

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending NCAA Division II national wrestling champion San Francisco State is the pre-season pick to win the title again in 1997-98 as the Gators are the No. 1 pick in the initial NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

SFSU, which captured the school's first-ever national championship last season, earned the favorite's role in a narrow vote as only two points separated the top three teams. The Gators received six first-place votes and finished with 186 points to edge No. 2 Central Oklahoma by one point, with Nebraska-Omaha another point back in third place.

UCO, which won four straight national titles from 1992-95, was third last year and received two first-place votes. The Mavericks, runner-up to SFSU last year, gathered one first-place nod as did South Dakota State, which is the No. 4 team in the pre-season poll.

Rounding out the top 10 is North Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Western State (Colo.), Northern Colorado, West Liberty State (W. Va.) and Moorhead State (Minn.).

San Francisco State is led by a pair of defending individual national champions who open the season ranked No. 1 -- 118-pounder Damon Broadbent and 158-pounder Greg Jackson.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>1997 Finish</i>
1.	San Francisco State (6)	186	1
2.	Central Oklahoma (2)	185	3
3.	Nebraska-Omaha (1)	184	2
4.	South Dakota State (1)	178	4
5.	North Dakota State	157	7
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	154	5
7.	Western State (Colo.)	136	6
8.	Northern Colorado	130	T8
9.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	93	T8
10.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	84	11
11.	Southern Colorado	80	15
12.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	76	14
13.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	74	10
14.	Mankato State (Minn.)	67	17
15.	Augustana (S.D.)	66	12
(tie)	North Dakota	66	13
17.	Adams State (Colo.)	59	16
18.	Ashland (Ohio)	31	22
19.	Chadron State (Neb.)	28	19
20.	Central Missouri State	24	18

Others Receiving Votes: Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Colorado School of Mines, Nebraska-Kearney, Southwest State (Minn.), St. Cloud (Minn.), Truman State (Mo.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

118 Pounds

1. Damon Broadbent, San Francisco State
2. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
3. Ralph Dasti, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Karega Scott, Truman State (Mo.)
5. Mike Bailey, Central Missouri State
6. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Aaron Gonzalez, Northern Colorado
8. Bob Banks, Gannon (Pa.)

126 Pounds

1. Craig Otto, Western State (Colo.)
2. Erin Razo, North Dakota
3. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Rafael Calixto, American International (Mass.)
5. Brock Moore, Central Oklahoma
6. Bob Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Brad Kieffer, Truman State (Mo.)
8. Marc Schulze, Mankato State (Minn.)

134 Pounds

1. George Thompson, North Dakota State
2. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma
5. Chris Conroy, Mass.-Lowell
6. Mark Mast, Longwood (Va.)
7. Travis Shives, Mankato State (Minn.)
8. Phil Kirsch, Wisconsin-Parkside

142 Pounds

1. Troy Szydel, Mankato State (Minn.)
2. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
4. Jason Cuperus, North Dakota State
5. Jack Gilman, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Bob Belanger, Mass.-Lowell
7. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Chris Zink, North Dakota

150 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
3. Chance Stoesser, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Travis King, South Dakota State
5. Scot Hewit, Northern Colorado
6. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Joel Brinker, Mansfield (Pa.)
8. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma

158 Pounds

1. Greg Jackson, San Francisco State
2. Matt Surber, Central Oklahoma
3. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State
5. Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado
7. Matt Skattum, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Mark Lane, South Dakota State

167 Pounds

1. Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
2. T.J. Deaguero, Northern Colorado
3. Paul Healy, San Francisco State
4. Myron Ellegood, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Brett Svendsen, North Dakota State
6. Deon Brimmage, Indianapolis
7. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Chris Johnson, Central Missouri State

177 Pounds

1. Irwin Brambley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Jeremie Ott, Wisconsin-Parkside
3. Link Steffen, Southwest State (Minn.)
4. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
5. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Ryan Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
7. Matt Brucklacher, Northern Colorado
8. Pat Timm, South Dakota State

190 Pounds

1. Mike Schadwinkel, Adams State
2. Jason Carter, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
3. James Short, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
4. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State
6. Dan Orwig, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Steve Hawk, Mansfield (Pa.)
8. Todd Schlater, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

Heavyweight

1. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
2. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
3. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
4. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Dan Jones, Adams State
6. Winterhawk Windchief, Central Oklahoma
7. Diekan Swalla, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Mark Rose, Ashland (Ohio)

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The Gators, who captured the school's first-ever national championship last season, received six first-place votes and finished with 191 points to edge No. 2 Central Oklahoma by two points. The Bronchos had three first-place votes and 189 points, while South Dakota State had the remaining first-place vote and moved up one spot to third with 172 points.

Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Northern Colorado, Southern Colorado, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Ashland (Ohio).

Ashland jumped from 18th in the pre-season poll to No. 10 while Carson-Newman (Tenn.) moved in at No. 12 after being unranked in the first poll. Western State (Colo.) had the biggest drop, falling from seventh in the pre-season ranking to 19th.

San Francisco State has two top-ranked individuals in defending national champions Damon Broadbent (118 pounds) and Greg Jackson (158 pounds).

Central Oklahoma has five ranked individuals, led by a pair of No. 2s -- 126-pounder Matt Goodson and 158-pound Matt Surber. South Dakota State is led by top-ranked Ryan Resel at heavyweight.

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<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	San Francisco State (6)	191	1
2.	Central Oklahoma (3)	189	2
3.	South Dakota State (1)	180	4
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	172	3
5.	North Dakota State	161	5
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	151	6
7.	Northern Colorado	132	8
8.	Southern Colorado	115	11
9.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	106	12
10.	Ashland (Ohio)	104	18
11.	Adams State (Colo.)	73	17
12.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	66	NR
13.	Mankato State (Minn.)	64	14
14.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	50	9
15.	Central Missouri State	45	20
16.	Nebraska-Kearney	42	NR
17.	Augustana (S.D.)	38	T15
18.	North Dakota	37	T15
19.	Western State (Colo.)	35	7
20.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	34	10
(tie)	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	34	13

Others Receiving Votes: Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, Gardner-Webb (N.C.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State (Mo.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

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118 Pounds

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2. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
3. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Aaron Gonzalez, Northern Colorado
5. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Jason Zitzman, Mankato State (Minn.)
7. Matt LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Mike Bailey, Central Missouri State

126 Pounds

1. Craig Otto, Western State (Colo.)
2. Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma
3. Erin Razo, North Dakota
4. Bob Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
5. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Rafael Calixto, American International (Mass.)
7. Marc Schulze, Mankato State (Minn.)
8. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney

134 Pounds

1. George Thompson, North Dakota State
2. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Chris Conroy, Mass.-Lowell
6. Travis Shives, Mankato State (Minn.)
7. Phil Kirsch, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. R.J. Price, Fort Hays State

142 Pounds

1. Troy Szydel, Mankato State (Minn.)
2. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
4. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Jack Gilman, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Chris Zink, North Dakota
7. Bob Belanger, Mass.-Lowell
8. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma

150 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
3. Chance Stoeser, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Travis King, South Dakota State
5. Scot Hewit, Northern Colorado
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Joel Brinker, Mansfield (Pa.)
8. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha

158 Pounds

1. Greg Jackson, San Francisco State
2. Matt Surber, Central Oklahoma
3. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State
5. Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado
7. Mark Lane, South Dakota State
8. Blue Perez, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

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5. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
7. Matt Brucklacher, Northern Colorado
8. Pat Timm, South Dakota State

190 Pounds

1. Jason Carter, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
2. James Short, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
3. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State
5. Tom Wagner, Northern Colorado
6. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Mike Schadwinkel, Adams State
8. Dan Orwig, Shippensburg (Pa.)

Heavyweight

1. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
2. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
4. Winterhawk Windchief, Central Oklahoma
5. Diekan Swalla, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Mark Rose, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Kevin Jimenez, Southern Colorado
8. Todd Raymond, Wisconsin-Parkside

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The Gators, who captured the school's first-ever national championship last season, received six first-place votes and finished with 193 points to edge No. 2 Central Oklahoma by four points. The Bronchos, winner of four straight national titles from 1992-95, had three first-place votes and 189 points.

South Dakota State had the remaining first-place vote and stayed third with 184 points, followed by North Central Conference rivals North Dakota State and Nebraska-Omaha as those two teams switched places in the poll.

Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Northern Colorado, Southern Colorado, Ashland (Ohio), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Carson-Newman (Tenn.).

Two teams moved into the top 20 after being unranked in the last poll — No. 17 Wisconsin-Parkside and No. 20 Shippensburg (Pa.).

The next poll, which will include both team and individual rankings, will be released on Jan. 20.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and each teams' last ranking:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	San Francisco State (6)	193	1
2.	Central Oklahoma (3)	189	2
3.	South Dakota State (1)	184	3
4.	North Dakota State	165	5
5.	Nebraska-Omaha	159	4
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	145	6
7.	Northern Colorado	138	7
8.	Southern Colorado	120	8
9.	Ashland (Ohio)	115	10
T10.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	100	9
T10.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	100	12
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	80	11
13.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	71	14
14.	Mankato State (Minn.)	66	13
15.	Central Missouri State	58	15
16.	Nebraska-Kearney	52	16
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	27	NR
18.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	26	T20
19.	Augustana (S.D.)	22	17
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	20	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gardner-Webb (N.C.), North Dakota, Truman State (Mo.), UMass-Lowell, Western State (Colo.)

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EDMOND, Okla. — Four-time national champion Central Oklahoma took over the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll Tuesday.

The Bronchos, Division II national champions in 1992, '93, '94 and '95, garnered eight first-place votes and finished with 196 points to move up one spot as the rankings underwent a dramatic change.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown, national champions in 1996 and ranked sixth in the last poll, had 179 points and jumped to No. 2 after knocking off No. 3 South Dakota State, 16-15, in a dual last week. The Jackrabbits remained third with 178 points, followed by San Francisco State with the remaining two first-place votes and 174 points and North Dakota State with 157 points.

The defending national champion Gators tumbled from the No. 1 perch they had held in the previous three polls this season after falling to previously unranked Fort Hay State (Kan.), 19-16.

Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Omaha, Mankato State (Minn.), Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Northern Colorado and Ashland (Ohio).

Fort Hays State and Mankato State made the biggest jumps, with the Tigers coming in 12th after being unranked in the last poll and MSU improving from 14th to No. 7.

UCO, which will be hosting the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals Friday and Saturday, is led by a trio of No. 2-ranked individuals. South Dakota State and North Dakota State each have two top-ranked individuals.

Thirteen of 16 teams that will be in Edmond for the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals are ranked in the top 20, including top 10 teams Central Oklahoma, South Dakota State, San Francisco State, Nebraska-Omaha, Southern Colorado and Ashland.

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Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking
1.	Central Oklahoma (8)	196	2
2.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	179	6
3.	South Dakota State	178	3
4.	San Francisco State (2)	174	1
5.	North Dakota State	157	4
6.	Nebraska-Omaha	135	5
7.	Mankato State (Minn.)	129	14
8.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	124	T10
9.	Southern Colorado	118	8
T10.	Northern Colorado	102	7
T10.	Ashland (Ohio)	102	9
12.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	87	NR
13.	Central Missouri State	86	15
14.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	78	T10
15.	Adams State (Colo.)	68	12
16.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	36	18
17.	Nebraska-Kearney	31	16
18.	Wisconsin-Parkside	23	17
19.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	19	NR
T20.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	14	13
T20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	14	20

Others Receiving Votes: Augustana (S.D.), Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, Gardner-Webb (N.C.), North Dakota, Pembroke State (N.C.), Truman State (Mo.), Western State (Colo.)

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6. Jay Yates, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Ryan Mitzushima, Western State (Colo.)
8. Nick Dellicompagni, Adams State (Colo.)

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2. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
3. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
5. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Chris Zink, North Dakota
7. Bob Belanger, Mass.-Lowell
8. Seth Septer, Northern Colorado

150 Pounds

1. Travis King, South Dakota State
2. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
4. Scot Hewit, Northern Colorado
5. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
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5. Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State
6. Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Cody Clayton, Western State (Colo.)
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7. Edwin Lorne, Central Oklahoma
8. James Short, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)

Heavyweight

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3. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
4. Winterhawk Windchief, Central Oklahoma
5. Jeremiah Rohl, Central Missouri State
6. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Rich McPhee, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Jay Long, Chadron State (Neb.)

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EDMOND, Okla. — For the third straight ranking there is a new team atop the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll, with 1996 national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) taking over the No. 1 spot Tuesday.

The Mountain Cats, 15-0 in duals, received eight of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 194 points in moving up one spot from the last ranking. North Dakota State earned the other two first-place votes and had 181 points to vault from fifth to second in the poll.

South Dakota State remained No. 3, while four-time national champion Central Oklahoma dropped from No. 1 to No. 4 after falling to SDSU in the finals of the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals on Jan. 24. Mankato State (Minn.), which defeated South Dakota State in a dual last week, moved from seventh to No. 5.

Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Kearney, Nebraska-Omaha, Southern Colorado, defending national champion San Francisco State and Carson-Newman (Tenn.). UNK made the biggest move, leaping from 17th to No. 6 after finishing third in the Showdown Duals with a pair of wins over SFSU.

The Gators were ranked No. 1 in the first three polls before giving way to Central Oklahoma in the last ranking.

Two previously unranked teams moved into the top 20 -- Chadron State (Neb.) at No. 14 and Western State (Colo.) at No. 19.

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15.	Central Missouri State	55	13
16.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	39	16
17.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	29	T20
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Others Receiving Votes: Adams State (Colo.), Augustana (S.D.), Colorado School of Mines, St. Cloud State (Minn.), Truman State (Mo.), West Liberty State (W.Va.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

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The Mountain Cats, 17-0 in duals and national champions in 1996, received seven of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 195 points to hold off No. 2 North Dakota State, which earned the other three first-place votes and had 191 points.

Four-time national champion Central Oklahoma moved up one spot to third, while Mankato State (Minn.) advanced to fourth and South Dakota State fell from fifth to third. Rounding out the top 10 was Nebraska-Omaha, Nebraska-Kearney, Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Southern Colorado and San Francisco State.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown has five ranked individuals, topped by a pair of No. 2s -- 118-pounder Jody Strittmatter and 177-pounder Irwin Brambley. The Bison have six individuals in the top eight, including No. 1s George Thompson (134) and Steve Saxlund (167).

Colorado School of Mines is the only new team in the top 20, debuting at No. 19.

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10.	San Francisco State	106	9
11.	Northern Colorado	89	13
12.	Ashland (Ohio)	81	12
13.	Chadron State (Neb.)	80	14
14.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	74	11
15.	Central Missouri State	55	15
16.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	44	16
17.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	36	17
18.	Western State (Colo.)	24	19
19.	Colorado School of Mines	20	NR
20.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	18	20

Others Receiving Votes: Adams State (Colo.), Augustana (S.D.), Gardner-Webb (N.C.), North Dakota, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, West Liberty State (W.Va.).

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8. Bob Belanger, Mass.-Lowell

150 Pounds

1. Travis King, South Dakota State
2. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Scot Hewit, Northern Colorado
4. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
5. Matt Petsinger, Mankato State (Minn.)
6. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
7. Justin Hoopman, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

158 Pounds

1. Greg Jackson, San Francisco State
2. Matt Surber, Central Oklahoma
3. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Chris Johnnecheck, North Dakota
5. Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State
6. Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado
7. Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Cody Clayton, Western State (Colo.)

167 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
3. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Myron Ellegood, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Howard Fullhart, South Dakota State
6. Deon Brimmage, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Mike Ross, Colorado School of Mines
8. Brandon Terry, Nebraska-Kearney

177 Pounds

1. Pat Timm, South Dakota State
2. Irwin Brambley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Ryan Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
4. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
5. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Jeremie Ott, Wisconsin-Parkside
7. Corey Alfonsi, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

190 Pounds

1. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State
3. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Shawn Ange, Mankato State (Minn.)
5. Mike Schadwinkel, Adams State
6. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Kevin Jiminez, Southern Colorado
8. Link Steffen, Southwest State (Minn.)

Heavyweight

1. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
3. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Winterhawk Windchief, Central Oklahoma
5. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Jay Long, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Mike Wicker, Western State (Colo.)
8. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — East Region champion Pittsburgh-Johnston (Pa.) held onto the No. 1 ranking in the final NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll of the season Tuesday.

The Mountain Cats will be favored to win their second national title in three years next week when the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are held at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Colo. on March 13-14.

UPJ, national champions in 1996 and runaway winners of the East Region last weekend, received eight of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 197 points. North Dakota State, which earned the other two first-place votes and had 190 points, stayed in second place after winning the North Central Conference crown

Four-time national champion Central Oklahoma remained third after winning its ninth straight Midwest Regional title, while Nebraska-Omaha moved up to fourth after a runner-up NCC finish and Carson-Newman (Tenn.) won the South Region crown to jump to fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 is South Dakota State, West Region champion Southern Colorado, Nebraska-Kearney, Mankato State (Minn.), San Francisco State and Fort Hays State (Kan.).

Pittsburgh-Johnstown has the most individual qualifiers for the national tournament with nine, while North Dakota State, Central Oklahoma and Carson-Newman each have eight national qualifiers.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and each teams' last ranking:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking
1.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (8)	197	1
2.	North Dakota State (2)	190	2
3.	Central Oklahoma	183	3
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	164	6
5.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	152	8
6.	South Dakota State	149	5
7.	Southern Colorado	145	9
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	132	7
9.	Mankato State (Minn.)	105	4
T10.	San Francisco State	100	10
T10.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	100	14
12.	Ashland (Ohio)	95	12
13.	Central Missouri State	84	15
14.	Northern Colorado	62	11
15.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	56	16
16.	Western State (Colo.)	46	18
17.	Chadron State (Neb.)	40	13
18.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	31	20
19.	Augustana (S.D.)	19	NR
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	17	17

Others Receiving Votes: Adams State (Colo.), Colorado School of Mines, Southwest State (Minn.), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

158 Pounds

1. Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado
2. Greg Jackson, San Francisco State
3. Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Matt Surber, Central Oklahoma
5. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State
7. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (Ill.)
8. Blue Perez, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

167 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
3. Myron Ellegood, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
4. Deon Brimmage, Indianapolis (Ind.)
5. T.J. Deaguero, Northern Colorado
6. Trent Munlox, Southern Colorado
7. Mike Ross, Colorado School of Mines
8. Eric Hage, Augustana (S.D.)

177 Pounds

1. Irwin Brambley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
3. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Jeremie Ott, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Pat Timm, South Dakota State
8. Corey Alfonsi, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

190 Pounds

1. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State
4. Shawn Ange, Mankato State (Minn.)
5. Mike Schadwinkel, Adams State
6. Link Steffen, Southwest State (Minn.)
7. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Kevin Jiminez, Southern Colorado

Heavyweight

1. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
3. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Winterhawk Windchief, Central Oklahoma
5. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Mike Wicker, Western State (Colo.)
7. Jay Long, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Rich McPhee, Indianapolis (Ind.)

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

118 Pounds

1. Damon Broadbent, San Francisco State
2. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
4. Mike Lavato, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Brock Moore, Central Oklahoma
6. Aaron Gonzalez, Northern Colorado
7. Karega Scott, Truman State (Mo.)
8. Mike Bailey, Central Missouri State

126 Pounds

1. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma
3. Craig Otto, Western State (Colo.)
4. Erin Razo, North Dakota
5. Marc Schulze, Mankato State (Minn.)
6. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
7. Nathan Godfrey, South Dakota State
8. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

134 Pounds

1. George Thompson, North Dakota State
2. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
4. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Ryan Mitzushima, Western State (Colo.)
6. Kurt Karajalainen, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)

142 Pounds

1. Troy Szydel, Mankato State (Minn.)
2. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
3. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
4. Franky James, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
5. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
7. R.J. Pizzi, Central Missouri State
8. Scott Tremblay, San Francisco State

150 Pounds

1. Travis King, South Dakota State
2. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Scot Hewit, Northern Colorado
4. Matt Petsinger, Mankato State (Minn.)
5. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Chance Stoeser, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Justin Willuweit, Nebraska-Kearney