

DIVISION III NCAA

Wartburg, Iowa, Division III National Champions

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The NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships can be summed up by the following words, two-team domination. Purely by the raw statistics see if you can determine who won. Both Augsburg and Wartburg combine for a total of 297 team points, both teams tied the tournament record of 4 individual champions, and both teams had 9 All-Americans. The point total production, the number of champions and All-American for both Wartburg and Augsburg provided the stage for the most controlling, intense, exciting, and dominant two-team performance in the 31-year history of the national tournament. Either Augsburg or Wartburg have been the team champions since 1995, and short of a tie one of them was going to be crowned the NCAA Champion.

After the dust had settled, Wartburg came within 10 points of its previous championship record of 166.5, set last season in Ada, Ohio. Wartburg started the finals with a 13-point lead over Augsburg, and the Knights had seven finalists and the Auggies had five. Jim Miller's Knights would go

2004 NCAA Division III Team Scores

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| 156.5 | Wartburg College | 19.0 | Loras College |
| 140.5 | Augsburg College | 18.0 | York College |
| 68.5 | Luther College | 16.5 | Coe College |
| 58.0 | Delaware Valley College | 14.5 | Kings College |
| 55.5 | Simpson College | 14.5 | Manchester College |
| 54.5 | Brockport State Univ | 12.5 | Trinity College |
| 50.5 | U of Wisc LaCrosse | 12.5 | U of Wisc Eau Claire |
| 49.5 | The College of New Jersey | 12.5 | Ursinus College |
| 40.5 | U of Wisc Stevens Point | 12.0 | Springfield College |
| 33.0 | Cortland State Univ | 11.5 | Oswego State University |
| 31.0 | Montclair State Univ | 11.0 | Buena Vista Univ |
| 30.5 | John Carroll University | 11.0 | Ithaca College |
| 20.0 | U of Wisc Whitewater | 10.5 | St Johns University |
| 20.0 | Williams College | 8.0 | Bridgewater State Univ |

on to win four of seven finals matches as they amassed the second-highest point total in Division III history (156 1/2 points). Wartburg would