TO: Sports Department

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma SID

RE: NCAA Division II Wrestling Rankings

EDMOND, Okla. -- Three-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma is the unanimous pick to make it four in a row in 1994-95 as the Bronchos hold down the No. 1 ranking in the pre-season NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

UCO gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with 200 points. The Bronchos, who won their 11th overall national wrestling title by a 61.75-point margin over Mankota State last season, are led by five returning All-Americans.

North Dakota State, fifth in the 1994 national tournament, is second in the poll with 181 points, while Nebraska-Omaha is third with 175 points, Pittsburgh-Johnstown fourth with 162 points and Mankato State fifth with 147 points.

Rounding out the top 10 is South Dakota State, Southern Colorado,

Adams State, Northern Colorado and Ashland (Ohio).

UCO has five individuals ranked in the top two at their respective weights. Returning national champions Brian Melchiori at 126 pounds and Jerry Best at 142 along with 190-pound All-American Chad Humphrey are all rated No. 1, while All-American Mark Cunningham at 158 and 1993 runner-up Mike Keim at 134 are both ranked No. 2.

NDSU is paced by two-time national champion Brian Kapusta, who is ranked No. 1 at 118, while UNO is led by top-rated Brian Zanders at 150.

The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and last year's national finish:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Year's Finish
1.	Central Oklahoma	200	1
2.	North Dakota State	181	5
	Nebraska-Omaha	175	3
4.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	162	7
5.	Mankato State (Minn.)	147	2
6.	South Dakota State	140	4
	Southern Colorado	135	6
8.	Adams State (Colo.)	118	8
	Northern Colorado	110	10
	Ashland (Ohio)	102	11
	Nebraska-Kearney	87	13
	Portland State (Ore.)	77	T-14
13.	Wisconsin-Parkside	75	9
14.	North Dakota	65	T-14
15(tie).	Southern Connecticut	46	T-17
	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	46	23
	Chadron State (Neb.)	39	20
18.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	32	21
	Minnesota-Duluth	28	12
20.	Norfolk State (Va.)	27	T-17

Others receiving votes: Augustana (S.D.), Cheyney (Pa.), Colorado School of Mines, Indianapolis, San Francisco State, St. Cloud State (Minn.) and Western State (Colo.).

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS -- Here are the pre-season rankings for the top eight individuals in each weight for NCAA Division II wrestling:

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- Travis McDermott, Chadron State (Neb.)
- Matt Scripps, Gannon (Pa.)
- 7. Doug Bedia, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 8. Keith Kizarr, Central Oklahoma

126 Pounds

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- Flint McCollins, Ashland (Ohio)
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- Jimmie Foster, Nebraska-Omaha 7.
- Jacoby Simmons, Pittsburgh-Johnstown

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- Francis Aquino, San Francisco State Corey Williams, Norfolk State (Va.) 5.
- 6.
- 7. Dave Vizzini, Portland State (Ore.)
- Ron Lavender, Ashland (Ohio)

142 Pounds

- Jerry Best, Central Oklahoma
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- Jason Christiansen, Nebraska-Kearney 3.
- 4. Jeremy Lavigne, North Dakota State
- James McCord, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 6. Shane Lake, Portland State (Ore.)
- Tony Albertelli, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
- Dave Jacobs, Indianapolis

- Brian Zanders, Nebraska-Omaha l.
- Mark Echevarria, South Dakota State 2.
- Anthony Brockman, Southern Connecticut
- 4. Ron Glenn, Western State (Colo.)
- Jess Wilder, Pembroke State (N.C.)
- Chris Motter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown 6.
- 7. Bret Stubblefield, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 8. Scott Peterson, North Dakota State

- 1. Gene Hanemann, St. Cloud State
- 2. Mark Cunningham, Central Oklahoma
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- 4. John Giuffre, San Francisco State
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- 8. Jim Czajkowski, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

167 Pounds

- 1. Justin Smith, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 2. Kevin O'Neil, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 3. Charles Daniels, Norfolk State (Va.)
- 4. Polo Ornelas, San Francisco State
- 5. Sean Harrington, Massachusetts-Lowell
- 6. Bryan Hartley, Longwood (Va.)
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- 8. Chris McGrath, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

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- 1. Chad Lamer, South Dakota State
- 2. Tony Abbott, Indianapolis
- 3. Tony Dammen, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 4. Craig Thurber, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 5. Scott Setzer, Mansfield (Pa.)
- 6. Joe Bunning, Adams State (Colo.)
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- 3. Paul Pagel, Mankato State (Minn.)
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- 5. Mark Helbert, Longwood (Va.)
- 6. Ryan Palmer, Augustana (S.D.)
- 7. Pat Kelley, Nebraska-Omaha
- 8. Dennis Snook, Northeast Missouri

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- 2. Dan Transue, Springfield (Mass.)
- 3. Bjorn Tomsen, Nebraska-Kearney
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- 5. Darin Tietz, Nebraska-Omaha
- 6. Leith Dickinson, Chadron State (Neb.)
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- 8. Miles Weaver, Wisconsin-Parkside

TO: Sports Information Director/Wrestling Coach

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The Bronchos gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with 200 points. Nebraska-Omaha outpointed North Dakota State 185-180 to move into second as the Bison dropped one spot to third from the pre-season ranking.

Rounding out the top 10 was Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Mankato State (Minn.), South Dakota State, Northern Colorado, Chadron State

(Neb.), Nebraska-Kearney and North Dakota.

Chadron State made the biggest jump, moving from 17th in the preseason poll to the No. 8 spot.

Central Oklahoma is led by five top-ranked individuals, as 126 Brian Melchiori, 134 Mike Keim, 142 Jerry Best, 158 Mark Cunningham and 190 Chad Humphrey all are ranked No. 1 at their respective weights.

Nebraska-Omaha is paced by a trio of second-rated individuals -- 118 Lim Prim, 126 Jimmie Foster and 134 Steve Costanzo. North Dakota State is topped by two-time defending national champion Brian Kapusta, who is ranked No. 1 at 118.

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6.	South Dakota State	113	6
7.	Northern Colorado	111	9
8.	Chadron State (Neb.)	107	17
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	104	11
10.	North Dakota	102	14
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	99	10
12.	Wisconsin-Parkside	92	13
13.	Adams State (Colo.)	91	8
14.	Southern Colorado	72	7
15.	Western State (Colo.)	62	NR
16.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	44	T-15
17.	Southern Connecticut	39	T-15
18.	Portland State (Ore.)	34	12
19.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	28	NR
20.	Springfield (Mass.)	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Augustana (S.D.), Central Missouri State, Colorado School of Mines, Indianapolis, Minnesota-Duluth, Norfolk State (Va.), Pembroke State (N.C.), San Francisco State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

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- 6. Dave Vizzini, Portland State (Ore.)
- 7. Chris Cargill, Adams State (Colo.)
- 8. Lyle Geyer, Southern Colorado

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- 2. Anthony Brockman, Southern Connecticut
- 3. Jess Wilder, Pembroke State (N.C.)
- 4. Chris Motter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
- 5. John Belyea, North Dakota
- 6. Shane Lake, Portland State (Ore.)
- 7. Dennis Skatzka, Adams State (Colo.)
- 8. Justin Kipp, Mankato State (Minn.)

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- 2. Brian Zanders, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Steve Kimpel, Southern Colorado
- 4. Bernard Valentin, Southern Connecticut
- 5. John Giuffre, San Francisco State
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- 6. Myles Muckerheide, Wisconsin-Parkside
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- 7. Dave Marich, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 8. Ryan Fitzgerald, Wisconsin-Parkside

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- 6. Denny Kennedy, Central Oklahoma
- 7. Bjorn Tomsen, Nebraska-Kearney
- 8. Dieken Swalla, Augustana (S.D.)

NCAA Division II Wrestling Top 20

TO: Sports Information Director/Wrestling Coach

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma SID

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The Bronchos, 2-0 in duals, gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with 200 points. The top five teams remained the same, with Nebraska-Omaha receiving all 10 second-place votes to stay No. 2 followed by North Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and Mankato State (Minn.).

Rounding out the top 10 was Northern Colorado, Chadron State (Neb.),

Ashland (Ohio), South Dakota State and Adams State (Colo.).

Ashland made the biggest jump, moving from 11th in the last poll on Dec. 14 to No. 8, while Nebraska-Kearney fell from ninth to 14th. San Francisco State made its first appearance, debuting at No. 19.

Central Oklahoma has five All-Americans in its lineup, paced by national champions Brian Melchiori at 126 pounds and Jerry Best at 142

pounds.

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12.	Western State (Colo.)	86	15
13.	North Dakota	85	10
14.	Nebraska-Kearney	71	9
15.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	66	16
16.	Southern Colorado	53	14
17.	Springfield (Mass.)	36	20
18.	Southern Connecticut	35	17
19.	San Francisco State	31	NR
20.	Portland State (Ore.)	26	18

Others receiving votes: Central Missouri State, Indianapolis, Norfolk State (Va.), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and St. Cloud State.

NCAA Division II Wrestling Top 20

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The Bronchos, 4-2-1 in duals with losses to Division I No. 3 Towa State (20-15) and No. 4 Penn State (26-12), gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with

Nebraska-Omaha received all 10 second-place votes to stay No. 2, followed by North Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and Northern Colorado. Rounding out the top 10 was Mankato State (Minn.), Chadron State (Neb.), Ashland (Ohio), South Dakota State and Nebraska-Kearney.

Two teams made their first appearance of the season in the top 20 --Central Missouri State, which debuted at No. 17, and Kutztown (Pa.), which came in 19th.

UCO will travel to Omaha, Neb. on Thursday, Feb. 2 for a showdown with Nebraska-Omaha, the last NCAA II team to defeat the Bronchos in a dual. UCO has a 30-match winning streak against NCAA II teams dating back to a 19-12 Nebraska-Omaha victory on Jan. 11, 1991.

Those two teams dominate the individual rankings. UCO has six wrestlers ranked in the top eight, topped by five No. 1 choices -- 126 Brian Melchiori, 134 Mike Keim, 142 Jerry Best, 158 Mark Cunningham and 190 Chad Humphrey.

The Mavericks have nine individuals listed in the top eight, topped

by four No. 2 selections and No. 1 choice Ralph Kizzee at 167 pounds.

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14.	Springfield (Mass.)	52	17
15.	San Francisco State	47	19
16.	Western State (Colo.)	40	12
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18.	Southern Colorado	32	16
19.	Kutztown (Pa.)	31	NR
20.	North Dakota	29	13

Others receiving votes: Augustana (S.D.), Fort Hays State (Kan.), Indianapolis, Norfolk State (Va.), Pembroke State (N.C.), Portland State (Ore.), Southern Connecticut and St. Cloud State.

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The Bronchos, 9-2-1 in duals and winner of 35 straight matches against NCAA II teams, gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with 200 points.

Nebraska-Omaha, which dropped a 22-10 decision to UCO last week, received all 10 second-place votes to stay No. 2, followed by North Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and Northern Colorado.

Rounding out the top 10 was Mankato State (Minn.), San Francisco State, Wisconsin-Parkside, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) and Portland State.

San Francisco State and Portland State both made big moves, with the Gators jumped from 15th to seventh after a runner-up finish to UCO in the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals on Jan. 30 and the Vikings moving to 10th after not being ranked in the last poll.

Wisconsin-Parkside and Carson-Newman also made significant moves, with the Rangers going from 12th to eighth and the Eagles from 13th to ninth.

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NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING TOP 20

TO: Sports Department

FROM: Mike Kirk, Central Oklahoma SID

NCAA Division II Wrestling Rankings

UCO REMAINS NO. 1 IN MAT POLL: EDMOND, Okla. -- Central Oklahoma will be favored to capture its fourth straight team title at next week's national tournament as the Bronchos are the unanimous No. 1 pick in the final NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

The 1995 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be held March

3-4 in Kearney, Neb.

UCO, which qualified all 10 of its wrestlers for the national tournament in winning its sixth consecutive Midwest Regional crown on Feb. 17, gathered all 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches and finished with 200 points.

Nebraska-Omaha, winner of the North Central Conference and with eight national qualifiers, is No. 2. The top six teams stayed the same, with North Dakota State ranked third, followed by Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Northern Colorado and Mankato State.

Rounding out the top 10 is Wisconsin-Parkside, Chadron State (Neb.), Carson-Newman (Tenn.) and Portland State.

Chadron State made the biggest jump, moving from 15th to No. 8 after

winning the West Regional and qualifying six wrestlers to nationals.

UCO has eight wrestlers listed in the final individual rankings, topped by four No. 1 picks -- 126 Brian Melchiori, 134 Mike Keim, 142 Jerry Best and 190 Chad Humphrey.

Nebraska-Omaha has six ranked individuals, headed by No. 1 Brian Zanders at 150 and Nos. 2 Lim Prim at 118 and Steve Costanzo at 134.

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- 1. Mike Keim, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Steve Costanzo, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Martin Segovia, Nebraska-Kearney
- 4. Corey Williams, Norfolk State (Va.)
- 5. Jeff Bricker, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 6. Francis Aquino, San Francisco State
- 7. Tony Benallo, Northern Colorado
- 8. Phil Almanza, Mankato State (Minn.)

142 Pounds

- 1. Jerry Best, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Jeremy Lavigne, North Dakota State
- 3. Andy Goodwin, Springfield (Mass.)
- 4. James McCord, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 5. Shane Lake, Portland State (Ore.)
- 6. Chris Cargill, Adams State (Colo.)
- 7. Tony Albertelli, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 8. Jeff Bullerman, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

- 1. Brian Zanders, Nebraska-Omaha
- Corey Carter, American International (Mass.)
- 3. Anthony Brockman, Southern Connecticut
- 4. John Belyea, North Dakota
- 5. Dennis Skatzka, Adams State (Colo.)
- 6. Dave Vizzini, Portland State (Ore.)
- 7. Shawn Bateman, Central Oklahoma
- 8. Jess Wilder, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

- 1. Gene Hanemann, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 2. Mark Cunningham, Central Oklahoma
- 3. Bernard Valentin, Southern Connecticut
- 4. Ryan Braden, Western State (Colo.)
- 5. Steve Kimpel, Southern Colorado
- 6. John Giuffre, San Francisco State
- 7. Danny Giammo, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 8. Jason Kerkusz, Kutztown (Pa.)

167 Pounds

- 1. Justin Smith, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 2. Ralph Kizzee, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Sean Harrington, Lowell (Mass.)
- 4. Kevin O'Neil, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 5. Charles Daniels, Norfolk State (Va.)
- 6. Polo Ornelas, San Francisco State
- 7. Jason Wagner, North Dakota
- 8. Corey Arndt, Chadron State (Neb.)

177 Pounds

- 1. Chad Lamer, South Dakota State
- 2. Tony Abbott, Indianapolis (Ind.)
- 3. Travis Bonneau, Portland State (Ore.)
- 4. Mike McCormick, North Dakota State
- 5. Craig Thurber, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 6. Tony Dammen, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 7. Erick Gaunt, Western State (Colo.)
- 8. Scott Setzer, Mansfield (Pa.)

190 Pounds

- 1. Chad Humphrey, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Tim Clark, Indianapolis
- 3. Jared Kuleck, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 4. Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State
- 5. Andy McNeff, Nebraska-Kearney
- 6. Dave Marich, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 7. Eric Gray, Western State (Colo.)
- 8. Sean Hadwiger, Northern Colorado

- 1. Dan Transue, Springfield (Mass.)
- Tony Kenning, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 3. Jeff Pease, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Brad Loeffler, South Dakota State
- 5. Buddy Baston, Pembroke State (N.C.)
- 6. Bjorn Tomsen, Nebraska-Kearney
- 7. Wade Kroeze, Nebraska-Omaha
- 8. Jerome Howes, Southern Colorado