

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. — Nebraska-Omaha retained its No. 1 spot in the first regular-season NCAA Division II rankings, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll that was released Wednesday, Dec. 20.

UNO, which was ranked No. 1 in the pre-season poll last month, received six of the seven first-place votes and finished with 139 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. Defending national champion North Dakota State was second with 132 points, with Central Oklahoma moving up to third with the one remaining first-place vote and 127 points.

Ashland (Ohio) was fourth, with 1999 national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and South Dakota State tied for fifth. Rounding out the top 10 was Central Missouri State, Minnesota State-Mankato, Southern Colorado and Findlay (Ohio).

UNO has seven individuals ranked in the top eight, led by No. 2-ranked Chad Wallace at 197 pounds. NDSU has one top-ranked individual in returning national champion Steve Saxlund (184), while UCO is led by No. 1-rated and defending national champion Mark Dodgen (125).

The NCAA Division II Championships will be held March 9-10 in Greeley, Colo.

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 (6)	139	1
2.	North Dakota State	132	2
3.	Central Oklahoma (1)	127	4
4.	Ashland (Ohio)	117	5
T5.	South Dakota State	107	3
T5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	107	6
7.	Central Missouri State	97	7
8.	Minnesota State-Mankato	91	8
T9.	Southern Colorado	75	10
T9.	Findlay (Ohio)	75	T14
11.	Nebraska-Kearney	70	9
12.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	66	12
T13.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	45	13
T13.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	45	17
15.	Northern Colorado	33	NR
16.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	32	12
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	31	16
18.	Western State (Colo.)	16	14
19.	Gannon (Pa.)	14	NR
20.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	12	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Adams State, American International (Mass.), Augustana (S.D.), Central Washington, Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, Moorhead State (Minn.).

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2. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Jared Haberman, Western State (Colo.)
5. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Brian Burzinski, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Jason Romero, Northern Colorado
8. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State

133 Pounds

1. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
2. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
7. Andy Wilson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Wes Watson, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

141 Pounds

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
3. Jake Theilbar, North Dakota State
4. Mark Mentzer, Shippensburg (Pa.)
5. Oscar Frias, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Marc Bullard, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Steve Bryant, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

149 Pounds

1. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
2. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
3. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
4. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
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3. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
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6. Matt Ballard, Central Washington
7. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
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1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State
2. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
3. Mike Mitchell, American International (Mass.)
4. Jason Tapia, Southern Colorado
5. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
6. Travis Nagel, Moorhead State (Minn.)
7. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
8. James Tietma, Findlay (Ohio)

184 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Corey Hintz, Southern Colorado
3. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
4. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
5. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
6. Ty Swarm, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State

197 Pounds

1. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Tom Clemen, Northern Colorado
6. Ben Kuntz, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
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UNO, which has now been ranked No. 1 in all three polls this season, received seven of the eight first-place votes and finished with 159 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. Central Oklahoma moved to second, picking up the remaining first-place vote and finishing with 148 points, while defending national champion North Dakota State was third with 143 points.

Ashland (Ohio) was fourth, with 1999 national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) fifth. Rounding out the top 10 was South Dakota State, Central Missouri State, Minnesota State-Mankato, Findlay (Ohio) and Nebraska-Kearney.

Nebraska-Omaha will compete in the NWCA National Duals this weekend in State College, Pa. as the lone Division II representative, while 12 of the top-20 teams will be in Brookings, S.D. Friday and Saturday for the NWCA Division II National Duals.

Top 10 teams in the tournament will be Central Oklahoma, North Dakota State, Ashland, South Dakota State, Central Missouri State and Nebraska-Kearney.

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3.	North Dakota State	143	2
4.	Ashland (Ohio)	139	4
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	124	T5
6.	South Dakota State	123	T5
7.	Central Missouri State	107	7
8.	Minnesota State-Mankato	101	8
9.	Findlay (Ohio)	94	T9
10.	Nebraska-Kearney	73	11
11.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	71	12
12.	Southern Colorado	57	T9
13.	Chadron State (Neb.)	55	NR
14.	Western State (Colo.)	48	18
15.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	36	T13
16.	Northern Colorado	33	15
17.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	32	T14
18.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	31	NR
19.	Wisconsin-Parkside	26	17
20.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	21	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Adams State (Colo.), Colorado School of Mines, Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gannon (Pa.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Southwest State (Minn.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

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4. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
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1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Joe Schneider, Central Oklahoma
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6. Ryan Carlson, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Stas Khaitin, Central Missouri State

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The Mavericks, who have held the top ranking in all four polls this season, were the unanimous pick after receiving all eight first-place votes and finishing with 160 points in balloting of coaches from around the country. Defending national champion North Dakota State was second with 152 points and Central Oklahoma third with 144 points.

South Dakota State was fourth, with Ashland (Ohio) fifth and 1999 national champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) sixth. Rounding out the top 10 was Minnesota State-Mankato, Central Missouri State, Nebraska-Kearney and Findlay (Ohio).

Nebraska-Omaha has eight ranked individuals, topped by No. 1 Chad Wallace at 197 pounds. North Dakota State has top-rated individuals in 184 Steve Saxlund and heavyweight Nick Severson among its five ranked wrestlers, while Central Oklahoma has one No. 1 individual in 125 Mark Dodgen to lead its five top-eight individuals.

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6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	119	5
7.	Minnesota State-Mankato	112	8
8.	Central Missouri State	89	7
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	86	10
10.	Findlay (Ohio)	85	9
11.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	67	11
12.	Southern Colorado	58	12
T13.	Chadron State (Neb.)	56	13
T13.	Central Washington	56	NR
15.	Northern Colorado	48	16
16.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	43	15
17.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	34	18
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19.	Western State (Colo.)	23	14
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The post-season begins the weekend of Feb. 23-24-25 when regional tournaments will be held at four different sites around the country. The top 40 individuals from each of those four regionals advance to the 2001 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships on March 9-10 in Greeley, Colo.

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9.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	88	11
10.	Chadron State (Neb.)	78	13
11.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	69	18
12.	Northern Colorado	52	15
13.	Gannon (Pa.)	50	NR
14.	Findlay (Ohio)	40	10
15.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	37	17
16.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	36	16
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The Bison, who captured the North Central Conference title last week in qualifying all 10 individuals for the national tournament, were the unanimous pick after receiving all eight first-place votes and finishing with 160 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

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Nebraska-Omaha, which held the top ranking in every regular-season poll this season, fell to second with 149 points after finishing behind NDSU in the NCC tournament. Central Oklahoma remained third with 147 points after winning its 12th consecutive Midwest Regional crown last week and advancing nine wrestlers to the national meet.

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2. Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
5. Brian Burzinski, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
8. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato

133 Pounds

1. Brian Luna, Southern Colorado
2. Ricky Frausto, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
4. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
6. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Jimmy Melek, Adams State (Colo.)
8. David Cruz, American International (Mass.)

141 Pounds

1. Paul Konechne, South Dakota State
2. Jake Theilbar, North Dakota State
3. Stas Khaitin, Central Missouri State
4. Marc Bullard, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Zac Stratton, Western State (Colo.)
6. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Jay Yates, Indianapolis (Ind.)

149 Pounds

1. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
2. Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma
3. Marshall Hahn, Northern Colorado
4. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
5. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Jason Dye, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Nick Spencer, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
8. Jody Trantham, Colorado School of Mines

157 Pounds

1. Matt Petsinger, Minnesota State-Mankato
2. Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
3. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Alan Cartwright, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Travis Keppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)
7. Justin Willuweit, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
2. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Matt Ballard, Central Washington
5. Scott Goldstein, Anderson (S.C.)
6. Lance Schwabenbauer, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Grady Wolf, North Dakota State
8. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney

174 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State
2. Mike Mitchell, American International (Mass.)
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
5. Travis Nagel, Minnesota State-Moorhead
6. Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State
7. Paul Arens, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
8. Aaron Johnson, Indianapolis (Ind.)

184 Pounds

1. Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State
2. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
3. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
4. Scott Antoniak, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Corey Hintz, Southern Colorado
6. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
7. Ty Swarm, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)

197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Luke Wren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Kevin Lochner, Southern Colorado
4. Doug Joseph, Gannon (Pa.)
5. Kevin Boccella, Shippensburg (Pa.)
6. T.J. Tallent, Central Oklahoma
7. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Bryan Draemer, North Dakota State

Heavyweight

1. Jon Madsen, South Dakota State
2. Josh Hendricks, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Nick Severson, North Dakota State
4. Todd Proper, Gannon (Pa.)
5. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
6. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
8. Cody Beguin, Chadron State (Neb.)