

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

EDMOND, Okla. — Nebraska-Omaha was the unanimous No. 1 pick in the first NCAA Division II wrestling rankings of the 1999-2000 regular season, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-Season Top 20 poll that was released Wednesday.

The Mavericks, with five All-Americans back from last year's national runner-up team, received all nine first-place votes and finished with 180 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

Four-time champion Central Oklahoma moved up from third to second in the rankings, with North Dakota State going from fourth to third and South Dakota State falling from second to fourth. Ashland (Ohio) maintained its fifth-place rating from the pre-season poll.

Rounding out the top 10 was defending national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Minnesota State-Mankato, Nebraska-Kearney, Fort Hays State (Kan.) and Western State (Colo.).

SDSU has the most No. 1-rated individuals with three -- 133-pounder Scott Braun, 141-pounder Paul Konechne and 174-pounder Tyler Jones. UNO has two top-ranked individuals in 125-pounder Mack LaRock and 165-pounder Chris Blair, both runners-up last year.

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>Pre-season Ranking</i>
1.	Nebraska-Omaha (7)	180	1
2.	Central Oklahoma	164	3
3.	North Dakota State	158	4
4.	South Dakota State	155	2
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	143	5
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	135	7
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	127	6
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	114	9
9.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	108	8
10.	Western State (Colo.)	101	15
11.	Central Missouri State	90	12
12.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	74	14
13.	Central Washington	66	13
14.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	55	11
15.	Chadron State (Neb.)	42	18
16.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	38	16
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	37	NR
18.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	35	19
19.	Southern Colorado	32	10
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	25	17

**Others Receiving Votes:** Adams State (Colo.), Augustana (S.D.), Gannon (Pa.), Kutztown (Pa.), Northern Colorado, Truman State.

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado
3. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
6. Zach Gresset, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato

## 133 Pounds

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Jeremy Rhodes, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
4. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
5. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Wes Watson, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
7. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Chas Thompson, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

## 141 Pounds

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Brad Kiefer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. T.J. Helligson, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Kurt Karjalainen, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Mark Natzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Pete Koster, Nebraska-Omaha

## 149 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
4. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Pete Dickinson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
6. Marcus Mays, Central Washington
7. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)
8. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State

## 157 Pounds

1. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
5. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
6. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Jack Anderson, Central Washington

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## 165 Pounds

1. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
3. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
5. Randy Rager, Minnesota-Morris
6. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
7. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)

## 174 Pounds

1. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
2. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
3. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
4. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Mike Mitchell, American International
6. Justin McNicholas, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Tony Realmuto, Central Oklahoma
8. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State

## 184 Pounds

1. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
3. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
8. John Rolling, Central Missouri State

## 197 Pounds

1. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
2. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
3. Dale Daugherty, Northern State (S.D.)
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Josh Waugh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
6. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Korak Simmons, Central Missouri State
8. Nick Severson, North Dakota State

## Heavyweight

1. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
2. Claude Davis, Central Oklahoma
3. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
4. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
7. Bob Fullhart, South Dakota State
8. Brad Hughes, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

**EDMOND, Okla.** — Nebraska-Omaha is favored to win the 1999-2000 NCAA Division II national wrestling championship, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-Season Top 20 poll.

The Mavericks, with five All-Americans back from last year's national runner-up team, received seven first-place votes and finished with 178 points to outdistance second-place South Dakota State. The Jackrabbits, fifth last year, had the remaining two first-place votes and 166 points.

Central Oklahoma, third in last year's national tournament and winners of four straight titles from 1992-95, was third with 161 points with North Dakota State fourth and Ashland (Ohio) fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 was Minnesota State-Mankato, defending national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Fort Hays State (Kan.), Nebraska-Kearney and Southern Colorado.

UNO has two top-ranked individuals in 125-pounder Mack LaRock and 165-pounder Chris Blair, both runners-up last year. SDSU has three No. 1-rated individuals -- 133-pounder Scott Braun, 141-pounder Paul Konechne and 174-pounder Tyler Jones.

The Jackrabbits will host the 2000 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships on March 10-11, 2000 in Brookings, S.D.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-Season Top 20 poll with total points (first-place votes in parentheses) and each teams' finish in the 1999 national tournament:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>1999 National Finish</i>
1.	Nebraska-Omaha (7)	178	2
2.	South Dakota State (2)	166	5
3.	Central Oklahoma	161	3
4.	North Dakota State	152	7
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	135	12
6.	Minnesota State-Mankato	129	6
7.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	120	1
8.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	113	11
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	87	35
10.	Southern Colorado	81	4
11.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	79	10
12.	Central Missouri State	75	22
13.	Central Washington	62	28
14.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	60	T28
15.	Western State (Colo.)	55	8
16.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	48	14
17.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	46	T16
18.	Chadron State (Neb.)	34	T16
19.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	33	21
20.	Truman State (Mo.)	17	T19

**Others Receiving Votes:** Adams State (Colo.), Augustana (S.D.), Gannon (Pa.), Kutztown (Pa.), Northern Colorado, Wisconsin-Parkside.

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Max Schurkamp, San Francisco State (Calif.)
3. Eddie Ponce, Southern Colorado
4. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Zach Gresset, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)

## 133 Pounds

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Jeremy Rhodes, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
3. Jesse Clark, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
5. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Wes Watson, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
7. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Chas Thompson, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

## 141 Pounds

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
3. Dwight Ballou, Moorhead State (Minn.)
4. Brad Kiefer, Truman State (Mo.)
5. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
6. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
8. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)

## 149 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
4. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Pete Dickinson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
6. Marcus Mays, Central Washington
7. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)
8. Brad Shefchik, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 157 Pounds

1. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Jack Anderson, Central Washington
8. Jason Thompson, Moorhead State (Minn.)

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## 165 Pounds

1. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Klaus Alberts, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Jason Tapia, Southern Colorado
4. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Lance Schwanenraver, Gannon (Pa.)
6. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
7. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
8. Jake O'Neil, Indianapolis (Ind.)

## 174 Pounds

1. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
2. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
3. Nick Mayer, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. Justin McNicholas, Kutztown (Pa.)
5. Tony Realmuto, Central Oklahoma
6. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
7. Travis Nagel, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Joe Dougherty, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

## 184 Pounds

1. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
3. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Brady Wegesin, Ashland (Ohio)
8. John Rolling, Central Missouri State

## 197 Pounds

1. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
2. Shawn Ange, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
4. Dale Daugherty, Northern State (S.D.)
5. Josh Waugh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
6. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Jon Bush, Colorado School of Mines
8. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney

## Heavyweight

1. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
2. Claude Davis, Central Oklahoma
3. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
4. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Isiah Larson, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Bob Fullhart, South Dakota State
8. Brad Hughes, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

**EDMOND, Okla.** — Nebraska-Omaha was once again the unanimous No. 1 pick in the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-Season Top 20 poll that was released Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The Mavericks, with five All-Americans back from last year's national runner-up team, was the pre-season No. 1 and has stayed atop the poll in the first two regular-season rankings. UNO received all nine first-place votes and finished with 180 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

North Dakota State, national champions in 1998, moved up to second and was followed by South Dakota State, Ashland (Ohio) and Central Oklahoma.

Rounding out the top 10 was defending national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Minnesota State-Mankato, Nebraska-Kearney, Wisconsin-Parkside and Fort Hays State (Kan.). The Rangers made the biggest move, jumping from 17th to ninth after a runner-up finish behind Ashland in last week's Midwest Classic in Indianapolis, Ind.

SDSU has the most No. 1-rated individuals with three -- 133-pounder Scott Braun, 141-pounder Paul Konechne and 174-pounder Tyler Jones. UNO has two top-ranked individuals in 125-pounder Mack LaRock and 165-pounder Chris Blair, both runners-up last year.

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<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	Nebraska-Omaha (9)	180	1
2.	North Dakota State	164	3
3.	South Dakota State	156	4
4.	Ashland (Ohio)	155	5
5.	Central Oklahoma	146	2
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	136	6
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	130	7
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	107	8
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	100	17
10.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	94	9
11.	Central Missouri State	78	11
12.	Chadron State (Neb.)	63	15
13.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	57	12
14.	Central Washington	50	13
15.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	47	14
16.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	41	18
17.	Western State (Colo.)	39	10
18.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	37	16
19.	Adams State (Colo.)	30	NR
20.	Southern Colorado	21	19

**Others Receiving Votes:** Augustana (S.D.), Gannon (Pa.), Indianapolis (Ind.), Northern Colorado, Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State.

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## **125 Pounds**

1. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Zach Gresset, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)
7. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma

## **133 Pounds**

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
4. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Jeremy Rhodes, Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
6. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Wes Watson, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
8. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney

## **141 Pounds**

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Brad Kiefer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Kurt Karjalainen, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Mike Goodson, Central Oklahoma
6. T.J. Hellickson, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Steve Bristle, Southwest State (Minn.)
8. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State

## **149 Pounds**

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
5. Pete Dickinson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
6. Marcus Mays, Central Washington
7. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
8. Tim Bradley, Central Missouri State

## **157 Pounds**

1. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
5. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
7. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Brad Shefchik, Wisconsin-Parkside



# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## **165 Pounds**

1. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Randy Rager, Minnesota-Morris
4. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
6. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Matt Lay, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Ryan Butterbaugh, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

## **174 Pounds**

1. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
2. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Mike Mitchell, American International
5. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
7. Jason Tapia, Southern Colorado
8. Justin McNicholas, Kutztown (Pa.)

## **184 Pounds**

1. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
3. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
8. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma

## **197 Pounds**

1. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
3. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Korak Simmons, Central Missouri State
6. Nick Severson, North Dakota State
7. Dale Daugherty, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Terry Tuzzolino, San Francisco State

## **Heavyweight**

1. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
2. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Bob Fullhart, South Dakota State
6. Dave Clymer, North Dakota State
7. Brad Hughes, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Dan Spencer, Central Missouri State

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

**EDMOND, Okla.** — North Dakota State took over the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 rankings that were released Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The Bison, national champions in 1988 and '98, received seven of the nine first-place votes and finished with 177 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. NDSU moved up from second in taking over the top ranking from Nebraska-Omaha, which had held the No. 1 ranking in the previous three polls.

South Dakota State, which won the NWCA Division II National Duals on Jan. 21-22, moved up from third to second in the rankings with Nebraska-Omaha third, Central Oklahoma fourth and Ashland (Ohio) fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 was defending national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Minnesota State-Mankato, Nebraska-Kearney, Central Missouri State and St. Cloud State, which jumped from 18th to 10th after a fifth-place finish at the NWCA Division II National Duals.

NDSU is led by three individuals ranked second at their respective weight -- 133-pounder Kris Nelson, 157-pounder Wayne Mooney and 184-pounder Steve Saxlund.

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.	North Dakota State (7)	177	2
2.	South Dakota State (1)	171	3
3.	Nebraska-Omaha (1)	163	1
4.	Central Oklahoma	150	5
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	143	4
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	139	6
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	125	7
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	107	8
9.	Central Missouri State	103	11
10.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	87	18
11.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	83	10
12.	Chadron State (Neb.)	76	12
13.	Wisconsin-Parkside	63	9
14.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	61	13
15.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	50	16
16.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	47	NR
17.	Southern Colorado	39	20
18.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	25	15
19.	Adams State (Colo.)	22	19
20.	Central Washington	21	14

**Others Receiving Votes:** Augustana (S.D.), Gannon (Pa.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State, Western State (Colo.).

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## **125 Pounds**

1. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)
6. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
7. Zach Gresset, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State

## **133 Pounds**

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. Scott Larson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
4. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
5. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Wes Watson, West Liberty State (W.Va.)

## **141 Pounds**

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Brad Kiefer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kurt Karjalainen, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
8. T.J. Hellickson, Ashland (Ohio)

## **149 Pounds**

1. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
3. Pete Dickinson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
4. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Brett Owen, Shippensburg (Pa.)
6. Jason Dye, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Marcus Mays, Central Washington
8. Tim Bradley, Central Missouri State

## **157 Pounds**

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3. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
4. Randy Rager, Minnesota-Morris
5. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Ryan Butterbaugh, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Matt Lay, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Grady Wolf, North Dakota State

## 174 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State
2. Jason Tapia, Southern Colorado
3. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
4. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
5. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Mike Mitchell, American International
7. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)

## 184 Pounds

1. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
3. Corey Hintz, Southern Colorado
4. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Lance Thury, South Dakota State
8. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma

## 197 Pounds

1. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Terry Tuzzolino, San Francisco State
3. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Korak Simmons, Central Missouri State

## Heavyweight

1. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
2. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
3. Tyrice Ellebb, Nebraska-Omaha
4. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
7. Bob Fullhart, South Dakota State
8. Shaun Meeks, Anderson (S.C.)

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

**EDMOND, Okla.** — Nebraska-Omaha regained the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 rankings that were released Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The Mavericks were No. 1 in the first three polls of the season before falling to third behind North Dakota State and South Dakota State in the last rankings, but UNO defeated both North Central Conference rivals in duals the past two weeks to move back to No. 1.

Nebraska-Omaha received eight of the 10 first-place votes and finished with 196 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. NDSU had one first-place vote and was second with 190 points, while SDSU was third, Central Oklahoma fourth and defending national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), which received the remaining first-place vote, fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 was Ashland (Ohio), Nebraska-Kearney, Wisconsin-Parkside, St. Cloud State and Fort Hays State (Kan.). Northern Colorado made the biggest move, jumping into the rankings at No. 13 after not being rated in the last poll.

UNO is led by top-ranked 165-pounder Chris Blair and has eight other individuals ranked among the top six at their respective weight.

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.	Nebraska-Omaha (8)	196	3
2.	North Dakota State (1)	190	1
3.	South Dakota State	180	2
4.	Central Oklahoma	165	4
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) (1)	163	6
6.	Ashland (Ohio)	143	5
7.	Nebraska-Kearney	118	8
8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	114	13
9.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	93	10
10.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	90	11
11.	Central Missouri State	83	9
12.	Minnesota State-Mankato	82	7
13.	Northern Colorado	69	NR
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15.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	58	14
16.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	45	16
17.	Southern Colorado	40	17
18.	Chadron State (Neb.)	38	12
19.	Adams State (Colo.)	24	19
20.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	21	18

**Others Receiving Votes:** Augustana (S.D.), Central Washington, Gannon (Pa.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State, Western State (Colo.).

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## **125 Pounds**

1. Tom Grafstrom, Moorhead State (Minn.)
2. Jason Romero, Northern Colorado
3. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Putt, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State
8. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside

## **133 Pounds**

1. Scott Braun, South Dakota State
2. Kris Nelson, North Dakota State
3. Scott Larson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
4. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
5. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Aaron Sanders, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Rob English, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)

## **141 Pounds**

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Brad Kiefer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Lamont Tucker, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kurt Karjalainen, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
8. T.J. Hellickson, Ashland (Ohio)

## **149 Pounds**

1. Corey Kline, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
4. Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Brett Owen, Shippensburg (Pa.)
6. John Alexander, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
8. Pete Dickinson, Moorhead State (Minn.)

## **157 Pounds**

1. Royce Johnson, Western State (Colo.)
2. Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State
3. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Joe Veres, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Jason Thompson, Moorhead State (Minn.)
8. Lee Gatlin, Central Missouri State

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## **165 Pounds**

1. Chris Blair, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Titus Taylor, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
3. Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma
4. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
5. Randy Rager, Minnesota-Morris
6. Ryan Butterbaugh, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Matt Lay, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Grady Wolf, North Dakota State

## **174 Pounds**

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State
2. Jason Tapia, Southern Colorado
3. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
4. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
5. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Mike Mitchell, American International
7. Jake Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Steve Massouh, West Liberty State (W.Va.)

## **184 Pounds**

1. Ethan Brownback, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
3. Corey Hintz, Southern Colorado
4. Conrad Johnson, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
7. Lance Thury, South Dakota State
8. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma

## **197 Pounds**

1. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Terry Tuzzolino, San Francisco State
3. Ryan Rettke, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Luke Wren, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Korak Simmons, Central Missouri State
8. Trevell Smittick, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

## **Heavyweight**

1. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
2. Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
3. Tyrice Ellebb, Nebraska-Omaha
4. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Jeremiah Constant, Central Oklahoma
7. Jon Madsen, South Dakota State
8. Shaun Meeks, Anderson (S.C.)

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

**EDMOND, Okla.** — Nebraska-Omaha will be the slight favorite to win the national championship next week as the Mavericks held onto the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll that was released Wednesday, March 1.

UNO, which won its second straight North Central Conference crown last week, earned five first-place votes and finished with 195 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. Central Oklahoma, which captured its 11th consecutive Midwest Regional title on Sunday, had the other five first-place votes and had 194 points.

Nebraska-Omaha and UCO lead all teams with nine qualifiers apiece for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships that will be held on March 10-11 in Brookings, S.D.

North Dakota State was third in the voting, followed by South Dakota State and South Regional champion Ashland (Ohio). Rounding out the top 10 was defending national champion and East Regional winner Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Central Missouri State, West Regional winner Nebraska-Kearney, Minnesota State-Mankato and Southern Colorado.

Both UNO and UCO have six ranked individuals, with the Mavericks led by No. 1 Chris Blair at 165 and the Bronchos by top-rated Jeremiah Constant at heavyweight. NDSU has the most No. 1-ranked individuals with three -- 133 Kris Nelson, 157 Wayne Mooney and 184 Steve Saxlund.

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.	Nebraska-Omaha (5)	195	1
2.	Central Oklahoma (5)	194	4
3.	North Dakota State	178	2
4.	South Dakota State	166	3
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	156	6
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	150	5
7.	Central Missouri State	135	11
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	131	7
9.	Minnesota State-Mankato	117	12
10.	Southern Colorado	96	17
11.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	81	15
12.	Chadron State (Neb.)	79	18
13.	Moorhead State (Minn.)	73	14
14.	Wisconsin-Parkside	65	8
15.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	58	NR
T16.	Northern Colorado	47	13
T16.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	47	16
18.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	40	10
19.	Western State (Colo.)	34	NR
20.	Central Washington	29	NR

**Others Receiving Votes:** Adams State (Colo.), American International (Mass.), Carson-Newman (Tenn.), St. Cloud State (Minn.).



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