

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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**EDMOND, Okla.** -- North Dakota State is the pre-season choice to win its third straight national wrestling championship in 2001-02 according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

The pre-season poll was determined using returning points from last year's national tournament.

The Bison of veteran head coach Bucky Maughn, who have captured three of the past four Division II national titles, return 65 points from last year's team that trimmed South Dakota State 98-91.5 for the championship. Leading NDSU are two returning individual champions -- 174-pounder Todd Fuller and heavyweight Nick Severson, who are both No. 1 in the individual pre-season rankings.

SDSU is second in the pre-season poll with 58 returning points and have three individuals ranked second at their respective weights in 157 Aaron Veskrna, 165 Tyler Bryant and heavyweight Jon Madsen.

Central Oklahoma is third in the pre-season poll, with Nebraska-Omaha fourth and Ashland (Ohio) fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Augustana (S.D.), Western State (Colo.) and three teams tied for ninth -- Adams State (Colo.), Central Missouri State and Minnesota State-Mankato.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-season Top 20 poll with returning national tournament points and last year's national finish:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Year's Finish</i>
1.	North Dakota State	65	1st
2.	South Dakota State	58	2nd
3.	Central Oklahoma	56 3/4	T3rd
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	50	T3rd
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	47	9th
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	46	10th
7.	Augustana (S.D.)	35 1/2	13th
8.	Western State (Colo.)	32 1/2	11th
9.	Adams State (Colo.)	23	15th
9.	Central Missouri State	23	11th
9.	Minnesota State-Mankato	23	6th
12.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	17 1/2	8th
13.	Northern Colorado	14	17th
14.	Southwest State (Minn.)	13 1/2	T21st
15.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	13 1/4	T21st
16.	Nebraska-Kearney	13	23rd
17.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	12 1/2	16th
18.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	8	14th
19.	Chadron State (Neb.)	6	25th
19.	Wisconsin-Parkside	6	28th

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

1. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Grady Wolf, North Dakota State
5. Matt LaMotte, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. Drew Bouwman, Southwest State (Minn.)
3. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Chris Schlaegel, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Joel Schrimpf, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Corey Kinnan, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney

## 184 Pounds

1. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
2. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
5. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Matt Tyrrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Ryan Courtney, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
8. Chris Canale, Ashland (Ohio)

## 197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
3. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
4. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
5. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnston (Pa.)
8. Tom Clemen, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

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

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
3. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Victor Juarez, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
7. Brian Burzynski, Kutztown (Pa.)
8. Anthony Guillen, Western State (Colo.)

## 133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State
4. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. Ben Sprunger, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State

## 141 Pounds

1. Jay Yates, Indianapolis (Ind.)
2. Zac Stratton, Western State (Colo.)
3. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Rob English, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
8. Nate Peterson, Colorado School of Mines

## 149 Pounds

1. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Jared Cooley, Southwest State (Minn.)
3. Jason Dye, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Michael Barreras, Central Oklahoma
7. Wes Reynolds, Central Missouri State
8. Steve Kosloski, Minnesota State-Mankato

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Keppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Matt Neumueller, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Ryan Hunter, Central Missouri State
6. Ryan Mizushima, Western State (Colo.)
7. Thad Pike, North Dakota State
8. Ryan Dickson, Findlay (Ohio)

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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**Wednesday, Nov. 21 (For Immediate Release)**

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- North Dakota State remained the No. 1 team in the first regular-season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings of the 2001-02 season on Wednesday, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll.

The defending national champion Bison, who have captured three of the past four Division II national titles, received all eight first-place votes in a ballot of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points.

South Dakota State remained second in the poll, finishing with 146 points to edge out Central Oklahoma's 144-point total. Nebraska-Omaha was fourth with 139 points and Ashland (Ohio) fifth with 129 points in the balloting.

Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Western State (Colo.), Central Missouri State, Augustana (S.D.) and Minnesota State-Mankato.

NDSU has two top-ranked individuals in 174-pounder Todd Fuller and heavyweight Nick Severson, both defending national champions. Central Oklahoma (133 Cole Province, 197 Muhammed Lawal), Pittsburgh-Johnstown (149 Joe Lloyd and 157 Shad Benton) and Western State (141 Zac Stratton and 165 Dave Vondy) also have two top-ranked individuals each.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-season Top 20 poll with points and their pre-season ranking (first-place votes in parenthesis):

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Pre-season Ranking</i>
1.	North Dakota State (8)	160	1st
2.	South Dakota State	146	2nd
3.	Central Oklahoma	144	3rd
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	139	4th
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	129	5th
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	121	6th
7.	Western State (Colo.)	98	8th
8.	Central Missouri State	92	10th
9.	Augustana (S.D.)	91	7th
10.	Minnesota State-Mankato	90	11th
11.	Adams State (Colo.)	82	9th
12.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	71	12th
13.	Northern Colorado	58	13th
14.	Nebraska-Kearney	45	16th
15.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	43	15th
16.	Southwest State (Minn.)	41	14th
17.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	28	18th
18.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	26	17th
19.	Chadron State (Neb.)	23	19th
20.	Wisconsin-Parkside	22	20th

Others receiving votes: Findlay (Ohio), Fort Hays State, Minnesota State-Moorhead.

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
3. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
6. Brian Burzynski, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Anthony Guillen, Western State (Colo.)
8. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State

## 133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
5. Ben Sprunger, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
8. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State

## 141 Pounds

1. Zac Stratton, Western State (Colo.)
2. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State
5. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
6. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Rob English, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 149 Pounds

1. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Jared Cooley, Southwest State (Minn.)
3. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
4. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
7. Jason Dye, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Steve Kosloski, Minnesota State-Mankato

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Thad Pike, North Dakota State
5. Josh Schommer, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
7. Seth Webster, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

1. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Matt LaMotte, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
5. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
8. Zach Davis, Ashland (Ohio)

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. Drew Bouwman, Southwest State (Minn.)
3. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Chris Schlaegel, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Joel Thompson, Fort Hays State

## 184 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
5. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
6. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Matt Tyrrell, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Ryan Courtney, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

## 197 Pounds

1. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
4. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
5. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnston (Pa.)
8. Tom Clemen, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

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

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

Contact: Mike Kirk      Office Phone: (405) 974-2142      E-mail: mkirk@ucok.edu  
 Wednesday, Dec. 12 (For Immediate Release)

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- North Dakota State was once again the unanimous pick as the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association team and individual rankings that were released on Wednesday.

The defending national champion Bison, who have captured three of the past four Division II national titles, received all seven first-place votes in a ballot of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 140 points.

Central Oklahoma moved up one spot to take over second place in the poll with 130 points, while Nebraksa-Omaha was third, Ashland (Ohio) fourth and Minnesota State-Mankato fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), South Dakota State, Nebraska-Kearney, Wisconsin-Parkside and Central Missouri State.

Wisconsin-Parkside made the biggest jump, going from 20th to ninth, while Minnesota State-Mankato and Nebraska-Kearney also made their first appearances in the top 10.

NDSU has three top-ranked wrestlers -- 141-pounder Lucas Christianson, 174-pounder Todd Fuller and heavyweight Nick Severson -- along with five other individuals listed in the top eight.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Pre-season Top 20 poll with points and their last ranking (first-place votes in parenthesis):

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	North Dakota State (7)	140	1st
2.	Central Oklahoma	130	3rd
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	124	4th
4.	Ashland (Ohio)	118	5th
5.	Minnesota State-Mankato	107	10th
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	105	6th
7.	South Dakota State	103	2nd
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	87	14th
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	82	20th
10.	Central Missouri State	72	8th
11.	Chadron State (Neb.)	61	19th
12.	Augustana (S.D.)	60	9th
13.	Findlay (Ohio)	53	NR
14.	Western State (Colo.)	46	7th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	44	NR
16.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	28	NR
17.	Gannon (Pa.)	26	NR
18.	Adams State (Colo.)	25	11th
19.	Northern Colorado	20	13th
20.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	15	12th

Others receiving votes: Colorado School of Mines, San Francisco State (Calif.), Southwest State (Minn.), St. Cloud State (Minn.)

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
6. Anthony Guillen, Western State (Colo.)
7. Joey Charles, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney

## 133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. Ben Sprunger, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
7. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State

## 141 Pounds

1. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State
2. Josh Holden, Indianapolis (Ind.)
3. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
6. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
8. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 149 Pounds

1. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Jared Cooley, Southwest State (Minn.)
3. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
4. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
7. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
5. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
6. Seth Webster, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Peter Koster, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Wes Sindlinger, Findlay (Ohio)



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## 165 Pounds

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2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
7. Zach Davis, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Matt LaMotte, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Aaron Johnson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
4. Chris Schlaegel, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Joe Callahan, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

## 184 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Chris Rufo, North Dakota State
4. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Joey Krause, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

## 197 Pounds

1. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
4. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
5. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Tom Clemen, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

1. Nick Severson, North Dakota State
2. Jon Madsen, South Dakota State
3. James Garvey, Augustana (S.D.)
4. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
5. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Lyneil Mitchell, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Josh Hendricks, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Jason McMillian, Northern Colorado

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Wednesday, Jan. 9 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State held onto its position as the unanimous No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II dual wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association team and individual rankings that were released on Wednesday.

The defending national champion Bison, who have captured three of the past four Division II national titles, received all eight first-place votes in the balloting of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points.

Central Oklahoma stayed second in the poll with 148 points, while Ashland (Ohio) moved up to third and Nebraska-Omaha fell to fourth. Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Minnesota State-Mankato, South Dakota State, Nebraska-Kearney, Wisconsin-Parkside and Central Missouri State.

The Cliff Keen/NWCA Division II National Duals are set for Jan. 19-20 in Columbus, Ohio, with 11 of the 16 teams in that field currently ranked in the top 20 -- No. 1 NDSU, No. 2 UCO, No. 3 Ashland, No. 4 UNO, No. 5 UPJ, No. 7 SDSU, No. 10 CMSU, No. 12 Chadron State (Neb.), No. 13 Findlay (Ohio), No. 14 Augustana (S.D.) and No. 17 Gannon (Pa.).

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
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2.	Central Oklahoma	148	2nd
3.	Ashland (Ohio)	142	4th
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	138	3rd
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	126	6th
6.	Minnesota State-Mankato	119	5th
7.	South Dakota State	112	7th
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	103	8th
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	100	9th
10.	Central Missouri State	83	10th
11.	Western State (Colo.)	75	14th
12.	Chadron State (Neb.)	70	11th
13.	Findlay (Ohio)	67	13th
14.	Augustana (S.D.)	61	12th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	42	15th
16.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	35	16th
17.	Gannon (Pa.)	32	17th
18.	Northern Colorado	29	19th
19.	Adams State (Colo.)	25	18th
20.	Colorado School of Mines	9	NR

Others receiving votes: Northern State (S.D.), San Francisco State (Calif.), Southwest State (Minn.), St. Cloud State (Minn.), West Liberty State (W. Va.).

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## 125 Pounds

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5. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
6. Anthony Guillen, Western State (Colo.)
7. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Joey Charles, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
6. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Ben Sprunger, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
8. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State

## 141 Pounds

1. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State
3. Adam Kramer, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
5. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
7. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)

## 149 Pounds

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5. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
6. Seth Webster, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Wes Sindlinger, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Josh Schommer, Chadron State (Neb.)

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

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2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
6. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Zach Davis, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Josh McDonald, San Francisco State

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
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4. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Joey Krause, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Rory Herring, Wisconsin-Parkside

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2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
4. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
5. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
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6. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
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# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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**EDMOND, Okla.** -- Central Oklahoma took over as the new No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II dual wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association team and individual rankings that were released on Wednesday.

The Bronchos switched places with North Dakota State, which had been the top-ranked team in the first four polls this season, after defeating the Bison 26-15 in the finals of the NWCA Division II National Duals last weekend in Columbus, Ohio. UCO received all eight first-place votes in the balloting of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points.

NDSU was second with 151 points, while Nebraska-Omaha was third, Ashland (Ohio) fourth and Minnesota State-Mankato fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Augustana (S.D.), Findlay (Ohio), Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Nebraska-Kearney and Central Missouri State.

Augustana and Findlay made the biggest jumps in the rankings. The Vikings moved from 14th to sixth after finishing fifth in last week's national dual tournament, while Findlay jumped from 13th to seventh after a sixth-place finish in that 16-team event.

The 2002 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be March 8-9 in Kenosha, Wis.

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6.	Augustana (S.D.)	120	14th
7.	Findlay (Ohio)	105	13th
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	101	5th
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	100	8th
10.	Central Missouri State	93	10th
11.	Wisconsin-Parkside	84	9th
12.	South Dakota State	64	7th
13.	Adams State (Colo.)	53	19th
14.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	49	15th
15.	Western State (Colo.)	46	11th
T16.	Chadron State (Neb.)	37	12th
T16.	Northern Colorado	37	18th
18.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	30	16th
19.	Gannon (Pa.)	20	17th
20.	Central Washington	8	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Colorado School of Mines, Northern State (S.D.), San Francisco State (Calif.), St. Cloud State (Minn.).

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
2. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Brian Pitts, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Anthony Guillen, Western State (Colo.)
7. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
8. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)

## 133 Pounds

1. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State

## 141 Pounds

1. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
4. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Cole Denison, Central Washington
7. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
8. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State

## 149 Pounds

1. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Ken Schmidt, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Michael Barreras, Central Oklahoma
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
6. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
7. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
8. Seth Webster, Augustana (S.D.)

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

1. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
4. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
5. Matt Gadiant, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Josh McDonald, San Francisco State
8. Alibek Pardakulov, Central Missouri State

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Aaron Johnson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

## 184 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
5. Chris Rufo, North Dakota State
6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Joey Krause, Northern State (S.D.)
8. Rory Herring, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 197 Pounds

1. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
4. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
8. Jason McMillian, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

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

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Tuesday, Feb. 5 (For Immediate Release)

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- Central Oklahoma maintained its spot as the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II dual wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association team and individual rankings that were released on Tuesday.

The Bronchos, who took over the top ranking in the last poll two weeks ago, received all eight first-place votes in the balloting of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points. Two-time defending national champion North Dakota State, which was No. 1 the first four polls of the season, stayed second with 152 points.

Nebraska-Omaha is third in the poll, with Ashland (Ohio) fourth and Minnesota State-Mankato fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Augustana (S.D.), Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Wisconsin-Parkside, Nebraska-Kearney and Findlay (Ohio).

UCO, which defeated NDSU in the finals of the NWCA Division II National Duals on Jan. 20 to take over as the No. 1 team, is 13-1 in duals and riding a 13-match winning streak. The Bronchos host No. 3 Nebraska-Omaha on Friday.

The 2002 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be March 8-9 in Kenosha, Wis.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	Central Oklahoma (8)	160	1st
2.	North Dakota State	152	2nd
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	144	3rd
4.	Ashland (Ohio)	136	4th
5.	Minnesota State-Mankato	127	5th
6.	Augustana (S.D.)	116	6th
7.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	111	8th
8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	97	11th
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	95	9th
10.	Findlay (Ohio)	93	7th
11.	Central Missouri State	85	10th
12.	South Dakota State	68	12th
13.	Western State (Colo.)	66	15th
14.	Chadron State (Neb.)	47	T16th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	14th
16.	Adams State (Colo.)	35	13th
17.	Northern Colorado	31	T16th
18.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	30	18th
19.	Gannon (Pa.)	18	19th
20.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	7	20th

**Others receiving votes:** Central Washington, Indianapolis, San Francisco State (Calif.).



# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
2. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
6. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Brian Pitts, Adams State (Colo.)

## 133 Pounds

1. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
8. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 141 Pounds

1. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
4. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
7. Ronnie Stafford, Northern Colorado
8. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney

## 149 Pounds

1. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
2. Ken Schmidt, Wisconsin-Parkside
3. Michael Barreras, Central Oklahoma
4. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
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8. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
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6. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
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# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

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## 174 Pounds

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2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
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8. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

## 184 Pounds

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2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
5. Chris Rufo, North Dakota State
6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Ryan Kopiasz, Minnesota State-Moorhead
8. Joey Krause, Northern State (S.D.)

## 197 Pounds

1. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
6. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
7. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Jason McMillian, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

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

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Tuesday, Feb. 19 (For Immediate Release)

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- Central Oklahoma is No. 1 in the final NCAA Division II dual wrestling poll, according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association team and individual rankings that were released on Tuesday.

The next poll, to be released on Feb. 27, will be a tournament ranking.

The Bronchos, who finished the season 15-1 in duals, received all eight first-place votes in the balloting of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points. Two-time defending national champion North Dakota State stayed second with 152 points.

Ashland (Ohio) is third in the poll, with Nebraska-Omaha fourth and Minnesota State-Mankato fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Nebraska-Kearney, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Wisconsin-Parkside, Western State (Colo.) and Findlay (Ohio).

Qualifying tournaments for the 2002 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be held this weekend at four sites around the country. The East Regional will be in West Liberty, WV on Feb. 22-23, the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls, SD on Feb. 24, the Midwest Regional in Aberdeen, SD on Feb. 24 and the West Regional in Alamosa, CO of Feb. 24-25.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are March 8-9 in Kenosha, WI.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	Central Oklahoma (8)	160	1st
2.	North Dakota State	152	2nd
3.	Ashland (Ohio)	137	4th
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	135	3rd
5.	Minnesota State-Mankato	121	5th
6.	Nebraska-Kearney	117	9th
7.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	113	7th
8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	101	8th
9.	Western State (Colo.)	95	13th
10.	Findlay (Ohio)	85	10th
11.	South Dakota State	81	12th
12.	Augustana (S.D.)	79	6th
13.	Central Missouri State	78	11th
14.	Chadron State (Neb.)	55	14th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	15th
16.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	33	18th
17.	Adams State (Colo.)	29	16th
18.	Northern Colorado	28	17th
19.	Gannon (Pa.)	16	19th
20.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	7	NR

Others receiving votes: Central Washington, Indianapolis, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
2. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
4. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
5. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
6. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Brian Pitts, Adams State (Colo.)

## 133 Pounds

1. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
3. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
4. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Luke Shaw, Central Missouri State
8. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 141 Pounds

1. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
3. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
7. Ronnie Stafford, Northern Colorado
8. Chad Flores, Nebraska-Kearney

## 149 Pounds

1. Ken Schmidt, Wisconsin-Parkside
2. Michael Barreras, Central Oklahoma
3. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Brendan Bosko, Gannon (Pa.)
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Joe Lloyd, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)

## 157 Pounds

1. Shad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
2. Aaron Veskrna, South Dakota State
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
6. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
7. Seth Webster, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

1. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
2. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
3. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
5. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
6. Alibek Pardakulov, Central Missouri State
7. Kurt Bahoboj, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Aaron Johnson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

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1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
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6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
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## 197 Pounds

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2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
6. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
7. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Jason McMillian, Northern Colorado

## Heavyweight

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

# NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Tuesday, Feb. 26 (For Immediate Release)

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- Central Oklahoma will take the No. 1 ranking into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships next week, according to the final NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association poll that was released on Tuesday.

The Bronchos, who captured their 13th straight Midwest Regional crown last week, received five first-place votes in the balloting of Division II coaches from around the country to finish with 157 points. Two-time defending national champion and North Central Conference winner North Dakota State received the other three first-place votes and was a close second with 155 points.

East Regional champion Ashland (Ohio) is third in the poll, with Nebraska-Omaha fourth and West Regional winner Nebraska-Kearney fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is South Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Central Missouri State, national tournament host Wisconsin-Parkside and Findlay (Ohio).

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are set for March 8-9 in Kenosha, WI.

North Dakota State and Ashland have the most individual qualifiers with 10 apiece, while Central Oklahoma, Nebraska-Omaha and Wisconsin-Parkside all have eight. Central Missouri State, Findlay and Nebraska-Kearney each have seven qualifiers.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Ranking</i>
1.	Central Oklahoma (5)	157	1st
2.	North Dakota State (3)	155	2nd
3.	Ashland (Ohio)	142	3rd
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	137	4th
5.	Nebraska-Kearney	119	6th
6.	South Dakota State	112	11th
7.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	111	7th
8.	Central Missouri State	108	13th
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	100	8th
10.	Findlay (Ohio)	89	10th
11.	Augustana (S.D.)	76	12th
12.	Chadron State (Neb.)	72	14th
13.	Minnesota State-Mankato	63	5th
14.	Western State (Colo.)	62	9th
15.	Adams State (Colo.)	51	17th
16.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	37	20th
17.	Gannon (Pa.)	30	19th
18.	Central Washington	18	NR
19.	Northern Colorado	13	18th
20.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	11	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Colorado School of Mines, Fort Hays State, Indianapolis, Minnesota State-Moorhead, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 125 Pounds

1. Erkin Tadzhimetov, Central Missouri State
2. Brandon Newill, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
4. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Lester Berrios, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
7. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney

## 133 Pounds

1. Chris Peretti, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
3. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Jake Thielbar, North Dakota State
5. Jacob Ramos, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown (Pa.)
8. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside

## 141 Pounds

1. Chris Shears, Ashland (Ohio)
2. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
3. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
4. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
7. Ronnie Stafford, Northern Colorado
8. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State

## 149 Pounds

1. Michael Barreras, Central Oklahoma
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Brendan Bosko, Gannon (Pa.)
5. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
7. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Cody Ritter, Nebraska-Omaha

## 157 Pounds

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2. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
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4. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Nathan Gomez, Central Oklahoma
6. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
7. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
8. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato

# NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

## 165 Pounds

1. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
2. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
4. Todd Kirkpatrick, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Dave Vondy, Western State (Colo.)
6. Jason Warthan, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Kurt Bahoboj, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State

## 174 Pounds

1. Todd Fuller, North Dakota State
2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Joe Callahan, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. James Tietema, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
8. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

## 184 Pounds

1. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
4. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Chris Rufo, North Dakota State
6. Matt Tyrell, Findlay (Ohio)
7. John Rolling, Central Missouri State
8. Andy Sistek, Nebraska-Kearney

## 197 Pounds

1. Muhammed Lawal, Central Oklahoma
2. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Luke Goral, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Clell Cox, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
6. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
7. Brian Scislo, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State

## Heavyweight

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