

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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Monday, Oct. 20 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State is the preseason pick to win the 2004 NCAA Division II national wrestling championship, according to the first rankings released by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Monday.

The Bison, fourth in last year's national tournament, earned the favorite's tag on the strength of 38 returning placement points as NDSU has 157 national champion Paul Carlson, 197 runner-up Brian Kraemer and 174 third-placer finisher Thad Pike back in the lineup.

Two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma is No. 2 in the poll with 36 returning points, with the Bronchos featuring three-time champion Cole Province at 133, two-time title winner Shawn Silvis at 165 and seventh-place All-American Jerod Goodwin at 149.

Findlay (Ohio) is third on the strength of two-time 149 champion Waylon Lowe, Nebraska-Omaha is fourth behind returning Hvy winner Les Sigman and Adams State (Colo.) is fifth behind 141 champion Shane Barnes.

Rounding out the top 10 is St. Cloud State, Western State (Colo.), Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), North Carolina-Pembroke and Nebraska-Kearney.

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

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Year's Finish</i>
1.	North Dakota State	38	4th
2.	Central Oklahoma	36	1st
3.	Findlay (Ohio)	32	5th
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	28	3rd
5.	Adams State (Colo.)	26	6th
6.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	24	9th
7.	Western State (Colo.)	22	13th
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	20	11th
9.	North Carolina-Pembroke	19	T15th
10.	Nebraska-Kearney	18	2nd
T11.	Ashland (Ohio)	15	18th
T11.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	15	20th
13.	Central Missouri State	13	19th
T14.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	12	22nd
T14.	Wisconsin-Parkside	12	12th
T14.	Truman State (Mo.)	12	21st
T17.	South Dakota State	11	10th
T17.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	11	8th
T19.	Central Washington	10	17th
T19.	Chadron State (Neb.)	10	23rd

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EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State stayed No. 1 in the first regular-season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings that were released Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association.

The Bison, fourth in last year's national tournament, picked up six of the eight first-place votes and finished with 158 points to stay ahead of two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma. The Bronchos received the other two first-place votes and had 154 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

Nebraska-Omaha is third in the poll, with Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) fourth and Western State (Colo.) fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Ashland (Ohio), Adams State (Colo.), Nebraska-Kearney, Augustana (S.D.) and Central Missouri State.

NDSU has eight of its 10 wrestlers in the individual rankings, including three at No. 1 -- 157 Paul Carlson, 174 Thad Pike and 197 Brian Kraemer.

UCO has two top-ranked individuals in 133 Cole Province and 165 Shawn Silvis, while Western State also has two No. 1s in 125 Jared Haberman and 149 Adrian Jiron.

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<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Preseason Rank</i>
1.	North Dakota State (6)	158	1st
2.	Central Oklahoma (2)	154	2nd
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	139	4th
4.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	131	8th
5.	Western State (Colo.)	128	7th
6.	Ashland (Ohio)	118	T11th
7.	Adams State (Colo.)	112	5th
T8.	Nebraska-Kearney	97	10th
T8.	Augustana (S.D.)	97	NR
10.	Central Missouri State	87	13th
11.	Findlay (Ohio)	84	3rd
12.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	70	T11th
13.	Minnesota State-Mankato	55	NR
14.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	47	NR
15.	South Dakota State	43	T17th
16.	Gannon (Pa.)	36	NR
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	35	T14th
18.	Chadron State (Neb.)	24	T19th
19.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	19	NR
20.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	15	T17th

Others receiving votes: Indianapolis (Ind.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, North Carolina-Pembroke.

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

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2. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
4. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)
5. Drew Passley, Central Missouri State
6. Tony Iovine, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Will Craft, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Joey Bareng, San Francisco State (Calif.)

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2. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Kortney Lake, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
6. Donald Lockett, San Francisco State (Calif.)
7. Lucas Christiansen, North Dakota State
8. Zach Meissner, Ashland (Ohio)

141 Pounds

1. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
2. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)
3. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Jason Nestor, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. R.C. LaHaye, Western State (Colo.)
6. Pacifico Garcia, San Francisco State (Calif.)
7. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
8. Math Bitz, North Dakota State

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1. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
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4. Luke Santos, San Francisco State (Calif.)
5. Jerod Goodwin, Central Oklahoma
6. Brad Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
7. Ryan Wirtzberger, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Adam Morris, Findlay (Ohio)

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Jack Quintana, Western State (Colo.)
5. Travis Peak, Chadron State (Neb.)
6. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside
7. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)
8. George Lynaugh, Minnesota State-Mankato

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1. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
2. Michael Fiedler, North Dakota State
3. Tony Morgan, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
4. Derek Donelson, Indianapolis (Ind.)
5. J.D. Naig, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Aaron Dalton, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Mark Murphy, Shippensburg (Pa.)
8. Brock Mowry, Ashland (Ohio)

174 Pounds

1. Thad Pike, North Dakota State
2. Bob Edmonds, Nebraska-Omaha
3. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
4. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma
5. John Burda, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Aaron Meister, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Careef Robertson, Anderson (S.C.)
8. Cameron Bretz, Western State (Colo.)

184 Pounds

1. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Derek Brunson, North Carolina-Pembroke
3. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Ben McAvinew, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
5. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Kris Klepacz, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Ben Holscher, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Ryan Kopiasz, Minnesota State-Moorhead

197 Pounds

1. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
2. Jeff Rusher, Chadron State (Neb.)
3. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
4. Kevin Lochner, Central Oklahoma
5. Tim Boldt, South Dakota State
6. Jeff Sylvester, Nebraska-Kearney
7. D.C. Hazen, Central Washington
8. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)

Heavyweight

1. Les Sigman, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
3. Baron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
4. Joe Bryce, North Dakota State
5. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
6. Aldo Campea, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Evan Love, Indianapolis (Ind.)
8. Chris Bulley, West Liberty State (W.Va.)

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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 Tuesday, Jan. 13 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State stayed No. 1 in the second regular-season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings that were released Tuesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association and the Bison will be the top seed in this weekend's NWCA Division II National Duals in Cleveland, Ohio.

NDSU picked up six of the eight first-place votes and finished with 158 points to stay ahead of two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma. The Bronchos received the other two first-place votes and had 154 points in balloting of coaches from around the country.

Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) slipped past Nebraska-Omaha by one point for third place in the poll, with Western State (Colo.) fifth. Rounding out the top 10 is Ashland (Ohio), Adams State (Colo.), Findlay (Ohio), North Carolina-Pembroke and Augustana (S.D.).

Sixteen teams will compete in the NWCA Division II National Duals, set for Jan. 17-18 at the Cleveland State University Convocation Center. Fourteen of those teams are ranked in the top 20.

The first-round pairings for the NWCA Division II National Duals: North Dakota State vs. North Carolina-Pembroke, Central Oklahoma vs. Nebraska-Kearney, Pittsburgh-Johnstown vs. San Francisco State, Nebraska-Omaha vs. Gannon, Western State vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, Ashland vs. Augustana, Adams State vs. South Dakota State, Findlay vs. Central Washington.

Individual rankings will be released Wednesday.

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5.	Western State (Colo.)	131	5th
6.	Ashland (Ohio)	119	6th
7.	Adams State (Colo.)	113	7th
8.	Findlay (Ohio)	99	11th
9.	North Carolina-Pembroke	88	NR
10.	Augustana (S.D.)	87	T8th
11.	Nebraska-Kearney	81	T8th
12.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	73	12th
13.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	57	NR
14.	Central Missouri State	53	10th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	14th
16.	Gannon (Pa.)	37	16th
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	32	17th
18.	Minnesota State-Mankato	29	13th
19.	Chadron State (Neb.)	27	18th
20.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	9	20th

Others receiving votes: Indianapolis (Ind.), Shippensburg (Pa.), South Dakota State.

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6. Ricky Randazzo, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
7. Tony Iovine, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Joey Bareng, San Francisco State (Calif.)

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1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
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3. Kortney Lake, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
5. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha
6. Roylando Lucas, North Carolina-Pembroke
7. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
8. Lucas Christiansen, North Dakota State

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3. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
4. Jason Nestor, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
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The Bison received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country and finished with 160 points to stay ahead of two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma. Those two teams met in the finals of the NWCA Division II National Duals in Cleveland, Ohio on Jan. 18, with NDSU winning by criteria after a 15-15 tie.

Nebraska-Omaha, which finished third in the National Duals, moved up one spot to third in the poll while Findlay (Ohio) jumped from eighth to fourth and Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) fell from third to fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 is Ashland (Ohio), Adams State (Colo.), Wisconsin-Parkside, Augustana (S.D.) and Western State (Colo.). Wisconsin-Parkside made the biggest jump, moving from 17th to No. 8 following its eighth-place finish at the National Duals.

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9.	Augustana (S.D.)	91	10th
10.	Western State (Colo.)	85	5th
11.	North Carolina-Pembroke	75	9th
12.	Nebraska-Kearney	66	11th
13.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	59	12th
14.	Central Missouri State	53	14th
15.	Minnesota State-Mankato	52	18th
16.	Chadron State (Neb.)	41	19th
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The next four teams also remained the same, with Nebraska-Omaha third, Findlay (Ohio) fourth, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) fifth and Ashland (Ohio) sixth.

Western State moved up to seventh, with Augustana (S.D.), Adams State (Colo.) and Wisconsin-Parkside rounding out the top 10.

NDSU is led by top-ranked Paul Carlson (157) and Thad Pike (174), while UCO is paced by No. 1 individuals Cole Province (133) and Shawn Silvis (165).

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2. Jeff Sylvester, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Kevin Lochner, Central Oklahoma
4. Brian Kraemer, North Dakota State
5. Tim Boldt, South Dakota State
6. Justin Mautz, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
7. Howard Bell, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
8. Clint Salisbury, Findlay (Ohio)

Heavyweight

1. Les Sigman, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Baron Blanchard, Northern State (S.D.)
3. Joe Bryce, North Dakota State
4. Andrew Ubben, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
5. Willie McCowan, Central Missouri State
6. Evan Love, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Aldo Campea, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Chris Finn, Central Oklahoma

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING RANKINGS

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EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State stayed the unanimous No. 1 selection in the final regular season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings that were released Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association.

The Bison ended with a perfect 14-0 dual record and received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points. Two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma, 15-3 in duals, was second with 152 points.

The next four teams also remained the same, with Nebraska-Omaha third, Findlay (Ohio) fourth, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) fifth and Ashland (Ohio) sixth.

Augustana (S.D.) moved up to seventh, with Western State (Colo.), Wisconsin-Parkside and Adams State (Colo.) rounding out the top 10.

NDSU is led by top-ranked Paul Carlson (157) and Thad Pike (174), while UCO is paced by No. 1 individuals Cole Province (133) and Shawn Silvis (165).

Four regional qualifying tournaments -- North, West, Midwest and East -- will be held around the country this week. The top four placers at each weight from all four regionals advance to the 2004 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, set for March 12-13 in Mankato, Minn.

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association Top 20 poll with first-place votes in parenthesis, total points and the teams' last ranking:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (State)</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Last Rank</i>
1.	North Dakota State (8)	160	1st
2.	Central Oklahoma	152	2nd
3.	Nebraska-Omaha	144	3rd
4.	Findlay (Ohio)	134	4th
5.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	127	5th
6.	Ashland (Ohio)	112	6th
7.	Augustana (S.D.)	107	8th
8.	Western State (Colo.)	103	7th
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	95	10th
10.	Adams State (Colo.)	90	9th
11.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	82	13th
12.	Minnesota State-Mankato	68	12th
13.	Nebraska-Kearney	60	15th
14.	North Carolina-Pembroke	57	11th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	16th
16.	Chadron State (Neb.)	41	14th
17.	Central Missouri State	34	17th
18.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	23	18th
19.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	18	20th
20.	Gannon (Pa.)	12	NR

Others receiving votes: Indianapolis (Ind.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, San Francisco State (Calif.), South Dakota State, Southwest State (Minn.).

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

125 Pounds

1. Jared Haberman, Western State (Colo.)
2. Bryce Abbey, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Chris Saferite, Central Oklahoma
4. Curry Pickard, North Carolina-Pembroke
5. Joey Bareng, San Francisco State (Calif.)
6. James Phillips, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Dustin Tovar, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Aaron Graumann, Augustana (S.D.)

133 Pounds

1. Cole Province, Central Oklahoma
2. Thad Benton, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
3. Donald Lockett, San Francisco State (Calif.)
4. Kortney Lake, Adams State (Colo.)
5. Roylando Lucas, North Carolina-Pembroke
6. Adam Keiswetter, Nebraska-Kearney
7. Mitch Waite, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Nick Magee, North Dakota State

141 Pounds

1. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)
2. Brad Russell, Wisconsin-Parkside
3. Shane Barnes, Adams State (Colo.)
4. R.C. LaHaye, Western State (Colo.)
5. Pacifico Garcia, San Francisco State (Calif.)
6. Joey Simcoe, Findlay (Ohio)
7. Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Andre Van Der Velde, Augustana (S.D.)

149 Pounds

1. Ryan King, Augustana (S.D.)
2. David Nordhues, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
3. Adrian Jiron, Western State (Colo.)
4. Luke Santos, San Francisco State (Calif.)
5. Mijch Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
6. Craig Kunsman, Kutztown (Pa.)
7. Patrick Allibone, Nebraska-Omaha
8. R.J. Paterniti, Gannon (Pa.)

157 Pounds

1. Paul Carlson, North Dakota State
2. Jack Quintana, Western State (Colo.)
3. Travis Koppenhafer, Adams State (Colo.)
4. Travis Peak, Chadron State (Neb.)
5. Dugan Bentley, Ashland (Ohio)
6. Luke Main, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
7. Dan Dempsey, Wisconsin-Parkside
8. Chas DeVetter, Nebraska-Omaha

NCAA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

165 Pounds

1. Shawn Silvis, Central Oklahoma
2. Waylon Lowe, Findlay (Ohio)
3. Michael Fiedler, North Dakota State
4. J.D. Naig, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Nate Althoff, South Dakota State
6. Dwayne Coward, North Carolina-Pembroke
7. Jordan Johnson, Chadron State (Neb.)
8. Scott Cleve, Adams State (Colo.)

174 Pounds

1. Thad Pike, North Dakota State
2. Jason Tapia, Central Oklahoma
3. Aaron Meister, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
4. Tom Bauer, Ashland (Ohio)
5. John Burda, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
6. Careef Robertson, Anderson (S.C.)
7. Travis Krinke, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Brett Barbarick, Central Missouri State

184 Pounds

1. Tom Meester, Augustana (S.D.)
2. Ben McAvinew, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
3. Randy Pyle, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
4. Derek Brunson, North Carolina-Pembroke
5. Gregg Nurrenbern, Truman State (Mo.)
6. Jordan Nichols, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Jon Dierks, Minnesota State-Mankato
8. Nate Moorman, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

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Wednesday, March 3 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- North Dakota State will be heavy favorite to win the NCAA Division II national wrestling championship next week as the Bison are the unanimous No. 1 pick in the final rankings that were released Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association.

NDSU won last week's North Regional title and qualified all 10 individuals for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, set for March 12-13 in Mankato, Minn. The Bison received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points.

Two-time defending national champion Central Oklahoma, which won its 15th straight Midwest Regional crown and has seven national qualifiers, remained second in the poll. North Region runner-up Nebraska-Omaha is third and has eight qualifiers.

East Regional champion Pittsburgh-Johnstown, which matched NDSU with the most national qualifiers, moved up a spot to fourth and Midwest Regional runner-up Findlay (Ohio) was fifth and has seven qualifiers.

Rounding out the top 10 is Ashland (Ohio), Western State (Colo.), West Regional champion Nebraska-Kearney, Augustana (S.D.) and Mercyhurst (Pa.).

NDSU is led by top-ranked Paul Carlson (157) and Thad Pike (174), while UCO is paced by No. 1 individuals Cole Province (133), Shawn Silvis (165) and Kevin Lochner (197).

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5.	Findlay (Ohio)	130	4th
6.	Ashland (Ohio)	116	6th
7.	Western State (Colo.)	103	8th
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	98	13th
9.	Augustana (S.D.)	97	7th
10.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	91	11th
11.	Adams State (Colo.)	83	10th
12.	North Carolina-Pembroke	77	14th
13.	Chadron State (Neb.)	52	16th
14.	Minnesota State-Mankato	49	12th
15.	Central Missouri State	48	17th
16.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	47	15th
17.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	26	NR
18.	Wisconsin-Parkside	22	9th
19.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	21	NR
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	12	19th

Others receiving votes: Gannon (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, South Dakota State, Truman State (Mo.), West Liberty State (W.Va.).

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5. Merrick Meyer, Truman State (Mo.)
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3. Mitch Napier, Indianapolis (Ind.)
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5. R.J. Paterniti, Gannon (Pa.)
6. David Nordhues, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
7. Patrick Allibone, Nebraska-Omaha
8. Jerod Goodwin, Central Oklahoma

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2. Jack Quintana, Western State (Colo.)
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6. Evan Love, Indianapolis (Ind.)
7. Aldo Campea, Ashland (Ohio)
8. Zach Majocho, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)