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Monday, Oct. 27 (For Immediate Release)

**EDMOND, Okla.** -- Nebraska-Omaha has been tabbed the favorite to win the 2009 NCAA Division II national wrestling championship, according to the preseason poll released Monday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Mavericks of long-time head coach Mike Denney, who won three straight titles from 2004-06 and were third last year, earned six first-place votes in finishing with 158 points to top the poll.

Minnesota State-Mankato received the other two first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country and is second with 149 points as the Mavericks look to improve on last year's runner-up finish.

Defending champion Nebraska-Kearney, which edged Mankato by a mere half-point for last year's title, is third in the rankings with 144 points, followed by Adams State (136 points) and Western State (126).

Rounding out the top 10 is six-time Division II champion Central Oklahoma, Newberry, Pitts-burgh-Johnstown, Chadron State and Upper Iowa.

The 2009 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are set for March 13-14 in Houston, Texas.

The top 20 poll, with points and last year's national tournament finish:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Year's Finish
1.	Nebraska-Omaha (6)	158	3rd
2.	Minnesota State-Mankato (2)	149	2nd
3,	Nebraska-Kearney	144	1st
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	136	5th
5.	Western State (Colo.)	126	7th
6.	Central Oklahoma	121	6th
7.	Newberry (S.C.)	106	8th
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	93	4th
9,	Chadron State (Neb.)	91	T-9th
10.	Upper Iowa	86	14th
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	71	11th
12.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	70	12th
13,	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	68	T-9th
14.	Augustana (S.D.)	46	T17th
15.	Limestone (S.C.)	40	15th
16.	Findlay (Ohio)	22	13th
T17.	Gannon (Pa.)	18	26th
T17.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	18	27th
T17.	Truman State (Mo.)	18	T20th
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	15	16th

Others receiving votes: Central Missouri, Fort Hays State (Kan.), Indianapolis (Ind.), Kutztown (Pa.), North Carolina-Pembroke, San Francisco State (Calif.), West Liberty State (W.Va.), Wisconsin-Parkside.

#### 125 Pounds

- 1. Curtis Schurkamp, San Francisco State
- 2. Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Devlon Webb, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 4. Tyler Mumbalo, Upper Iowa
- 5. Eddie Lopez, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 7. Matt Oliver, Newberry (S.C.)
- 8. Isaac Wall, Newman (Kan.)

#### 133 Pounds

- 1. Joe Kemmerer, Kutztown (Pa.)
- Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
- Tim Elliott, Central Oklahoma
- 5. John Putnam, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 6. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 7. Andrew Young, Newberry (S.C.)
- 8. Jesse Cruz, Western State (Colo.)

#### 141 Pounds

- 1. Steven Fittery, Shippensburg (Pa.)
- 2. James Annon, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
- 3. Travis Elg, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 4. Doug Surra, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
- 5. Tony Washington, Newberry (S.C.)
- 6. Josh Hensley, Adams State (Colo.)
- 7. Josh Falk, Findlay (Ohio)
- 8. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha

#### 149 Pounds

- 1. Mike Rogers, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
- 2. Ryan Etherton, Nebraska-Kearney
- 3. Joey Deaguero, Adams State (Colo.)
- 4. Tommy Abbott, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 5. Colby Robinson, Central Oklahoma
- 6. Mike Long, Augustana (S.D.)
- 7. Brian Pogel, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 8. Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha

- 1. Travis Eggers, Upper Iowa
- 2. Noomis Jones, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 4. Andy Lamancusa, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 5. Keenan McCurdy, Nebraska-Kearney
- 6. Kyle Francis, Western State (Colo.)
- 7. Danny Grater, Fort Hay State (Kan.)
- 8. David Zeek, Kutztown (Pa.)

#### 165 Pounds

- 1. Blake Peterson, Truman State (Mo.)
- 2. Kyle Keane, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 3. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 4. Aaron Denson, Nebraska-Omaha
- 5. Taylor May, Nebraska-Kearney
- 6. Mitch Norton, Upper Iowa
- Corey VanGroll, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 8. Justin Shannon, Findlay (Ohio)

#### 174 Pounds

- 1. Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Marty Usman, Nebraska-Kearney
- 3. Tyler Tubbs, Minnesota State-Moorhead
- 4. Jesse Feinsod, New Mexico Highlands
- 5. Brett Hunter, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 6. Larry Wilbanks, Western State (Colo.)
- 7. Tim Matheson, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 8. Bryant Blanton, Newberry (S.C.)

#### 184 Pounds

- 1. Dan Scanlan, Limestone (S.C.)
- 2. Austin Boehm, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Brad Padgett, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 4. Hiram Smith, Findlay (Ohio)
- 5. Justin Ferguson, Ashland (Ohio)
- 6. Keeno Griffin, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Tyler Gonzales, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
- 8. Paul Sutton, Nebraska-Kearney

#### 197 Pounds

- 1. Josh Majerus, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 2. Donavan McMahill, Western State (Colo.)
- 3. Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
- 4. Ty Copsey, Augustana (S.D.)
- 5. Josh Ohl, Ashland (Ohio)
- 6. Derek Ross, Nebraska-Kearney
- 7. Trevor Gallo, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 8. Josh Fansler, Newman (Kan.)

- 1. Dustin Finn, Central Oklahoma
- 2. Cy Wainwright, Newberry (S.C.)
- 3. Brady Wilson, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 4. Travis Clark, Findlay (Ohio)
- Tony Lewis, Nebraska-Omaha
- 6. Trey Moss, Limestone (S.C.)
- 7. Lynn Panko, Indianapolis (Ind.)
- 8. Cody Beck, Central Missouri

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Wednesday, Dec. 2 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Omaha held onto the No. 1 ranking in the first regular-season NCAA Division II wrestling poll, it was announced Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Mavericks were No. 1 in the preseason poll and stayed there by receiving seven of the eight first-place votes cast in finishing with 158 points. UNO won three straight Division II national titles from 2004-06 and was third last year.

Minnesota State-Mankato received the other first-place vote in balloting of coaches from around the country and remained second with 147 points, just two ahead of defending national champion Nebraska-Kearney.

Adams State stayed fourth with 138 points, while Newberry jumped from seventh to fifth with 123 points. Rounding out the top 10 was seven-time Division II champion Central Oklahoma, Western State, Upper Iowa and Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

The 2009 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships are set for March 13-14 in Houston, Texas.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' preseason ranking:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Preseason Ranking
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	158	1st
2.	Minnesota State-Mankato	147	2nd
3.	Nebraska-Kearney	145	3rd
4,	Adams State (Colo.)	138	4th
5.	Newberry (S.C.)	123	7th
6.	Central Oklahoma	121	6th
7.	Western State (Colo.)	117	5th
8.	Upper Iowa	96	10th
9.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	95	8th
10.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	88	13th
11.	Chadron State (Neb.)	78	9th
12.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	72	12th
13.	Findlay (Ohio)	63	16th
14.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	46	NR
15.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	40	T17th
16.	Limestone (S.C.)	31	15th
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	30	NR
18.	Augustana (S.D.)	29	14th
19.	Ashland (Ohio)	17	11th
20.	Central Missouri	14	NR
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Others receiving votes: Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gannon (Pa.), San Francisco State (Calif.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State (Mo.).

#### 125 Pounds

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- 2. Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Devlon Webb, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 4. Tyler Mumbalo, Upper Iowa
- 5. Eddie Lopez, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 7. Matt Oliver, Newberry (S.C.)
- Joe Werner, Minnesota State-Moorhead

#### 133 Pounds

- 1. Joe Kemmerer, Kutztown (Pa.)
- 2. Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Tim Elliott, Central Oklahoma
- 4. John Putnam, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 5. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 6. Michael Baxter, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 7. Marques Bravo, Western State (Colo.)
- 8. Andrew Young, Newberry (S.C.)

#### 141 Pounds

- 1. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
- 2. James Annon, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
- Colby Robinson, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Travis Elg, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 5. Doug Surra, West Liberty State (W. Va.)
- 6. Tony Washington, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Josh Falk, Findlay (Ohio)
- 8. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha

#### 149 Pounds

- Ryan Etherton, Nebraska-Kearney
- 2. Joey Deaguero, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Tommy Abbott, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 4. Mike Long, Augustana (S.D.)
- 5. Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
- 6. Latra Collick, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Kayne Melko, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
- 8. Craig Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside

- 1. Travis Eggers, Upper Iowa
- 2. Noomis Jones, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 4. Danny Grater, Fort Hay State (Kan.)
- 5. Keenan McCurdy, Nebraska-Kearney
- 6. Mitch Smith, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
- 7. Sean Byrnes, Newberry (S.C.)
- 8. Andy Lamancusa, Mercyhurst (Pa.)

#### 165 Pounds

- 1. Kyle Keane, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 2. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 3. Aaron Denson, Nebraska-Omaha
- 4. Tyler Tubbs, Minnesota State-Moorhead
- 5. Taylor May, Nebraska-Kearney
- 6. Corey VanGroll, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 7. Justin Shannon, Findlay (Ohio)
- 8. Mikey Morgan, Central Oklahoma

#### 174 Pounds

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- 2. Marty Usman, Nebraska-Kearney
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- 5. Brett Hunter, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 6. Larry Wilbanks, Western State (Colo.)
- 7. Tim Matheson, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 8. Mitch Norton, Upper Iowa

#### 184 Pounds

- 1. Dan Scanlan, Limestone (S.C.)
- 2. Austin Boehm, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Brad Padgett, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 4. Hiram Smith, Findlay (Ohio)
- 5. Charlie Pipher, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Paul Sutton, Nebraska-Kearney
- 7. Tyler Gonzales, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
- 8. Tyler Johnson, Southwest Minnesota

#### 197 Pounds

- 1. Josh Majerus, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 2. Kyle Sand, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Donavan McMahill, Western State (Colo.)
- 4. Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
- 5. Ty Copsey, Augustana (S.D.)
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- 2. Cv Wainwright, Newberry (S.C.)
- 3. Brady Wilson, Minnesota State-Mankato
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- 5. Tony Lewis, Nebraska-Omaha
- 6. Trey Moss, Limestone (S.C.)
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- 8. Cody Beck, Central Missouri

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Tuesday, Jan. 6 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Omaha maintained the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll that was announced Tuesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association and will take the favorite's role into this weekend's NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals.

The Mavericks received seven of the eight first-place votes cast in finishing with 159 points to keep its spot atop the poll. UNO won three straight Division II national titles from 2004-06 and was third last year,

Newberry (S.C.) received the other first-place vote in balloting of coaches from around the country and jumped from fifth to second with 143 points, edging out defending national champion Nebraska-Kearney (142) and Minnesota State-Mankato (141) for the No. 2 spot.

Seven-time Division II champion Central Oklahoma is fifth, with Adams State (Colo.), Western State (Colo.), Upper Iowa, Mercyhurst (Pa.) and Wisconsin-Parkside rounding out the top 10.

Fourteen of the top 20 teams will be in the 16-team National Duals this weekend in Cedar Falls, Iowa -- UNO, Newberry, UNK, MSU-Mankato, UCO, Western State, UIU, Mercyhurst, UWP, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), St. Cloud State (Minn.), Findlay (Ohio), Chadron State (Neb.) and Minnesota State-Moorhead.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' last ranking:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking	
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	159	1st	
2.	Newberry (S.C.)	143	5th	
3.	Nebraska-Kearney	142	3rd	
4.	Minnesota State-Mankato	141	2nd	
5,	Central Oklahoma	127	6th	
T6.	Adams State (Colo.)	106	4th	
T6.	Western State (Colo.)	106	7th	
8,	Upper Iowa	95	8th	
9.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	94	10th	
10.	Wisconsin-Parkside	92	17th	
10. 11.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	91	9th	
	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	69	12th	
12,	Findlay (Ohio)	64	13th	
13.	• • •	52	11th	
14.	Chadron State (Neb.)	48	19th	
15.	Ashland (Ohio)	38	14th	
16.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	32	20th	
17.	Central Missouri		18th	
18.	Augustana (S.D.)	30		
19.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	18	15th	
20.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	9	NR	
Others r	eceiving votes: Fort Hays State (Kan.), G	annon (Pa.), Limeston	e (S.C.), Shippensburg (Pa.).	

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Wednesday, Jan. 21 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- A championship showing at the recent NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals made Nebraska-Omaha the unanimous No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll that was announced Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Mavericks earned all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points and remain atop the poll. UNO has been No. 1 in all four rankings this season and solidified its position with a four-match run at the National Duals on Jan. 10-11, capped by a 23-19 finals win over Newberry (S.C.).

Newberry had 151 points and stayed No. 2, while Minnesota State-Mankato switched places with Nebraska-Kearney and came in third after a 19-16 victory in the third-place match at the National Duals over the Antelopes.

Seven-time Division II champion Central Oklahoma is fifth, with Western State (Colo.), Adams State (Colo.), Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Upper Iowa and Mercyhurst (Pa.) rounding out the top 10.

Nine of UNO's 10 individuals are ranked in the top four at their respective weight, including four No. 1 picks -- 157 Todd Meneely, 165 Aaron Denson, 174 Ross Taplin and 184 Austin Boehm.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' last ranking:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking	
1,	Nebraska-Omaha	160	1st	
2.	Newberry (S.C.)	151	2nd	
3,	Minnesota State-Mankato	145	4th	
4,	Nebraska-Kearney	136	3rd	
5.	Central Oklahoma	128	5th	
6.	Western State (Colo.)	113	7th	
7.	Adams State (Colo.)	112	6th	
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	103	11th	
9,	Upper Iowa	101	8th	
10.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	89	9th	
11.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	71	12th	
12.	Wisconsin-Parkside	69	10th	
13.	Chadron State (Neb.)	47	14th	
14.	Augustana (S.D.)	45	18th	
15,	Findlay (Ohio)	40	13th	
16.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	39	NR	
17.	Ashland (Ohio)	30	15th	
T18.	Central Missouri	19	17th	
T18.	Kutztown (Pa.) 19	19	NR	
T20.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	17	20th	
T20.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	17	16th	

Others receiving votes: Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gannon (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorhead.

### NCAA DIVISION II Individual Rankings

#### 125 Pounds

- 1. Curtis Schurkamp, San Francisco State
- 2. Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Matt Oliver, Newberry (S.C.)
- 4. Tim Elliott, Central Oklahoma
- 5. Devlon Webb, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 6. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 7. Chris Neidermeier, Belmont-Abbey (N.C.)
- 8. Eddie Lopez, Western State (Colo.)

#### 133 Pounds

- 1. Joe Kemmerer, Kutztown (Pa.)
- Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 4. Marques Bravo, Western State (Colo.)
- 5. Trevor Franklin, Upper Iowa
- 6. Grant Baker, Central Missouri
- 7. Michael Baxter, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 8. Josh Williams, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

#### 141 Pounds

- 1. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
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- 3. Colby Robinson, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha
- 5. John Putnam, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 6. Matt Irwin, Indianapolis (Ind.)
- 7. A.J. Milanak, Gannon (Pa.)
- 8. Jimmy Savala, Chadron State (Neb.)

#### 149 Pounds

- 1. Craig Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
- Tommy Abbott, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 3. Ryan Etherton, Nebraska-Kearney
- 4. Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
- Latra Collick, Newberry (S.C.)
- 6. Luke Elmore, Central Oklahoma
- 7. Joey Deaguero, Adams State (Colo.)
- 8. Nick DiCarlo, Anderson (S.C.)

- 1. Todd Meneely, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Noomis Jones, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Chase Walker, Mesa State (Colo.)
- 4. Danny Grater, Fort Hay State (Kan.)
- 5. Mitch Smith, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
- 6. Sean Byrnes, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Travis Eggers, Upper Iowa
- 8. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

#### 165 Pounds

- 1. Aaron Denson, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 3. Mikey Morgan, Central Oklahoma
- 4. Kyle Keane, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
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- 1. Austin Boehm, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Charlie Pipher, Western State (Colo.)
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- 6. Ty Copsey, Augustana (S.D.)
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- 8, Matt Farrell, Nebraska-Kearney

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- 7. Trey Moss, Limestone (S.C.)
- 8. Frank McGrath, Gannon (Pa.)

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Wednesday, Feb. 4 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Omaha maintained its stranglehold on the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II wrestling poll that was announced Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Mavericks earned all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points and remain atop the poll. UNO has been No. 1 in all five rankings this season and ran its dual record to 8-0 last week with wins over Central Oklahoma and Nebraska-Kearney.

Newberry garnered 151 points and stayed No. 2, while Minnesota State-Mankato had 145 points to remain third and UNK 136 to stay fourth.

Western State (Colo.) was fifth in the poll, followed by Central Oklahoma, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Wisconsin-Parkside, Adams State (Colo.) and Upper Iowa.

Nine of UNO's 10 individuals are ranked in the top five at their respective weight, led by Todd Meneely as the No. 1 pick at 157 and five No. 2 selections -- 133 Cody Garcia, 141 Mario Morgan, 165 Aaron Denson, 174 Ross Taplin and 184 Brent Pankoke.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' last ranking:

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8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	110	12th
9.	Adams State (Colo.)	105	7th
10.	Upper Iowa	80	9th
T11.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	<del>79</del>	10th
T11.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	79	11th
13.	Augustana (S.D.)	68	14th
14.	Chadron State (Neb.)	50	13th
15.	Findlay (Ohio)	47	15th
16.	Kutztown (Pa.) 19	28	T18th
17.	Ashland (Ohio)	27	17th
18.	Central Missouri	21	T18th
19.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	14	NR
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)	13	16th
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Others receiving votes: Gannon (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, San Francisco State (Calif.), West Liberty State. (W. Va.)

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- 6. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 7. C.J. Hamilton, Anderson (S.C.)
- 8. Andy Forstner, Minnesota State-Mankato

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- 2. Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 4. Marques Bravo, Western State (Colo.)
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- 6. Andrew Young, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Grant Baker, Central Missouri
- 8. Josh Williams, St. Cloud State (Minn.)

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- 5. Latra Collick, Newberry (S.C.)
- 6. Luke Elmore, Central Oklahoma
- 7. Nick DiCarlo, Anderson (S.C.)
- 8. Jesse Snider, Colorado School of Mines

- 1. Todd Meneely, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Noomis Jones, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Chase Walker, Mesa State (Colo.)
- 4. Danny Grater, Fort Hay State (Kan.)
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- 6. Tad Merritt, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
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- 6. Kyle Sand, Adams State (Colo.)
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- 5. Cody Beck, Central Missouri
- 6. Trey Moss, Limestone (S.C.)
- 7. Frank McGrath, Gannon (Pa.)
- 8. Charlie Alexander, Western State (Colo.)

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Wednesday, Feb. 18 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Omaha kept its spot atop the NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, according to the poll that was released Wednesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Mavericks earned all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points and remain No. 1. UNO has been No. 1 in all six rankings this season and finished its dual season a perfect 13-0.

Newberry garnered 150 points and stayed No. 2, while Minnesota State-Mankato had 146 points to remain third. Western State switched places with defending national champion Nebraska-Kearney and is fourth after beating the now-No. 5 Lopers in a dual last week.

Rounding out the top 10 is Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.), Central Oklahoma, Wisconsin-Parkside, Upper Iowa and St. Cloud State (Minn.)

The majority of teams have finished their dual schedules and are preparing for the four regional tournaments that will be held the weekend of May 28-March 1. The top-four individual finishes from each weight at every regional advance to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, set for March 13-14 in Houston, Texas.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' last ranking following by the top-eight rankings at each weight:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking	
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	160	1st	
2.	Newberry (S.C.)	150	2nd	
3.	Minnesota State-Mankato	146	3rd	•
4.	Western State (Colo.)	133	5th	
5.	Nebraska-Kearney	130	4th	
6.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	118	7th	
7.	Central Oklahoma	115	6th	
8.	Wisconsin-Parkside	101	8th	
9.	Upper Iowa	86	10th	
10.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	85	12th	
11.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	84	11th	
12.	Adams State (Colo.)	76	9th	
13.	Augustana (S.D.)	63	13th	
14.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	37	19th	
15.	Chadron State (Neb.)	35	14th	
16.	Central Missouri	33	18th	
17.	Gannon (Pa.)	32	NR	
18.	Findlay (Ohio)	28	15th	
19.	Kutztown (Pa.)	24	16th	
20.	Ashland (Ohio)	16	17th	

Others receiving votes: Anderson (S.C.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, San Francisco State (Calif.), Shippensburg (Pa.), West Liberty State. (W. Va.)

#### 125 Pounds

- 1. Curtis Schurkamp, San Francisco State
- 2. Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Matt Oliver, Newberry (S.C.)
- Tim Elliott, Central Oklahoma
- 5. Eddie Lopez, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Devlon Webb, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 7. Cody Zimmerman, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 8. C.J. Hamilton, Anderson (S.C.)

#### 133 Pounds

- 1. Joe Kemmerer, Kutztown (Pa.)
- 2. Cody Garcia, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)
- 4. Marques Bravo, Western State (Colo.)
- 5. Trevor Franklin, Upper Iowa
- 6. Andrew Young, Newberry (S.C.)
- 7. Grant Baker, Central Missouri
- 8. Joey Morrison, Nebraska-Kearney

#### 141 Pounds

- 1. Raymond Dunning, Adams State (Colo.)
- 2. John Putman, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 3. Mario Morgan, Nebraska-Omaha
- 4. James Annon, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
- 5. Colby Robinson, Central Oklahoma
- 6. Matt Irwin, Indianapolis (Ind.)
- 7. A.J. Milanak, Gannon (Pa.)
- 8. Jimmy Savala, Chadron State (Neb.)

#### 149 Pounds

- 1. Craig Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2. Tommy Abbott, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 3, Esai Dominguez, Nebraska-Omaha
- 4. Ryan Etherton, Nebraska-Kearney
- 5. Latra Collick, Newberry (S.C.)
- 6. Luke Elmore, Central Oklahoma
- 7. Nick DiCarlo, Anderson (S.C.)
- 8. Mike Long, Augustana (S.D.)

- 1. Todd Meneely, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Noomis Jones, Adams State (Colo.)
- 3. Chase Walker, Mesa State (Colo.)
- 4. Danny Grater, Fort Hay State (Kan.)
- 5. Mitch Smith, West Liberty State (W.Va.)
- 6. Travis Elg, Minnesota State-Mankato
- 7. John Sundgren, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 8. Sean Byrnes, Newberry (S.C.)

#### 165 Pounds

- 1. Josh Shields, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
- 2. Aaron Denson, Nebraska-Omaha
- 3. Taylor May, Nebraska-Kearney
- 4. Corey VanGroll, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 5, Mikey Morgan, Central Oklahoma
- 6. Tyler Tubbs, Minnesota State-Moorhead
- 7. Tad Merritt, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 8. Andrew Hicklin, Central Missouri

#### 174 Pounds

- 1. Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Tommy McCarty, Central Oklahoma
- 3. Marty Usman, Nebraska-Kearney
- 4. Brett Hunter, Chadron State (Neb.)
- 5. Larry Wilbanks, Western State (Colo.)
- 6. Jesse Feinsod, New Mexico Highlands
- 7. Justin Ferguson, Ashland (Ohio)
- 8. Mitch Norton, Upper Iowa

#### 184 Pounds

- 1. Brent Pankoke, Nebraska-Omaha
- 2. Brad Padgett, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
- 3. Hiram Smith, Findlay (Ohio)
- 4. Lucas Haag, Wisconsin-Parkside
- 5. Bryant Blanton, Newberry (S.C.)
- 6. Tyler Johnson, Southwest Minnesota
- 7. Nick Henning, Augustana (S.D.)
- 8. Tyler Gonzales, Fort Hays State (Kan.)

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Tuesday, March 3 (For Immediate Release)

EDMOND, Okla. -- Nebraska-Omaha will be the favorite in next week's NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships after the Mavericks maintained their No. 1 position in the final rankings, according to the poll that was released Tuesday by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

UNO, which qualified all 10 individuals in running away with last weekend's Super Regional Two title, earned all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points and remain No. 1. The Mavericks topped the poll in all seven rankings this season and will be looking for their fifth Division II national title.

Minnesota State-Mankato moved from third to second with 150 points after also advancing its entire 10-man team to the national tournament in winning the Super Regional Three crown. Super Regional One champion Newberry (S.C.), which has eight qualifiers, dropped to third with 146 points.

Super Regional Four winner Western State (Colo.) was fourth in the voting with 140 points and has seven national qualifiers. Defending champion Nebraska-Kearney came in fifth, followed by Central Oklahoma, Adams State (Colo.), Pittsburgh-Johnston (Pa.), Wisconsin-Parkside and St. Cloud State (Minn.)

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be held March 13-14 in Houston, Texas as part of the Division II Winter Sports Festival.

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3.	Newberry (S.C.)	146	2nd	
4.	Western State (Colo.)	140	4th	
5,	Nebraska-Kearney	117	5th	
6.	Central Oklahoma	116	7th	
7.	Adams State (Colo.)	115	12th	
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	113	6th	
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	86	8th	
10.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	82	10th	
11.	Upper Iowa	75	9th	
12.	Central Missouri	<b>57</b> °	16th	
13.	Augustana (S.D.)	55	13th	
14.	West Liberty State (W.Va.)	47	NR	
15.	Chadron State (Neb.)	39	.15th	
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- 7. Mike Rogers, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
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### NCAA DIVISION II Individual Rankings

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