

Wrestling - Augsburg's Lucas Jeske named USA Wrestling/[TheMat.com](http://TheMat.com)  
Athlete of Week  
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MINNEAPOLIS -- Augsburg University wrestler Lucas Jeske (SO, St. Michael, Minn./St. Michael-Albertville HS) was named as the USA Wrestling/[TheMat.com](http://TheMat.com) Athlete of the Week by USA Wrestling through its website, [TheMat.com](http://TheMat.com), on Tuesday.

A 165-pound wrestler, Jeske played a key role in leading Augsburg to the championship at the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III National Duals last Thursday and Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind. After receiving a forfeit in his opening match on Thursday, he scored a first-period pin in then-No. 3-ranked Augsburg's 34-6 quarterfinal win over No. 16-ranked North Central (Ill.). On Friday, he scored two bonus-point wins to help the Auggies capture the title -- a 13-2 major decision in Augsburg's 18-15 semifinal win over No. 2-ranked Johnson & Wales (R.I.), and a second-period pin in Augsburg's 21-17 triumph in the championship match against top-ranked Wartburg (Iowa).

With the National Duals title, Augsburg ascended to the No. 1 ranking in the latest NWCA Division III national poll, released on Tuesday. Jeske, now 19-0 on the season with 16 bonus-point wins (11 pins, one technical fall, four major decisions), has been the top-ranked 165-pounder nationally all season long. Last season, Jeske finished third nationally at 165 pounds to earn his first All-America honor. He finished 26-8 in 2016-17, with 15 bonus-point wins (eight pins, three technical falls, four major decisions), part of Augsburg's national runner-up team finish.

Jeske was a 2015 state tournament titlist and 2016 state runner-up in his high school career at St. Michael-Albertville, finishing 65-4 in his final two prep seasons. He earned All-American honors at the 2016 USA Junior Freestyle National Championships, finishing second at 160 pounds. He was listed as InterMat's No. 55 overall recruit in the nation entering his senior season of high school, and was ranked No. 15 in InterMat's 2015-16 high school final rankings in his weight class.

As a team, Augsburg, now 9-1 in dual meets this season, won the NWCA Division III National Duals title for the sixth time in program history over the weekend, snapping a streak of seven straight titles by Wartburg. Augsburg won 29 of 40 bouts in its four wins at this year's tournament, outscoring its opponents by a 126-38 margin.

Each week, USA Wrestling selects a single Athlete of the Week from wrestlers competing at all levels of the sport, from youth to senior-level.

Augsburg returns to action this Saturday (1/13) at 9 a.m., competing at the Cornell (Iowa) Matman Open in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

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