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## Pitt-Johnstown)

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# Central Oklahoma

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#### Nebraska-Omaha

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UCO is led by a pair of top-ranked individuals -- two-time national

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The Bronchos will host the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals in Edmond this weekend, with 12 of the top 20 teams -- including No. 5 Northern Colorado, No. 8 Wisconsin-Parkside and No. 10 Western State -- competing in the 17-team dual tournament.

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6.	South Dakota State	128	5
7.	Mankato State (Minn.)	116	8
8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	114	7
9.	West Liberty (W.Va.)	100	10
10.	Western State (Colo.)	97	15
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	96	13
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	83	14
13.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	58	16
14.	North Dakota	51	9
15.	Portland State (Ore.)	45	12
16.	Chadron State (Neb.)	38	18
17.	San Francisco State	33	11
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12.	Wisconsin-Parkside	83	8
13.	Western State (Colo.)	74	10
14.	North Dakota	70	1.4
15.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	63	13
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17.	Chadron State (Neb.)	31	16
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<u>INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS</u> -- Here are the rankings for the top eight individuals in each weight for NCAA Division II wrestling:

## 118 Pounds

- 1. Scott Goodale, Colorado School of Mines
- 2. Karega Scott, Northeast Missouri
- 3. Roger Spear, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 4. Keith Kizarr, Central Oklahoma
- 5. Johnny Vigil, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Pat Mathuse, Kutztown (Pa.)
- 7. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 8. Leconte Merrell, Ashland (Ohio)

#### 126 Pounds

- 1. Lee Schickel, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 2. Jeff Kapusta, North Dakota State
- 3. Kevin Bates, Northeast Missouri
- 4. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
- 5. Marc Schulze, Mankato State (Minn.)
- 6. Brauman Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
- 7. Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma
- 8. Brian Anderson, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

#### 134 Pounds

- 1. Jeff Bricker, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 2. Jason Reitmeier, Augustana (S.D.)
- 3. Tony Benallo, Northern Colorado
- 4. Josh Sammons, South Dakota State
- 5. George Thompson, North Dakota State
- 6. Richard Gutierrez, San Francisco State
- 7. Corev Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
- 8. Shawn Hickey, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

## 142 Pounds

- 1. Jerry Best, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Tony Albertelli, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 3. James McCord, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 4. Matt Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
- 5. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
- 6. Steve Hilas, San Francisco State
- 7. Travis King, South Dakota State
- 8. Jeremy Lavigne, North Dakota State

#### 150 Pounds

- 1. Andy Reigstad, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
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- 4. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
- 5. Jason Cuperus, North Dakota State
- 6. Justin Kipp, Mankato State (Minn.)
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## 158 Pounds

- 1. James Kisgen, North Dakota
- 2. Danny Giammo, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
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- 4. Mark Cunningham, Central Oklahoma
- 5. Jason Kerkusz, Kutztown (Pa.)
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UCO received nine of the 10 first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the nation and finished with 199 points. The Bronchos, who claimed their seventh straight Midwest Regional title last week, have been ranked No. 1 in every NCAA II poll since Jan. 27, 1993.

Nebraska-Omaha won the North Central Conference crown and moved from third to second in the ratings, while East Region winner Pittsburgh-Johnstown received the remaining first-place vote and improved from fourth to third. NCC members South Dakota State and Northern Colorado rounded out the top five.

Completing the top 10 is Southeast Region champion West Liberty (W. Va.), North Dakota State, West Region winner Adams State (Colo.), San Francisco State and Ashland (Ohio).

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6.	West Liberty (W.Va.)	145	8
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