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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference will start its 2023-24 wrestling season with four teams ranked in the top 25 in the first 2023-24 NWCA Division I Coaches Poll, announced today. NC State leads the way at No. 3, ahead of Virginia Tech at No. 5, Pittsburgh at No. 16, and North Carolina at No. 25.

The Wolfpack claimed their fifth consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference Wrestling Championship, ending last season at 14-1. With the conference championship title, NC State became only the second wrestling program to capture at least five consecutive ACC titles and the first since former conference member Maryland won 20 in a row from 1954 through 1973.

Last year's league wrestling championship was the 20th overall for NC State, the most among current ACC programs, and the sixth overall under current head coach Pat Popolizio.

Virginia Tech, who placed second last year at the ACC Championship, went 10-3 overall in dual meet action a year ago and finished 10th overall in the final 2022-23 rankings.

Pitt and North Carolina finished third and fourth, respectively, at the 2023 ACC Wrestling Championship, as the Panthers finished the season ranked No. 15 overall last year.

North Carolina is under the direction of new head coach Rob Koll, a 1988 national champion wrestler at the University of North Carolina who has coached for 30 seasons at the collegiate level.

