

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnston (Pa.) is favored to win the 1998-99 NCAA Division II national wrestling championship, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 pre-season poll.

The Mountain Cats, national champions in 1996 and third last year behind North Dakota State and South Dakota State, received five of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 195 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

Nebraska-Omaha, sixth in last year's national tournament, earned two first-place nods and was second with 186 points while defending champion North Dakota State had the remaining three first-place votes and was third with 181 points.

Four-time national champion Central Oklahoma was fourth and South Dakota State fifth in the pre-season poll, with Southern Colorado, Minnesota State-Mankato, Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Northern Colorado and Augustana (S.D.) rounding out the top 10.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown is led by returning national champion Jody Strittmatter and runner-up Isaac Greeley, while two-time All-American John Strittmatter returns from a redshirt year to give the Mountain Cats added strength in the lower weights.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 pre-season poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and each teams' 1998 national tournament finish:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Year's Finish</i>
1.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (5)	195	3
2.	Nebraska-Omaha (2)	186	6
3.	North Dakota State (3)	181	1
4.	Central Oklahoma	169	4
5.	South Dakota State	163	2
6.	Southern Colorado	150	5
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	134	7
8.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	125	10
9.	Northern Colorado	111	8
10.	Augustana (S.D.)	103	22
11.	Adams State (Colo.)	83	11
12.	Central Missouri State	78	15
13.	Nebraska-Kearney	67	9
14.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	66	12
15.	Western State (Colo.)	54	14
16.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	41	32
17.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	40	13
18.	Ashland (Ohio)	32	16
19.	Colorado School of Mines	24	19
20.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	22	18

Others Receiving Votes: American International, Chadron State (Neb.), Indianapolis (Ind.), Kutztown (Pa.), Moorhead State (Minn.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Southwest State (Minn.), West Liberty State (W. Va.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Brock Moore, Central Oklahoma
3. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
4. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
6. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
8. Chris Ngo, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

133 Pounds

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Jessie Montez, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
6. Lucas Trujillo, Southern Colorado
7. Ryan Hintz, Central Missouri State
8. Lance Parsons, Indianapolis (Ind.)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
3. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Kohlby O'Donnell, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
7. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Dwight Bailou, Moorhead State (Minn.)

149 Pounds

1. Troy Szydel, Mankato State (Minn.)
2. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
3. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Joe Renfro, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Ryan Wizushima, Western State (Colo.)
7. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Seth Septer, Northern Colorado

157 Pounds

1. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
2. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
4. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
5. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
6. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Justin Willuweit, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Tyke Conover, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (Ill.)
2. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
4. Chance Stoesser, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Blue Perez, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

174 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
3. Eric Hage, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Joe Dougherty, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Bart Orth, Central Washington

184 Pounds

1. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
2. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Brent Hendriksen, Augustana
4. Edwin Lorne, Central Oklahoma
5. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

197 Pounds

1. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Shawn Ange, Mankato State (Minn.)
5. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Kevin Jiminez, Southern Colorado
7. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)

Heavyweight

1. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
2. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
5. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
6. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
8. Don Caramelli, Gannon (Pa.)

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EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) retained its spot as the No. 1 team in the first NCAA Division II regular-season wrestling ranking by the slimmest of margins, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

The Mountain Cats, national champions in 1996, were the pre-season No. 1 pick and held that spot after receiving five of the 10 first-place votes and finishing with 195 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

That was just one point ahead of second-place Nebraska-Omaha, which earned the remaining five first-place votes and finished with 194 points. Defending champion North Dakota State was third with 173 points, followed by four-time national champion Central Oklahoma and South Dakota State.

Rounding out the top 10 was Southern Colorado, Minnesota State-Mankato, Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Adams State (Colo.) and Nebraska-Kearney.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown is led by returning national champion Jody Strittmatter, who is ranked No. 1 at 125 pounds in the individual ratings. The Mountain Cats have seven other individuals ranked in the top eight.

Nebraska-Omaha has two top-ranked individuals in 141-pounder Braumon Creighton and 197-pounder Jose Medina.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (5)	195	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha (5)	194	2
3.	North Dakota State	173	3
4.	Central Oklahoma	169	4
5.	South Dakota State	166	5
6.	Southern Colorado	150	6
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	134	7
8.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	110	8
9.	Adams State (Colo.)	105	11
10.	Nebraska-Kearney	99	13
11.	Augustana (S.D.)	86	10
12.	Northern Colorado	77	9
13.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	74	14
14.	Western State (Colo.)	73	15
15.	Central Missouri State	66	12
16.	Ashland (Ohio)	47	18
17.	Colorado School of Mines	33	19
18.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	31	16
19.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	26	NR
20.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	23	20

Others Receiving Votes: American International, Central Washington, Chadron State (Neb.), Moorhead State (Minn.), San Francisco State, Southwest State (Minn.), West Liberty State (W. Va.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Brock Moore, Central Oklahoma
3. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
5. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Brian Burzynski, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
8. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado

133 Pounds

1. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
3. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
4. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Jessie Montez, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
6. Mark Natzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Ryan Hintz, Central Missouri State
8. Lance Parsons, Indianapolis (Ind.)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
3. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
4. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
8. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)

149 Pounds

1. Troy Szydel, Mankato State (Minn.)
2. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
3. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
5. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)
6. Joe Renfro, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Seth Septer, Northern Colorado

157 Pounds

1. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
2. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
4. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
5. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
6. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Tyke Conover, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Ryan Holgate, Colorado School of Mines

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (Ill.)
2. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Chance Stoesser, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Lance Schwanenraver, Gannon (Pa.)
8. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)

174 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Eric Hage, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
4. Bart Orth, Central Washington
5. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Tony Realmuto, Central Oklahoma
8. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State

184 Pounds

1. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
2. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Brent Hendriksen, Augustana
4. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Kevin Bollella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Joe Pistone, American International (Mass.)
8. Charlie Higdon, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

197 Pounds

1. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Jason Schumacher, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Shawn Ange, Mankato State (Minn.)
5. Jon Bush, Colorado School of Mines
6. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
8. Kevin Jiminez, Southern Colorado

Heavyweight

1. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
2. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
6. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
7. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
8. Don Caramell, Gannon (Pa.)

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) maintained its position as the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll for Jan. 13.

The Mountain Cats, national champions in 1996, were the pre-season No. 1 pick and have held that spot in the first two regular-season rankings. UPJ received six of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 196 points in voting of coaches from around the country.

Nebraska-Omaha remained second in the poll, earning the remaining four first-place votes and finishing with 193 points. Defending champion North Dakota State was third with 178 points, followed by South Dakota State in fourth and Southern Colorado in fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 was four-time national champion Central Oklahoma, Minnesota State-Mankato, Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Nebraska-Kearney and Central Missouri State.

Thirteen of the top 20 teams, including No. 1 Pittsburgh-Johnstown and No. 2 Nebraska-Omaha, will be in Edmond on Jan. 22-23 to compete in the 16-team NCAA Division II Showdown Duals. Six other top 10 teams will also attend -- defending champion and No. 4 South Dakota State, No. 5 Southern Colorado, No. 6 and tournament host Central Oklahoma, No. 8 Carson-Newman, No. 9 Nebraska-Kearney and No. 10 Central Missouri State.

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.) (6)	196	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha (4)	193	2
3.	North Dakota State	178	3
4.	South Dakota State	164	5
5.	Southern Colorado	155	6
6.	Central Oklahoma	151	4
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	138	7
8.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	120	8
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	118	10
10.	Central Missouri State	89	15
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	86	16
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	80	9
13.	Augustana (S.D.)	79	11
14.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	65	NR
15.	Western State (Colo.)	62	14
16.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	61	18
17.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	39	13
18.	Northern Colorado	32	12
19.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	26	19
20.	Chadron State (Neb.)	25	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Binghamton (N.Y.), Central Washington, Colorado School of Mines, Gannon (Pa.), San Francisco State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, West Liberty State (W. Va.).

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
4. Brian Burzynski, Kutztown (Pa.)
5. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
6. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado
7. Chris Perretti, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)

133 Pounds

1. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
3. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
4. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Mark Natzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Bob Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Jeremy Rhodes, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
8. Scott Larson, Moorhead State (Minn.)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
3. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Oscar Frias, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato

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8. Chris Zink, North Dakota State

157 Pounds

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2. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
3. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
4. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
5. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
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7. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
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2. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Chance Stoesser, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Lance Schwanenraver, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Calvin Buhler, Truman State (Mo.)

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2. Eric Hage, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
4. Bart Orth, Central Washington
5. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
6. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Travis Nagel, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Albert Harrold, Nebraska-Omaha

184 Pounds

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Heavyweight

1. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
2. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
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5. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
6. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
7. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
8. Steve Brown, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) is the unanimous pick as the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll for Jan. 27.

The Mountain Cats won last week's NCAA Division II Showdown Duals in Edmond with a 21-16 finals victory over Nebraska-Omaha and received all 10 first-place votes to finish with 200 points in voting of coaches from around the country.

UPJ, national champions in 1996, was the pre-season No. 1 pick and has now held that spot in the first three regular-season rankings.

Nebraska-Omaha remained second in the poll, finishing with 189 points, while defending national champion North Dakota State was third with 178 points. South Dakota State, which finished third in last week's national dual tournament, was fourth and four-time national champion Central Oklahoma fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 was Southern Colorado, Nebraska-Kearney, Ashland (Ohio), Carson-Newman (Tenn.) and Minnesota State-Mankato.

Wisconsin-Parkside made its debut in the top 20, coming in 15th after finishing eighth in the NCAA Division II Showdown Duals.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown has two top-ranked individuals in 125-pounder Jody Strittmatter and 165-pounder Troy Barbush.

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Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking
1.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (10)	200	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	189	2
3.	North Dakota State	178	3
4.	South Dakota State	172	4
5.	Central Oklahoma	160	6
6.	Southern Colorado	149	5
7.	Nebraska-Kearney	129	9
8.	Ashland (Ohio)	125	11
9.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	94	8
10.	Minnesota State-Mankato	93	7
11.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	89	14
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	83	12
13.	Augustana (S.D.)	79	13
14.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	78	16
15.	Wisconsin-Parkside	68	NR
16.	Western State (Colo.)	53	15
17.	Central Missouri State	51	10
18.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	29	17
19.	Northern Colorado	26	18
20.	Chadron State (Neb.)	19	20

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8. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

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5. Ryan Marx, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. B.J. Jones, South Dakota State

Heavyweight

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2. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
3. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
4. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
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6. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
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8. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) is once again the unanimous pick as the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll for Feb. 9.

The Mountain Cats, 19-2 in duals, received all 10 first-place votes to finish with 200 points in voting of coaches from around the country. UPJ, national champions in 1996, was the pre-season No. 1 pick and has now held that spot in the first four regular-season rankings.

Nebraska-Omaha remained second in the poll, finishing with 187 points, while defending national champion North Dakota State is third with 181 points. Those two teams will clash in a North Central Conference dual this weekend.

South Dakota State is fourth in the poll and four-time national champion Central Oklahoma fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Kearney, Southern Colorado, Ashland (Ohio), Minnesota State-Mankato and St. Cloud State (Minn.).

Pittsburgh-Johnstown has six ranked individuals, led by two No. 1s in 125-pounder Jody Strittmatter and 165-pounder Troy Barbush. Nebraska-Omaha also has two top-ranked individuals in 133-pounder Braumon Creighton and heavyweight Jerry Corner.

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Others Receiving Votes: Binghamton (N.Y.), Central Washington, Colorado School of Mines, Northern Colorado, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, West Liberty State (W. Va.).

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
3. Chris Perretti, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
7. Brian Burzynski, Kutztown (Pa.)
8. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado

133 Pounds

1. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
5. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Scott Larson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
7. Bob Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
8. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
3. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)
5. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

149 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
3. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Joe Privitere, Binghamton (N.Y.)
5. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
7. Troy Szydel, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)

157 Pounds

1. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
4. Jason Thompson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
5. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
3. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
4. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Chance Stoeser, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Lance Schwanenraver, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State

174 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Albert Harrold, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
5. Bart Orth, Central Washington
6. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
7. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)

184 Pounds

1. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
2. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Matt Brucklacher, Northern Colorado
6. Joe Pistone, American International (Mass.)
7. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Brent Henriksen, Augustana (S.D.)

197 Pounds

1. Jon Bush, Colorado School of Mines
2. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
3. Ryan Marx, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Oaha
5. Shawn Ange, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. B.J. Jones, South Dakota State
8. Dan Orwig, Shippensburg (Pa.)

Heavyweight

1. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
3. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
4. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
5. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
7. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
8. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) maintained its No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings heading into this weekend's regional qualifying tournaments, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll for Feb. 23.

The Mountain Cats, who finished 23-2 in duals with a 21-match winning streak, received all 10 first-place votes to finish with 200 points in voting of coaches from around the country. UPJ, national champions in 1996, has held the No. 1 spot in every poll this year.

Nebraska-Omaha remained second in the poll, finishing with 186 points, while defending national champion North Dakota State is third with 183 points.

South Dakota State is fourth in the poll and four-time national champion Central Oklahoma fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Kearney, Southern Colorado, St. Cloud State (Minn.), Ashland (Ohio) and Minnesota State-Mankato.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown has six ranked individuals, led by two No. 1s in 125-pounder Jody Strittmatter and 165-pounder Troy Barbush. Nebraska-Omaha also has two top-ranked individuals in 133-pounder Braumon Creighton and heavyweight Jerry Corner.

Regional qualifying tournaments for the national tournament will be held this weekend at five sites around the country. The NCAA Division II Championships are set for March 12-13 in Omaha, Neb.

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.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (10)	200	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	186	2
3.	North Dakota State	183	3
4.	South Dakota State	163	4
5.	Central Oklahoma	162	5
6.	Nebraska-Kearney	138	6
7.	Southern Colorado	135	7
8.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	132	10
9.	Ashland (Ohio)	117	8
10.	Minnesota State-Mankato	114	9
11.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	95	11
12.	Western State (Colo.)	81	13
13.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	78	12
14.	Augustana (S.D.)	60	15
15.	Adams State (Colo.)	55	14
16.	Chadron State (Neb.)	47	18
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	43	16
18.	Central Missouri State	40	17
19.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	23	19
T20.	Colorado School of Mines	15	NR
T20.	Northern Colorado	15	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Binghamton (N.Y.), Fort Hays State (Kan.), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, West Liberty State (W. Va.).

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Chris Perretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
4. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
6. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado
8. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)

133 Pounds

1. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
5. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Ryan Hintz, Central Missouri State
7. Scott Larson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Troy Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)
4. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
6. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
7. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

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1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Chris Currier, Southern Colorado
3. Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Chris Zink, North Dakota State
5. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
7. Troy Szydel, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Joe Privitere, Binghamton (N.Y.)

157 Pounds

1. Benny Charles, Southern Colorado
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado
4. Jason Thompson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
5. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
3. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
4. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Lance Schwanenraver, Gannon (Pa.)
6. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
8. Chance Stoeser, Augustana (S.D.)

174 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Albert Harrold, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
5. Bart Orth, Central Washington
6. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Tony Realmuto, Central Oklahoma
8. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State

184 Pounds

1. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
2. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
4. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Matt Brucklacher, Northern Colorado
6. Joe Pistone, American International (Mass.)
7. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Brent Henriksen, Augustana (S.D.)

197 Pounds

1. Jon Bush, Colorado School of Mines
2. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
3. Shawn Ange, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Ryan Marx, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Oaha
6. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Dan Orwig, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Nick Severson, North Dakota State

Heavyweight

1. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
3. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
7. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
8. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) maintained its No. 1 ranking in the final NCAA Division II wrestling rankings and will be the favorite to capture the national championship next week, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll for March 2.

The Mountain Cats, who crowned seven individual champions in running away with the East Regional title last week, received eight first-place votes to finish with 197 points in voting of coaches from around the country. UPJ, national champions in 1996, held the No. 1 spot in every poll this year.

Nebraska-Omaha, champions of the North Central Conference and the host of the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships on March 12-13, was second in the poll with the remaining two first-place votes and 191 points.

Defending national champion North Dakota State was third in the rankings, followed by Central Oklahoma and Southern Colorado. UCO won its 10th straight Midwest Regional crown last week, while the Thunderwolves captured the West Regional title.

Rounding out the top 10 is Minnesota State-Mankato, South Dakota State, South Regional champion Ashland (Ohio), Nebraska-Kearney and Western State (Colo.).

Pittsburgh-Johnstown and Nebraska-Omaha have the most individual national qualifiers with nine, while Central Oklahoma has eight and Ashland seven.

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.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (8)	197	1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha (2)	191	2
3.	North Dakota State	176	3
4.	Central Oklahoma	175	5
5.	Southern Colorado	148	7
6.	Minnesota State-Mankato	145	10
7.	South Dakota State	144	4
8.	Ashland (Ohio)	129	9
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	103	6
10.	Western State (Colo.)	96	12
11.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	94	13
12.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	92.5	8
13.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	71.5	11
14.	Central Missouri State	65	18
15.	Adams State (Colo.)	49	15
16.	Augustana (S.D.)	45	14
17.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	37	NR
18.	Wisconsin-Parkside	29	17
19.	Colorado School of Mines	28	20
20.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	23	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Binghamton (N.Y.), Central Washington, Chadron State (Neb.), Gannon (Pa.), Indianapolis (Ind.), Northern Colorado, Shippensburg (Pa.), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Chris Perretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Ryan Lewis, North Dakota State
4. Chad Wickman, South Dakota State
5. Max Schurkamp, San Francisco State (Calif.)
6. Naret Viravong, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha

133 Pounds

1. Mike Barreras, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. John Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
5. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Ryan Hintz, Central Missouri State
7. Jeremy Rhodes, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
8. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)

141 Pounds

1. Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)
3. Tony Clark, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Travis Shives, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
6. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
7. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

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6. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
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8. Chris Zink, North Dakota State

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4. Troy Barbush, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Chance Stoeser, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Chance Van Gundy, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Mike Bammes, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

174 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Albert Harrold, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
4. Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado
5. Bart Orth, Central Washington
6. Joe Dougherty, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Kevin Allison, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Tony Realmuto, Central Oklahoma

184 Pounds

1. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
2. John Simpson, Colorado School of Mines
3. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
4. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Edwin Lorne, Central Oklahoma
7. Brent Henriksen, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha

197 Pounds

1. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
2. Ryan Marx, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Shawn Ange, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Jaison Klingensmith, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Andy Sistik, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Jon Bush, Colorado School of Mines
8. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

Heavyweight

1. Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Shane Carwin, Western State (Colo.)
3. Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Ryan Resel, South Dakota State
6. Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado
7. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
8. Claude Davis, Central Oklahoma