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Manheim, Pennsylvania – One dual meet and one personnel change created the most movement in the most recent NWCA Division I Men's Wrestling Coaches Poll released on Tuesday.

No. 7 Virginia Tech's 23-10 win over then-No. 8 Missouri was the lone Top 10 dual of last week. The loss caused Missouri to slip one spot to No. 9 this week. The Hokies (2-0) stayed put.

The return of two-time NCAA champion and Tokyo Olympic champion Gable Steveson to the Minnesota lineup this coming week buoyed the Gophers to No. 10, up two spots. Steveson's return could be as soon as Sunday when Minnesota (1-0) hosts Campbell. On the mat, the Gophers beat Bucknell 35-3 to open the dual meet portion of the schedule.

Top-ranked Penn State (1-0) opened its dual season with a 41-3 home win against Drexel, giving the Nittany Lions their 56th consecutive dual meet victory. The streak currently stands as the 13th

best all-time in college history and among major college divisions, ranks sixth. Penn State's longest win streak in school history came from 2015-2019 with 60 dual wins in a row.

The David Taylor era at Oklahoma State opened up with a trip out west. The Cowboys (2-0) opened up with a 38-6 win over Utah Valley before taking down No. 24 Oregon State 36-3.

Nebraska (3-0) picked up a pair of wins in North Carolina. The Huskers defeated Campbell 40-6 before heading up the road to Chapel Hill and dispatching No. 25 North Carolina 34-3.

Ohio State (2-0) opened with a pair of home wins. The Buckeyes beat Chattanooga 36-6 and Edinboro 40-4.

Fifth-ranked NC State (4-0) was strong with three wins on the week. The Wolfpack first beat Appalachian State 34-12 before besting No. 17 Rutgers 23-14 and Princeton 34-6 at the Journeymen Jersey Jostle in Toms River, New Jersey on Sunday.

Michigan, which jumped over Missouri into the eighth spot this week, opened up the home schedule with a 28-9 win over Columbia.

Elsewhere in the Top 25, then-No. 11 Iowa State beat Navy 29-9, No. 13 South Dakota State blanked Division II Augustana (S.D.) 49-0, No. 15 Stanford beat Cal Poly 33-12 outdoors in what's now a non-conference dual. No. 17 Rutgers picked up a win against LIU at the Jersey Jostle, No. 18 Lehigh beat Morgan State 37-7 and No. 19 West Virginia beat Rider 31-9.

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 Men's Wrestling Coaches Poll November 19, 2024

Rank	Team (First)	Record	Points	Conf.	Previous
1	Penn State	(1-0)	400	Big Ten	1
2	Iowa	(3-0)	382	Big Ten	2
3	Oklahoma State	(2-0)	361	Big 12	3
4	Nebraska	(3-0)	354	Big Ten	4
5	Ohio State	(2-0)	337	Big Ten	5
6	NC State	(4-0)	320	ACC	6
7	Virginia Tech	(2-0)	306	ACC	7
8	Michigan	(1-0)	265	Big Ten	9
9	Missouri	(1-1)	250	Big 12	8
10	Minnesota	(1-0)	241	Big Ten	12
11	Cornell	(0-0)	239	Ivy League	10
12	Iowa State	(1-1)	223	Big 12	11

13	South Dakota State	(1-0)	216	Big 12	13
14	Northern Iowa	(0-0)	197	Big 12	14
15	Stanford	(4-1)	176	ACC	14
16	Illinois	(3-0)	172	Big Ten	16
17	Rutgers	(3-1)	147	Big Ten	17
18	Lehigh	(1-0)	133	EIWA	18
19	West Virginia	(2-0)	122	Big 12	19
20	Little Rock	(2-0)	84	Pac-12	20
21	Pittsburgh	(1-0)	58	ACC	23
22	Oklahoma	(1-0)	56	Big 12	21
23	Arizona State	(1-1)	47	Big 12	22
24	Oregon State	(1-2)	33	Pac-12	24
25	North Carolina	(2-1)	27	ACC	25

Others Receiving Votes: Wyoming 12, Indiana 11, Northern Colorado 10, Army West Point 8, Maryland 7, Penn 5, Cal Poly 1

NWCA Division I Men's Wrestling Coaches Poll Publication Dates

Nov. 26

Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Dec. 23 (MONDAY RELEASE)

Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28

Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25

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Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26

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