

DIVISION III NCAA

Augsburg Scores a "10"

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Last season the NCAA Division III championship finals were a real barnburner where Augsburg and Wartburg would combine for a total of 279 team points. Augsburg scored their highest point total ever at a national tournament (140) with nine All-Americans, but would have to settle for second behind Wartburg who amassed 156 1/2 points and nine All-Americans as well. The 2005 NCAA Championships held at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, looked to have the same flavor as the 2004 tournament at Loras College in that it should be a close race with several finalists for both the "Burgs."

Jeff Swensen and the Augsburg Auggies were not about to forget last year's nationals and where poised to regain the title that Wartburg had held for the previous two years. 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, and as the tournament unfolded, it looked as if Augsburg was in the driver's seat as they advanced six wrestlers to the finals and Wartburg pushed three into the finals.

Of Augsburg's six finalists, four were defending champions and headed into the finals undefeated on the year. The

2005 NCAA Division III Team Scores

Augsburg	162	Oneonta	18.5
Wartburg	104.5	Ursinus	18.5
Luther	100	Cortland	18
UW-LaCrosse	72	Wabash	17.5
Brockport	48.5	John Carroll	17
Simpson	38.5	Johnson & Wales	15.5
Delaware Valley	36	Oswego	15
Elmhurst	30	Trinity	15
TCNJ	27.5	Lycoming	13.5
Ithaca	26.5	Mt. St. Joseph	13.5
UW-Stevens Point	26.5	Loras	12
Williams	24	UW-Whitewater	12
York	24		

four, Seniors Matt Shankey (125), Mark Matzek (133), Joe Moon (174), and Junior Marcus LeVesseur (157) would remain perfect on the season and repeat as individual national champions to give Augsburg the team championship for 2005 with 162 points, and all 10 of the Auggie wrestlers were All-Americans. Augsburg has won nine titles in 15 years in Division III wrestling.

Wartburg (Iowa) finished with two champions, seven All-Americans, and their 104.5 points were just ahead of Luther (Iowa) who finished



Matt Shankey
125-Augsburg College



Mark Matzek
133-Augsburg College



Dustin Hinschberger
141-Wartburg College



Matt Pyle
149-Augsburg College



Marcus LeVesseur
157-Augsburg College



Garrett South
165-Luther



Joe Moon
174-Augsburg College



Duane Bastress
184-York



Akeem Carter
197-Wartburg College



Ryan Allen
285-Univ of WI-LaCrosse