

Argos Climb to the Top of the NAIA Wrestling World

GREAT FALLS, Mont. – The University of Great Falls Wrestling Team has gone where it has never been before. The Argos climbed up one more step to the top of the NAIA Top 20 Wrestling Coaches poll.

"It's an honor to be ranked number one in the Nation for the first time in UGF Wrestling history" Head Coach Caleb Scheaffer said. The immediate benefit for us is how the NAIA seeds the upcoming National Duals; January seventh and eighth in Springfield, Ill.

Several Argonaut wrestlers are ranked in ten of their given weight class.

At 133 pounds Scott Schlosser has moved up to eighth. The 141 pound class finds Anthony Varnell pinning down the number one ranking. In the 149 pound class Mike Vassar is third. At 157 Michael Hader has moved up two spots to fifth. In the 165 pound class Noah Hatton saw no change and held onto his number five spot and Shawn Lau is holding fast in the twelfth spot. At 197 pounds Kamron Jackson, who recently placed sixth in Reno, Nev. Against several NCAA wrestlers, has moved up one position to second and Levi Morgan holds onto to eighth. In the heavy weight division Sears Tiernan moves up two positions to seventh.

"We are the third number one this season. Being at the top often means that others work that much harder to knock you off." Scheaffer added. "The NAIA does not hand out trophies for simply being ranked. We need to work harder each and every day and prove we are worthy of being so ranked." Scheaffer concluded.

The NAIA top 20 along with the top wrestler in each weight class is listed below.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the Qualifying Groups. The next poll will be announced Jan. 11 (Following the National Duals).

Rank	Prvs. Rank	School	Total Team Points
1	2	Great Falls (Mont.)	106
2	4	Grand View (Iowa)	96
3	1	Southern Oregon	91
4	5	Oklahoma City	84.5
5	6	Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	65
6	8	Montana State-Northern	60
7	7	Midland (Neb.)	54.5
8	4	Campbellsville (Ky.)	53
9	11	Missouri Valley	52.5
10	10	Baker (Kan.)	43
11	9	Morningside (Iowa)	42.5

12	19	Concordia (Neb.)	42
13	12	Missouri Baptist	32.5
14	18	Cumberlands (Ky.)	31
15	13	Northwestern (Iowa)	29
16	14	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	26.5
17	16	Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)	23
18	17	Shorter (Ga.)	20
18	15	William Penn (Iowa)	20
20	20	Indiana Tech	11.5

Others receiving votes: Menlo (Calif.) 9; Dickinson State (N.D.) 8; York (Neb.) 4.5; Waldorf (Iowa) 4.5; Bacone (Okla.) 1; Hastings (Neb.) 1.

Top-Ranked Individuals

- 125 - Mitchell Lofstedt, Southern Oregon
- 133 - Adam Joseph, Concordia (Ore.)
- 141 - Anthony Varnell, Great Falls (Mont.)
- 149 - Eric Burgey, William Penn (Iowa)
- 157 - Charles Pingleton, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)
- 165 - Kevin Hardy, Oklahoma City
- 174 - Joseph Sievert, Morningside (Iowa)
- 184 - Evan Hinebauch, Montana State-Northern
- 197 - Nicholas Leither, Northwestern (Iowa)
- HWT - Leviticus Roberson, Midland (Neb.)