DIVISION II WRESTLING POLL

EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State stayed atop the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll Wednesday, receiving seven of the 12 first-place votes possible to top defending champion Central Oklahoma.

The Bison, runners-up behind UCO last year, finished with 235 points in the balloting of 12 coaches from around the nation, just two points ahead of the second-place Bronchos, who received the other five first-place votes.

Adams State, NAIA runners-up last year, was third with 196 points, followed by Southern Colorado in fourth and Portland State (Ore.) in fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is North Dakota, 1991 champion Nebraska-Omaha, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Ashland (Ohio) and Ferris State (Mich.)

The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and previous ranking.

Rank	School (State)	Points	Previous Ranking
1.	North Dakota State	235 (7)	1
2.	Central Oklahoma	233 (5)	2
3.	Adams State (Colo.)	196	3
	Southern Colorado	185	6
5.	Portland State (Ore.)	177	5
	North Dakota	173	7
7.	Nebraska-Omaha	164	8
	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	147	11
9.	Ashland (Ohio)	130	13
10.	Ferris State (Mich.)	122	10
11(tie)		117	9
	Northern Colorado	117	4
13.	South Dakota State	109	12
14.	Mankato State (Minn.)	74	20
15.		65	18
16.	Wisconsin-Parkside	55	15
		42	16
18(tie)	San Francisco State	25	17
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Cheyney State (Pa.)	25	14
20.	Southern Connecticut	22	Not ranked

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, Kutztown (Pa.), Minnesota-Duluth, Northeast Missouri, Norfolk State (Va.), Pembroke State (N.C.), Springfield (Mass.), Western State (Colo.).

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS -- Here are the rankings of the top eight individuals at each weight for NCAA Division II wrestling:

118 Pounds

- 1. Randy Zellner, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Jacoby Simmons, Cheyney (Pa.)
- 3. Adrian Simmons, North Dakota
- 4. Larry Hohman, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 5. Brian Kapusta, North Dakota State
- 6. Mike Ward, Lake Superior State (Mich.)
- 7. Miles Van Hee, Western State (Colo.)
- 8. Sam Parker, Pembroke State (N.C.)

126 Pounds

- 1. Mike Pankratz, South Dakota State
- 2. Mannie Garcia, Southern Colorado
- 3. Buddy Gomez, Adams State (Colo.)
- 4. Jeff Sill, Nebraksa-Omaha
- 5. Travis Moman, Central Oklahoma
- 6. Chris Guillot, Nebraska-Kearney
- 7. Mike Pimental, Springfield (Mass.)
- 8. Ed Felt, Grand Valley State (Mich.)

134 Pounds

- 1. Lloyd Wurm, North Dakota State
- 2. Glen Franks, Colorado School of Mines
- 3. Mike Keim, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Marc Bauer, Nebraska-Omaha
- 5. Herb Pinkeny, Ashland (Ohio)
- 6. Pat Kelley, Springfield (Mass.)
- 7. Ron McClure, Minnesota-Duluth
- 8. Chuck Cinco, South Dakota State

142 Pounds

- 1. James Sissons, Portland State (Ore.)
- 2. Brent Loken, Augustana (S.D.)
- 3. Todd Drake, Central Oklahoma
 4. Dan Willis, Pembroke State (N.C.)
- 5. Chris Barone, Kutztown (Pa.)
- 6. Steve Costanzo, Nebraska-Omaha
- 7. Tommy Trijillo, Adams State (Colo.)
- 8. Lynn McChesney, North Dakota

150 Pounds

- 1. Ali Amiri-Eliasi, Nebraska-Kearney
- 2. Jim Gale, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 3. Gene Hannemann, Southern Connecticut
- 4. Troy Keith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 5. Joel Vettle, North Dakota State
- 6. Todd Livengood, Ashland (Ohio)
- 7. Chance Skidgel, Central Oklahoma
- 8. Jess Wilder, Pembroke State (N.C.)

158 Pounds

- 1. Kendall Southerland, Cheyney (Pa.)
- 2. Jeff Ersland, North Dakota State
- 3. Kris Lengenfelder, North Dakota
- 4. Wes White, Central Oklahoma
- 5. Aaron Casetta, Adams State (Colo.)
- 6. Kory Hughes, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 7. Tim Wishard, South Dakota State
- 8. Jason Reeves, Southern Colorado

167 Pounds

- 1. Lance Koenig, North Dakota State
- 2. Dan Hutchinson, Ferris State (Mich.)
- 3. Keith Cunningham, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Jason Skapyak, North Dakota
- 5. Troy Brockman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 6. Robert Gray, San Francisco State
- 7. John Hollman, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 8. Clint Pipher, Southern Colorado

177 Pounds

- 1. Dave Surofchek, Ferris State (Mich.)
- 2. Dan Radik, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Gregg Nelson, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 4. Mike Liberknight, Northern Colorado
- 5. Keith Spataro, San Francisco State
- 6. Justin Blasius, South Dakota State
- 7. Scott Milliken, Springfield (Mass.)
- 8. Irving Ward, Northeast Missouri

190 Pounds

- 1. Brian Loeffler, South Dakota State
- 2. Pat Kelly, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Cole Lucier, North Dakota
- 4. Larry Kaufman, Ashland (Ohio)
- 5. Cezar Sharbono, Pembroke State (N.C.)
- 6. Simon Kiefer, San Francisco State
- 7. Jared Kuleck, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 8. Andy McNeff, Nebraska-Kearney

<u>Heavyweight</u>

- 1. Jason Bingamon, Lake Superior State (Mich.)
- 2. Tim Tekautz, North Dakota State
- 3. John Welsh, Nebraska-Kearney
- 4. Lee Pulse, Augustana (S.D.)
- 5. Jim Bezotte, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 6. Tyrone Davis, Southern Connecticut
- 7. Mark Sanders, Portland State (Ore.)
- 8. Dick Genadek, Minnesota-Duluth



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TO: Sports Desk

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma Sports Information

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993

RE: NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20

BRONCHOS TAKE OVER NO. 1 RANKING: EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending champion Central Oklahoma took over the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll Wednesday, receiving 11 of the 12 first-place votes possible to replace previously top-ranked North Dakota State.

The Bronchos, whose only two losses in a 6-2 season have been to NCAA I powers Iowa and North Carolina State, finished with 239 points in the balloting of 12 coaches from around the nation. The Bison, runners-up behind UCO last year, had the other first-place vote and 218 points in falling to second after dropping a 23-18 decision to Nebraska-Omaha last week.

Adams State was third with 209 points and the Mavericks, whom UCO defeated 28-11 earlier this season, were fourth with 207 points. Rounding out the top 10 was North Dakota, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Portland State (Ore.), Ashland (Ohio), Southern Colorado and Ferris State (Mich.).

The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and previous ranking.

Rank	School (State)	Points	Previous Ranking
1.	Central Oklahoma	239 (11)	2
2.	North Dakota State	218 (1)	1
3.	Adams State (Colo.)	209 ` ´	3
	Nebraska-Omaha	207	7
5.	North Dakota	179	6
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	178	8
	Portland State (Ore.)	158	5
8.	Ashland (Ohio)	138	9
9.	Southern Colorado	133	4
10.	Ferris State (Mich.)	130	10
	Nebraska-Kearney	121	11
12.	South Dakota State	119	13
13.	Mankato State (Minn.)	109	14
14.	Northern Colorado	86	11
15.	Wisconsin-Parkside	60	16
16.	Lake Superior State (Mich.)	48	15
17.	Southern Connecticut	47	20
18.	Augustana (S.D.)	24	17
19.	San Francisco State	23	18
20.	Kutztown (Pa.)	18	Not ranked

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Cheyney (Pa.), Colorado School of Mines, Minnesota-Duluth, Northeast Missouri, Norfolk State (Va.), Pembroke State (N.C.), Springfield (Mass.), Western State (Colo.).



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TO: Sports Desk

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma Sports Information

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 11, 1993

RE: NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20

BRONCHOS MAINTAIN NO. 1 RANKING: EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending champion Central Oklahoma maintained the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll Thursday, receiving all 12 first-place votes possible to become the first unanimous pick of the season.

The Bronchos, who finished 7-4 in duals with losses to NCAA I powers Iowa, Oklahoma, North Carolina State and Missouri, collected 240 points in the balloting of 12 coaches from around the nation. Nebraska-Omaha, which fell to UCO 28-11 on Jan. 7, moved from fourth to second with 221 points, while North Dakota State was third with 217 points.

Adams State (Colo.) was fourth with 183 points, one point ahead of Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.). Mankato State (Minn.) made the biggest jump in the rankings, moving from 13th to No. 7 after upsetting North Dakota State 24-20.

The NCAA Division II National Championships are set for March 5-6 in Brookings, S.D.

The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and previous ranking.

Rank	School (State)	Points	Previous Ranking
1.	Central Oklahoma	240 (12)	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	221	4
3.	North Dakota State	217	2
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	183	3
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	182	6
6.	North Dakota	172	5
7.	Mankato State (Minn.)	156	13
8.	Ferris State (Mich.)	149	10
9.	Portland State (Ore.)	132	7
10.	South Dakota State	127	12
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	120	8
(tie)	Nebraska-Kearney	120	11
13.	Southern Colorado	99	9
14.	Northern Colorado	98	14
15.	Wisconsin-Parkside	65	15
16.	Lake Superior State (Mich.)	59	16
17.	Southern Connecticut	53	17
18.	Colorado School of Mines	23	Not ranked
(tie)	Kutztown (Pa.)	23	20
20.	San Francisco State	18	19

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Augustana (S.D.), Cheyney (Pa.), Minnesota-Duluth, Northeast Missouri, Pembroke State (N.C.), Springfield (Mass.), Western State (Colo.).



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TO: Sports Desk

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma Sports Information

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993

RE: NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20

BRONCHOS MAINTAIN NO. 1 RANKING: EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending champion Central Oklahoma will take the No. 1 ranking into next week's NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships after the Bronchos received all 12 first-place votes in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll Thursday.

UCO, which won its fourth straight Midwest Regional title last week, collected 240 points in the balloting of 12 coaches from around the nation as the unanimous No. 1 pick. North Dakota State moved past Nebraska-Omaha in second place after edging the Mavericks in last week's North Central Conference Tournament.

Adams State (Colo.) and Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) stayed 4-5 in the poll, followed by Nebraska-Kearney, North Dakota, Ashland (Ohio), Southern Colorado and Ferris State (Mich.).

The Bronchos have the most national qualifiers with nine, while NDSU, UNO and Adams State each have seven. Five of UCO's nine wrestlers are ranked in the top two -- 118 Randy Zellner (1), 134 Mike Keim (2), 142 Todd Drake (2), 158 Wes White (1) and 167 Keith Cunningham (2).

The 31st Annual NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships are set for March 5-6 in Brookings, S.D.

The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and previous ranking.

Rank	School (State)	Points	Previous Ranking
1.	Central Oklahoma	240 (12)	1
2.	North Dakota State	223	3
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	219	2
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	189	4
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	165	5
6.	Nebraska-Kearney	162	11
7.	North Dakota	159	6
8.	Ashland (Ohio)	146	11
9.	Southern Colorado	140	13
10.	Ferris State (Mich.)	137	8
11.	Mankato State (Minn.)	126	7
12.	Northern Colorado	99	14
13.		81	15
14.		80	10
	Southern Connecticut	76	17
16.		64	20
17.	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	63	9
18.			Not Ranked
19.	*	37	16
20.	Augustana	24	Not Ranked
	Others receiving votes (listed	alphahetic	ally). Colorado

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Colorado School of Mines, Kutztown (Pa.), Minnesota-Duluth, Norfolk State (Va.), Pembroke State (N.C.), Western State (Colo.).