

NCAA DIVISION II

WRESTLING RANKINGS

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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

Others receiving votes: Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gannon (Pa.), San Francisco State (Calif.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State (Mo.).

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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. 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.)
3. 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

1. 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

157 Pounds

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.)

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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

1. Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha
2. Marty Usman, Nebraska-Kearney
3. Justin Ferguson, Ashland (Ohio)
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. 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. Donovan McMahill, Western State (Colo.)
4. Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
5. Ty Copsey, Augustana (S.D.)
6. Josh Ohl, Ashland (Ohio)
7. Keeno Griffin, Newberry (S.C.)
8. Derek Ross, Nebraska-Kearney

285 Pounds

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