

## Southern Oregon Tops Preseason NAIA Wrestling Coaches' Top 20 Poll

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - With seven ranked individuals, including the defending national champion at 184 pounds, Southern Oregon lands as the No. 1 team in the preseason NAIA Wrestling Coaches' Top 20 Poll, the NAIA announced Wednesday. The Raiders earned 100.5 points. Notre Dame College (Ohio) is listed second with 98 points, followed by No. 3 McKendree University (Ill.), No. 4 University of Great Falls (Mont.) and No. 5 Grand View University (Iowa).

Lindenwood (Mo.) was the top-ranked team heading into the 2008-09 season and went on to win its third national title. As the No. 1 to close out the 2008-09 campaign, Southern Oregon finished as the runner-up at the National Championships.

Five individual national champs from a year ago will return to defend their title in 2010 and enter the season rated No. 1 in their respective weight classes: Adam Koballa of Notre Dame (Ohio) at 141 pounds, Grand View's (Iowa) Matt Burns at 149 and Chris Platt of Southern Oregon at 184. McKendree sports a pair of titlists that are ranked No. 1 in Aaron Winning at 165 pounds and Andrew Sanchez at 197.

Of Southern Oregon's seven nationally ranked grapplers, four are returning All-Americans, including top-ranked 125-pounder Mitchell Lofstedt and heavyweight John Bates. A third-place finisher a year ago, Barry Johnson is listed second at 141 pounds and Tommie Norton is ranked second at 157 pounds following a fifth-place showing in 2009.

Second-ranked Notre Dame and No. 8 Dana (Neb.) each have nine wrestlers garnering national ranking. Notre Dame brings back two additional All-Americans to Koballa with No. 1 Thomas Straughn at 157 pounds and second-ranked 125-pounder Tyler Savage. Dana's highest ranked wrestler is Robert Costa at No. 4 at 133 pounds.

No. 3 McKendree (89 points) and No. 4 Great Falls (78.5 points) each have seven nationally-ranked grapplers and No. 5 Grand View (69 points) has six. Three-time defending national team champion Lindenwood is ranked sixth with six ranked wrestlers.

The first regular-season poll will be announced on Nov. 24.



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<b>RANK</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>
1	Southern Oregon University	100.5
2	Notre Dame College (Ohio)	98
3	McKendree University (Ill.)	89
4	University of Great Falls (Mont.)	77.5
5	Grand View University (Iowa)	69
6	Lindenwood University (Mo.)	61
7	California Baptist University	58
8	Dana College (Neb.)	57.5
9	Campbellsville (Ky.)	45
10	Dickinson State (N.D.)	38.5

10	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical (Ariz.)	38.5
<b>12</b>	<b>Montana State University-Northern</b>	<b>37.5</b>
13	Missouri Baptist University	37
14	Oklahoma City University	30.5
14	Cumberland University (Tenn.)	30.5
16	Menlo College (Calif.)	22
17	Morningside College (Iowa)	19
18	Northwestern College (Iowa)	18
19	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	17.5
20	University of the Cumberlands (Ky.)	13.5
20	Waldorf College (Iowa)	13.5

**Others receiving votes:** Jamestown College (N.D.) 10; Hastings College (Neb.) 9.5; William Penn University (Iowa) 8.5; York College (Neb.) 2.5.

### Individual Ratings 125 Pounds

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
1	Mitchell Lofstedt	Southern Oregon University
2	Tyler Savage	Notre Dame College
3	Dante Rini	Notre Dame College
4	Cody Dennis	Morningside College
5	Angel Olea	Dickinson State
6	Clayden McKim	Dana College
7	Kyle Conley	Dana College
8	Larone Madison	University of the Cumberlands
9	Jarrold Wiens	Hastings College
10	Taylor Louie	William Penn University
11	Chauncey Philipps	California Baptist University
12	Jason Moorhouse	Menlo College

### 133 Pounds

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
1	Wade Lowe	McKendree University
2	Ryan Luu	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
3	Tommy Pretty	Campbellsville
4	Robert Costa	Dana College
5	John Rojas	California Baptist University
6	Travis Evans	Grand View University
7	Matthew Jacobson	Dana College
8	Anton Prater	Missouri Baptist University
9	Malik Stewart	Dakota Wesleyan
10	Eric Garcia	Menlo College

11	Blake	Hunter	Dickinson State
12	David	Crow	William Penn University

### 141 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Adam	Koballa	Notre Dame College
2	Barry	Johnson	Southern Oregon University
3	Jordan	Harer	Dakota Wesleyan
4	Christian	Martinez	Menlo College
5	Michael	Davis	Cumberland University
6	Jason	Costello	University of Great Falls
7	Kyle	Williams	McKendree University
8	Adam	Manz	Dana College
9	Jacob	Murton	Campbellsville
10	Nathen	Schweitzer	Dickinson State
11	Jeff	Steele	University of the Cumberlands
12	Dustin	Howa	William Penn University

### 149 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Matt	Burns	Grand View University
2	Samuel	Schmitz	Lindenwood University
3	Jeffrey	Pelton	Notre Dame College
4	Tyler	Chang	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
5	Byron	Kuylen	University of Great Falls
6	Levi	Price	Northwestern College
7	Andrew	Carrillo	Dana College
8	Tim	McGoldrick	Lindenwood University
9	Jeff	Marval	Waldorf College
10	Benjamin	Garcia	California Baptist University
11	Brad	Cusatis	Hastings College
12	Matt	Pridgeon	Dickinson State

### 157 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Thomas	Straughn	Notre Dame College
2	Tommie	Norton/Hooper	Southern Oregon University
3	Nikolas	Turner	Oklahoma City University
4	Ross	Mosher	University of Great Falls
5	Trace	Billet	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
6	Brain	Oeschner	Lindenwood University
7	Josh	Emmett	Menlo College

8	Ben	Knight	Morningside College
9	James	Casadaban	Cumberland University
10	Jeremy	Padilla	Waldorf College
11	Josh	Swanson	William Penn University
12	David	Razo	California Baptist University

### 165 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Aaron	Winning	McKendree University
2	John	Murray	Lindenwood University
3	Lamar	Reed	California Baptist University
4	Chris	Chionuma	Lindenwood University
5	James	Linker	Campbellsville
5	Brad	Lower	Grand View University
7	Ryan	Tuzon	Dana College
8	Brandon	Porter	Waldorf College
9	David	Dwyer	McKendree University
10	Kris	Spencer	Southern Oregon University
11	Nick	Zumwalt	Dickinson State
12	Mark	Meyer	Oklahoma City University

### 174 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Brendon	DeCock	University of Great Falls
2	<b>Austin</b>	<b>Ouellette</b>	<b>Montana State University-Northern</b>
3	Christopher	Knowland	California Baptist University
4	Glenn	Rhees	Grand View University
5	Kurt	Wolff	Notre Dame College
6	Cameron	Schrempp	Dickinson State
7	Damion	Stephenson	University of the Cumberlands
8	Jameon	Rush	Hastings College
9	Jason	Pence	University of Great Falls
10	Adam	Houser	Grand View University
11	Phillip	Oudhuis	Campbellsville
12	Donald	Woods	Lindenwood University

### 184 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Chris	Platt	Southern Oregon University
2	<b>Evan</b>	<b>Hinebaugh</b>	<b>Montana State University-Northern</b>

3	Michael	French	University of Great Falls
4	Spencer	Adams	Campbellsville
5	Enock	Francois	California Baptist University
6	Jacob	Oberfoell	Missouri Baptist University
7	Tanner	Wolk	McKendree University
8	Jordan	Powers	Cumberland University
9	Mark	Peiffer	Dana College
10	Adam	Herrick	Waldorf College
11	Josh	Geppert	Dakota Wesleyan
12	Alex	Denman	Notre Dame College

### 197 Pounds

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	Andrew	Sanchez	McKendree University
2	Justin	Rau	Grand View University
3	Jake	Kallestad	Dickinson State
4	Ike	Okenwa	Missouri Baptist University
5	Alex	Calvi	University of Great Falls
6	Nicholas	Leither	Northwestern College
7	Ronald	Lee	Southern Oregon University
8	<b>Evan</b>	<b>Mattingly</b>	<b>Montana State University-Northern</b>
9	Derek	Foore	Notre Dame College
10	Karl	Spain	William Penn University
11	Jeff	Roman	Waldorf College
12	Joseph	Lockett	Morningside College

### HWT

RANK	NAME		SCHOOL
1	John	Bates	Southern Oregon University
2	Corey	Johnson	Oklahoma City University
3	Cedric	Powell	McKendree University
4	Byron	Stewart	Cumberland University
5	Michael	Wakim	Missouri Baptist University
6	Willie	Hernandez	Jamestown College
7	Joshua	Marquez	California Baptist University
8	David	Coffey	Campbellsville
9	Jason	Lloyd	York College
10	Jonathan	Wilbourne	Dana College
11	Orlando	Scales	Notre Dame College
12	Willie	Wiggins	Lindenwood University
12	Aaron	Field	Jamestown College
12	Ryan	Groom	William Penn University