked Iowa. The Hawkeyes have drawn over 14,000 fans for each of their home duals already this season after selling out all of last season. Fifth-ranked NC State will head to Blacksburg and take on eighth-ranked Virginia Tech in the ACC's fiercest rivalry. Seventh-ranked Ohio State heads to Maryland and No. 10 Arizona State heads to Cal Poly.

**Saturday:** Sixth-ranked Cornell will head through New England to face Harvard and Brown. No. 19 Lehigh will head to Annapolis to take on Navy, while No. 17 North Dakota State will host Wyoming.

**Sunday:** No. 20 Michigan State heads to Happy Valley to take on top-ranked Penn State, Wyoming finishes its swing through the Dakotas with a stop at No. 18 South Dakota State. Maryland is at No. 25 Illinois, Purdue is at No. 13 Minnesota, No. 3 Michigan is at No. 24 Rutgers, Utah Valley is at No. 17 North Dakota State, No. 23 West Virginia is at No. 12 Oklahoma State, No. 2 Iowa is at No. 16 Wisconsin and No. 10 Arizona State is at Stanford.

**Methodology:** 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. The poll is based on dual meet results.

### **NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches Poll**

**January 17, 2023**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team (First)</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Conf.</b>	<b>Previous</b>
1	Penn State	(8-0)	349	Big Ten	1
2	Iowa	(10-0)	336	Big Ten	2
3	Michigan	(7-0)	315	Big Ten	3 (tie)
4	Iowa State	(10-2)	307	Big 12	3 (tie)
5	NC State	(10-0)	302	ACC	5
6	Cornell	(5-2)	273	EIWA	6
7	Ohio State	(8-1)	272	Big Ten	7
8	Virginia Tech	(6-2)	249	ACC	9
9	Missouri	(6-2)	240	Big 12	10
10	Arizona State	(2-3)	199	Pac-12	8
11	Nebraska	(6-2)	194	Big Ten	16
12	Oklahoma State	(6-1)	188	Big 12	13
13	Minnesota	(8-2)	185	Big Ten	12
14	Northwestern	(2-2)	173	Big Ten	11
15	Northern Iowa	(4-2)	166	Big 12	15
16	Wisconsin	(6-4)	144	Big Ten	14
17	North Dakota State	(6-2)	128	Big 12	17
18	South Dakota State	(7-2)	102	Big 12	19
19	Lehigh	(5-6)	90	EIWA	20
20	Michigan State	(7-2)	60	Big Ten	21
21 (tie)	Appalachian State	(5-2)	43	SoCon	22
21 (tie)	Indiana	(6-1)	43	Big Ten	NR
23	West Virginia	(7-1)	40	Big 12	24
24	Rutgers	(8-3)	35	Big Ten	18
25	Illinois	(4-3)	33	Big Ten	25 (tie)

**Dropped Out:** No. 23 Maryland (8-2), No. 25 (tie) Pittsburgh (6-2).

**Others Receiving Votes:** Pittsburgh 31, Maryland 16, Oregon State 12, Stanford 11, North Carolina 7, Penn 4, Northern Colorado 2, Princeton 1.

#### **Coaches Poll Publication Dates**

Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21

#### **Mid-Major Poll Publication Dates**

Jan. 13, Feb. 3, March 1

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