

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Monday, Oct. 28 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Central Oklahoma is favored to repeat as NCAA Division II national champions in 2002-03, according to the pre-season NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association poll that was released on Monday.

The poll ranks the top 20 teams according to the points they return from last year's national tournament.

The Bronchos, who captured their 13th national title last March, return 70 national tournament points to earn the role as pre-season No. 1. UCO has four individuals ranked No. 1 -- returning champions Cole Province (133), Matt Dodgen (141) and Shawn Silvis (165) and 2000 champion Mark Dodgen (125).

Nebraska-Omaha, which finished fifth in the national tournament last year, is second in the pre-season poll. North Dakota State, runner-up to UCO last year after winning the team title in 2000 and 2001, is third followed by South Dakota State and Nebraska-Kearney.

Rounding out the top 10 is Findlay, San Francisco State, Western State, Ashland, Central Washington and St. Cloud State.

The 2003 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be held in Wheeling, W. Va. on March 14-15.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
1.	Central Oklahoma	70	1st
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	40	5th
3.	North Dakota State	35	2nd
4.	South Dakota State	34	3rd
5.	Nebraska-Kearney	33	8th
6.	Findlay (Ohio)	26	T-6th
6.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	26	13th
8.	Western State (Colo.)	22	9th
9.	Ashland (Ohio)	21	4th
10.	Central Washington	18	12th
10.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	18	T-15th
12.	Gannon (Pa.)	15	17th
13.	Northern Colorado	14	18th
13.	Adams State (Colo.)	14	11th
15.	Minnesota State-Mankato	12	T-15th
15.	Wisconsin-Parkside	12	14th
17.	Augustana (S.D.)	10	10th
18.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	7	22nd
19.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	4	25th
20.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	3	T-6th

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125 Pounds

1. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. Brian Pitts, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
5. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Jim Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Dante Lewis, Minnesota-Morris
8. Dan Hilario, Nebraska-Omaha

133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Jared Haberman, Western State (Colo.)
3. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside
6. Eli Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
7. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Josh Soupir, Southwest State (Minn.)

141 Pounds

1. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. Ronnie Stafford, Northern Colorado
3. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
5. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
6. Lucas Christianson, North Dakota State
7. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
8. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)

149 Pounds

1. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
2. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
3. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Ricky Garcia, San Francisco State
5. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Mitchell Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Brendan Bosko, Gannon (Pa.)
8. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Jared Novak, Central Washington
4. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
5. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato
6. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Luke Main, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
8. Nate Hanson, Minnesota State-Moorhead

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2. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
3. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
4. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Lucas Mackesy, Findlay (Ohio)
6. David LaMotte, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
7. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
8. Jordan Johnson, Chadron State (Neb.)

174 Pounds

1. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
8. Sion King, Adams State (Colo.)

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. Franco Santiago, Central Washington
6. Rory Herring, Wisconsin-Parkside
7. Chris Canale, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Ryan Kopiasz, Minnesota State-Moorhead

197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Todd Paszek, South Dakota State
3. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
4. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
5. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State
6. Jeff Rusher, Chadron State (Neb.)
7. Ben Kuntz, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Brian King, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

Heavyweight

1. Lyncil Mitchell, Gannon (Pa.)
2. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Dupree Lacey, Central Washington
4. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
5. Barron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
6. Brent Beckstein, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Ryan Deprey, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Tom Poe, West Liberty State (W. Va.)

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Wednesday, Dec. 11 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending NCAA Division II national champion Central Oklahoma earned the No. 1 ranking in the first regular season NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association poll that was released Wednesday.

The Bronchos, who captured their 13th national title last March, received seven of the eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country and finished with 159 points to claim the No. 1 rating.

Nebraska-Omaha is second in the poll with 150 points, while North Dakota State earned the other first-place vote and is third with 146 points followed by Nebraska-Kearney with 132 points and Ashland (Ohio) with 129.

Rounding out the top 10 is South Dakota State, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), San Francisco State, Findlay (Ohio) and Wisconsin-Parkside.

UCO has four individuals ranked No. 1 -- returning champions Cole Province (133), Matt Dodgen (141) and Shawn Silvis (165) and 2000 champion Mark Dodgen (125).

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The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association 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</i>
1.	Central Oklahoma	159	1st
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	150	2nd
3.	North Dakota State	146	3rd
4.	Nebraska-Kearney	132	5th
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	129	9th
6.	South Dakota State	114	4th
7.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	112	20th
8.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	101	T-6th
9.	Findlay (Ohio)	93	T-6th
10.	Wisconsin-Parkside	89	T-15th
11.	Minnesota State-Mankato	77	T-15th
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	65	T-13th
13.	Central Missouri State	56	NR
14.	Northern Colorado	50	T-13th
15.	Augustana (S.D.)	49	17th
16.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	33	NR
17.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	30	NR
18.	Gannon (Pa.)	27	12th
19.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	18	18th
20.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	16	T-10th

Others Receiving Votes: Central Washington, Colorado School of Mines, Mercyhurst (Pa.), Northern State (S.D.) and Western State (Colo.).

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5. Dan Hilario, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Don Dew, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State

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2. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
4. Eli Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Josh Soupir, Southwest State (Minn.)
8. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke

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1. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
5. Ronnie Stafford, Northern Colorado
6. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
8. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)

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2. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
3. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
4. Mitchell Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
5. Aaron Monseau, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Brendan Bosko, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Brad Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
3. Jared Novak, Central Washington
4. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
5. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato
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7. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
8. Greg Chirielson, Colorado School of Mines

174 Pounds

1. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
3. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
8. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma

184 Pounds

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3. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
4. Sam Kenton, Augustana (S.D.)
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Heavyweight

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3. Barron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
4. Brent Beckstein, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Tom Poe, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Aaron Wiens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
7. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Lance Tolstedt, Nebraska-Omaha

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending NCAA Division II national champion Central Oklahoma maintained its position atop the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association rankings that were released Wednesday.

The Bronchos, who captured their 13th national title last March, received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country and had 160 points to claim the No. 1 rating.

Nebraska-Omaha stayed second in the poll with 152 points, while North Dakota State is third with 144 points, Nebraska-Kearney fourth with 135 points and Ashland (Ohio) fifth with 124.

Rounding out the top 10 is Adams State (Colo.), South Dakota State, San Francisco State, Indianapolis (Ind.) and Minnesota State-Mankato.

UCO has four individuals ranked No. 1 -- returning champions Cole Province (133), Matt Dodgen (141) and Shawn Silvis (165) and 2000 champion Mark Dodgen (125).

Fourteen of the top-20 teams, including the top eight, will compete in the NWCA Division II National Duals that will be held next week (Jan. 18-19) in Columbus, Ohio

The 2003 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are set for March 14-15 in Wheeling, W. Va.

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	160	1st
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	152	2nd
3.	North Dakota State	144	3rd
4.	Nebraska-Kearney	135	4th
5.	Ashland (Ohio)	124	5th
6.	Adams State (Colo.)	116	12th
7.	South Dakota State	113	6th
8.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	102	8th
9.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	81	NR
10.	Minnesota State-Mankato	76	11th
11.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	74	7th
12.	Gannon (Pa.)	73	18th
13.	Central Missouri State	65	13th
14.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	43	16th
T15.	Northern Colorado	42	14th
T15.	Augustana (S.D.)	42	15th
17.	Findlay (Ohio)	41	9th
18.	Chadron State (Neb.)	38	NR
19.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	20	17th
T20.	Minnesota-State-Moorhead	12	19th
T20.	Wisconsin-Parkside	12	10th

Others Receiving Votes: Mercyhurst (Pa.), North Carolina-Pembroke, St. Cloud State (Minn.) and Western State (Colo.).

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3. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
4. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
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7. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke
8. Rob Jankowski, Wisconsin-Parkside

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4. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State
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7. Jason Nester, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
8. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)

149 Pounds

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2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Nate Peterson, Colorado Mines
4. Andy Messersmith, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Mitchell Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
6. Brendan Bosko, Gannon (Pa.)
7. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Pete Carnabuci, Ashland (Ohio)

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
3. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Luke Main, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Nate Hanson, Minnesota State-Moorhead
8. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside

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6. Jake Emerick, Minnesota State-Mankato
7. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Jordan Johnson, Chadron State (Neb.)

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2. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
8. Thad Pike, North Dakota State

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2. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
3. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
4. Sam Kenton, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Franco Santiago, Central Washington
7. Mark Dubrovich, Colorado Mines
8. Chris Canale, Ashland (Ohio)

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2. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
3. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State
4. Jason McMillan, Northern Colorado
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6. Seth Shippy, Central Missouri State
7. Ryan Kirst, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)

Heavyweight

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2. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Brent Beckstein, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
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7. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney
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NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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 Wednesday, Jan. 22 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Kearney, which upended defending national champion Central Oklahoma in last weekend's NWCA Division II National Duals, is the new No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association rankings that were released Wednesday.

The Antelopes ended UCO's 23-match winning streak with a 21-19 win in the semifinals before downing Nebraska-Omaha 24-14 in the National Duals finals. UNK received all eight first-place votes and had 160 points to claim their first-ever No. 1 Division II national wrestling rating.

UCO, which came back to finish third in the 16-team National Duals, is second in the poll with 152 points while UNO is third with 144 points, Augustana (S.D.) fourth with 129 and San Francisco State fifth with 120.

Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Ashland (Ohio) and Adams State (Colo.).

UNK has seven ranked individuals, topped by No. 1 Brandon Pfizenmaier (157). UCO has three top-ranked individuals -- Mark Dodgen (125), Cole Province (133) and Matt Dodgen (141) - while No. 1 Chad Wallace (197) leads UNO's list of seven rated wrestlers.

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1.	Nebraska-Kearney (8)	160	4th
2.	Central Oklahoma	151	1st
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	145	2nd
4.	Augustana (S.D.)	129	T-15th
5.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	120	8th
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	119	11th
7.	North Dakota State	112	3rd
8.	South Dakota State	100	7th
9.	Ashland (Ohio)	85	5th
10.	Adams State (Colo.)	83	6th
11.	Minnesota State-Mankato	80	10th
12.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	79	9th
13.	Central Missouri State	63	13th
14.	Findlay (Ohio)	52	17th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	33	19th
16.	Northern Colorado	32	T-15th
17.	Gannon (Pa.)	28	12th
18.	Chadron State (Neb.)	22	18th
T19.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	18	14th
T19.	Wisconsin-Parkside	18	T-20th

Others Receiving Votes: Central Washington, Colorado School of Mines, Minnesota State-Moorhead, Northern State (S.D.), North Carolina-Pembroke, Southwest State (Minn.), St. Cloud State (Minn.).

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Kearney is the unanimous pick as No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association rankings for the second straight time, according to the top-20 poll that was released Wednesday.

The Antelopes, 10-1 on the year, received all eight first-place votes and had 160 points to stay atop the rankings. UNK took over the No. 1 spot from Central Oklahoma two weeks ago following their championship in the NWCA Division II National Duals.

UCO is second in the poll with 151 points and the Bronchos (14-1) go to Kearney, Neb. Thursday for a showdown with the top-rated Antelopes. North Dakota State is third in the rankings, followed by Nebraska-Omaha and Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

Rounding out the top 10 is Augustana (S.D.), San Francisco State (Calif.), South Dakota State, Ashland (Ohio) and Indianapolis (Ind.).

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10.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	88	12th
11.	Minnesota State-Mankato	71	12th
12.	Central Missouri State	68	13th
13.	Northern Colorado	59	16th
14.	Adams State (Colo.)	56	10th
15.	Findlay (Ohio)	53	14th
16.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	45	NR
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18.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	17	15th
19.	Northern State (S.D.)	16	NR
20.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	10	T-19th

Others Receiving Votes: Central Washington, Chadron State (Neb.), Colorado School of Mines, North Carolina-Pembroke, Wisconsin-Parkside.

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. Jared Haberman, Western State (Colo.)
3. Joey Bareng, San Francisco State (Calif.)
4. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
5. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State
6. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Dan Hilario, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)

133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
4. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke
5. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha

141 Pounds

1. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. R.C. LaHaye, Western State (Colo.)
3. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Gabe Re, Nebraska-Kearney
5. Roderick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Ryan King, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Jeremy Roe, South Dakota State

149 Pounds

1. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Nate Peterson, Colorado Mines
4. Andy Messersmith, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Mitchell Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
6. Eric Pizzi, Central Missouri State
7. Jared Spry, Northern Colorado
8. Hannon Hisek, Minnesota State-Mankato

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
5. Luke Main, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Jared Cooley, Southwest State (Minn.)

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Matt Neumueller, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
2. Lucas Mackesy, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
4. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
5. Josh McDonald, San Francisco State (Calif.)
6. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
7. Jake Emerick, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Greg Chiereilesen, Colorado School of Mines

174 Pounds

1. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
4. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma
5. Bryan Cowdin, South Dakota State
6. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

184 Pounds

1. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
2. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
3. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
4. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Sam Kenton, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Franco Santiago, Central Washington
7. Greg Nurrenbern, Truman State (Mo.)
8. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State
3. Jason McMillan, Northern Colorado
4. Jeff Rusher, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Tim Boldt, South Dakota State
6. Ryan Kirst, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Seth Shippy, Central Missouri State
8. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)

Heavyweight

1. Lyneil Mitchell, Gannon (Pa.)
2. Tom Poe, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
3. Les Sigman, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
5. Barron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
6. Evan Love, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending national champion Central Oklahoma regained the No. 1 ranking in the final regular season NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association poll that was released Wednesday.

The Bronchos, who finished the dual season 18-1, moved past previous No. 1 Nebraska-Kearney after a 21-13 win over the Antelopes on Feb. 6. UCO received all eight first-place votes to finish with 160 points in the poll, while UNK fell to fourth after losing to UCO and Nebraska-Omaha.

North Dakota State is second in the poll with 152 points, followed by UNO, UNK and Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.).

Rounding out the top 10 is San Francisco State (Calif.), Northern Colorado, Augustana (S.D.), Indianapolis (Ind.) and Ashland (Ohio).

UCO has two top-ranked individuals -- Mark Dodgen (125) and Cole Province (133) -- and four others in the top four. NDSU is led by No. 1 Paul Carlson (157), while UNO has Chad Wallace (197) and Les Sigman (heavyweight) atop the individual rankings.

Regional qualifying tournaments for Division II will be held the weekend of March 1-2, with the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships set for March 14-15 in Wheeling, W. Va.

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	2nd
2.	North Dakota State	149	3rd
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	141	4th
4.	Nebraska-Kearney	137	1st
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	132	5th
6.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	116	7th
7.	Northern Colorado	99	13th
8.	Augustana (S.D.)	98	6th
9.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	93	10th
10.	Ashland (Ohio)	90	9th
11.	Adams State (Colo.)	80	14th
12.	Minnesota State-Mankato	70	11th
13.	Central Missouri State	67	12th
14.	South Dakota State	60	8th
T15	Findlay (Ohio)	46	15th
T15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	46	18th
17.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	37	16th
18.	Gannon (Pa.)	25	17th
19.	Northern State (S.D.)	14	19th
20.	Chadron State (Neb.)	10	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Central Washington, North Carolina-Pembroke, Wisconsin-Parkside.

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Mark Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
2. Jared Haberman, Western State (Colo.)
3. Joey Bareng, San Francisco State (Calif.)
4. Matt Strawser, North Dakota State
5. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State
6. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Dan Hilario, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)

133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke
4. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
6. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)
7. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney

141 Pounds

1. R.C. LaHaye, Western State (Colo.)
2. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
4. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)
5. Rodrick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Gabe Re, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Ryan King, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside

149 Pounds

1. Brandon Pfizenmaier, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Andy Messersmith, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Mitch Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
5. Loren Hutchins, Northern Colorado
6. Eric Pizzi, Central Missouri State
7. Austin Scarset, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Nate Peterson, Colorado School of Mines

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
3. Cory Beckman, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Brody Olson, Northern Colorado
5. Luke Main, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
6. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Jared Cooley, Southwest State (Minn.)

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

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2. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
3. Jake Emerick, Minnesota State-Mankato
4. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
5. Matt Neumueller, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
6. Josh McDonald, San Francisco State (Calif.)
7. Michael Fielder, North Dakota State
8. Greg Chiereilesen, Colorado School of Mines

174 Pounds

1. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
4. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma
5. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
7. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
8. Bryan Cowdin, South Dakota State

184 Pounds

1. Tyler Jones, South Dakota State
2. Mauricio Wright, San Francisco State (Calif.)
3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
5. Franco Santiago, Central Washington
6. Mark Dubrovich, Colorado School of Mines
7. Sam Kenton, Augustana (S.D.)
8. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State
3. Jeff Rusher, Chadron State (Neb.)
4. Jason McMillan, Northern Colorado
5. Tim Boldt, South Dakota State
6. Ryan Kirst, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Seth Shippy, Central Missouri State
8. Ben Kuntz, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

Heavyweight

1. Les Sigman, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
3. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Lyneil Mitchell, Gannon (Pa.)
5. Barron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
6. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Aldo Campea, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Plamen Paskalev, Central Missouri State

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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 Wednesday, March 5 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Defending national champion Central Oklahoma retained its No. 1 ranking in the final NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association poll that was released Wednesday.

The Bronchos, who captured their 14th consecutive Midwest Regional title last weekend, received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish No. 1 with 160 points. UCO advanced seven individuals to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, set for March 14-15 in Wheeling, W. Va.

North Central Conference champion Nebraska-Omaha is second in the poll and has six national qualifiers, while West Region Nebraska-Kearney is third and will send eight to the national tournament. East Region champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown is fourth with eight qualifiers and North Dakota State is fifth with seven in the national meet.

UCO has three top-ranked individuals -- Mark Dodgen (125), Cole Province (133) and Shawn Silvis (165) -- and three others in the top four. UNO is led by No. 1s Chad Wallace (197) and Les Sigman (heavyweight), while UNK has Brandon Pfizenmaier (149) and Frank Kuchera (174) atop the individual rankings.

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

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2.	Nebraska-Omaha	149	3rd
3.	Nebraska-Kearney	145	4th
4.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	128	5th
5.	North Dakota State	126	2nd
6.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	125	6th
7.	Ashland (Ohio)	107	10th
8.	Central Missouri State	99	13th
9.	Northern Colorado	97	7th
10.	South Dakota State	88	14th
11.	Findlay (Ohio)	87	T-15th
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	76	11th
13.	Wisconsin-Parkside	58	NR
14.	Minnesota State-Mankato	53	12th
15.	Augustana (S.D.)	45	8th
16.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	37	9th
17.	North Carolina-Pembroke	30	NR
18.	Gannon (Pa.)	22	18th
19.	Western State (Colo.)	13	NR
20.	Chadron State (Neb.)	11	20th

Others Receiving Votes: Colorado School of Mines, Minnesota State-Moorhead, Southwest State (Minn.), St. Cloud State (Minn.), West Liberty State (W.Va.)

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
2. Jake Emerick, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Tyler Bryant, South Dakota State
4. Lucas Mackesy, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Greg Chiereilesen, Colorado School of Mines
6. Riley Ross, Nebraska-Kearney (Neb.)
7. Josh McDonald, San Francisco State (Calif.)
8. Matt Neumueller, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

174 Pounds

1. Frank Kuchera, Nebraska-Kearney
2. Zach Stephens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
3. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma
4. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
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6. Jon Duncombe, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
7. Bryan Cowdin, South Dakota State
8. Thad Pike, North Dakota State

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3. Zach Stalder, Nebraska-Omaha
4. Jeff Henning, Central Oklahoma
5. Mark Dubrovich, Colorado School of Mines
6. Sam Kenton, Augustana (S.D.)
7. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
8. Derek Brunson, North Carolina-Pembroke

197 Pounds

1. Chad Wallace, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Jeff Rusher, Chadron State (Neb.)
3. Drew Dunbar, San Francisco State
4. Ryan Kirst, Ashland (Ohio)
5. Seth Shippy, Central Missouri State
6. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
7. Tim Boldt, South Dakota State
8. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)

Heavyweight

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3. Dustin Darveaux, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
4. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Plamen Paskalev, Central Missouri State
6. Barron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
7. Bob Murphy, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

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7. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
8. James Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)

133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Tony Fratzke, Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
4. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke
5. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Donald Lockett, San Francisco State (Calif.)
7. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Adam Mars, Adams State (Colo.)

141 Pounds

1. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Matt Dodgen, Central Oklahoma
4. Rodrick Ratcliff, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Shaine Jaime, Central Washington
6. R.C. LaHaye, Western State (Colo.)
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4. Adam Morris, Findlay (Ohio)
5. Gary Skoch, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Jack Quintana, Western State (Colo.)
7. Corey Crandall, Truman State (Mo.)
8. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside