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## Rutgers Wrestling Moves Back to No. 16 in USA Today/NWCA Coaches Poll

### Scarlet Knights host No. 7 Iowa Friday night at RAC

[USA Today/NWCA Coaches Poll \(Dec. 5\)](#) | [Intermat Individual Rankings](#)

**PISCATAWAY, N.J. (Dec. 5, 2017)** – Rutgers wrestling moved back to No. 16 in the latest *USA Today/National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division I Coaches Poll*, released Tuesday afternoon. The new ranking comes after the Scarlet Knights (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten) dropped a 22-16 dual at Lock Haven last Friday night.

Penn State (4-0) received 13 first-place votes to remain No. 1 in the poll for the fifth consecutive week. Ohio State (3-0) collected three first-place votes and is No. 2 in the national poll.

The top-10 teams remained unchanged from last week, as No. 7 Iowa (5-0), No. 8 Minnesota (2-1) and No. 9 Michigan (1-1), join PSU and OSU as Big Ten representatives in the top portion of the poll. In total, 10 Big Ten programs are recognized in the latest poll, including No. 12 Nebraska (2-0), No. 14 Illinois (1-2), No. 19 Wisconsin (2-0) and No. 20 Purdue (3-0).

With its upset last Friday of the Scarlet Knights, Lock Haven (2-0) moved to No. 24 in the coaches poll.

Intermat recognized five Rutgers wrestlers in its latest individual rankings, which includes No. 2 **Nick Suriano** (125), No. 9 **Richie Lewis** (157), No. 9 **Nicholas Gravina** (184), No. 13 **Scott DeVecchio** (133) and No. 14 **Eleazar DeLuca** (149).

In other polls, WIN Magazine has **Jordan Pagano** as the No. 19 grappler at 174 pounds. Three-time All-American **Anthony Ashnault**, who has not competed this season due to injury, is recognized as the No. 6 wrestler at 141 pounds by WIN Magazine.

Rutgers makes its 2017-18 RAC debut when it hosts the No. 7 Hawkeyes Friday night at 8 p.m. Iowa features five grapplers ranked by *Intermat* - Brandon Sorenson (No. 2, 149), Michael Kemerer (No. 3,

157), Sam Stoll (No. 6, HWT), Cash Wilcke (No. 8, 197) and Alex Marinelli (No. 13, 165). For tickets, call 1-866-445-GORU (4678) or [click here](#).

### USA Today/NWCA Division I Coaches Poll

Preseason	No. 12
Week 1	No. 11
Week 2	No. 11
Week 3	No. 11
Week 4	No. 16

### Nick Suriano – 125 Pounds (8-0, 4-0)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	3	3	4	NR	2
Week 1	2	2	3	---	---
Week 2	2	2	3	2	---
Week 3	2	2	3	2	1
Week 4	2	2	3	2	1
Week 5	2	2	2	2	1

### Scott DelVecchio – 133 Pounds (4-0, 4-0)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	12	11	11	10	12
Week 1	12	11	11	---	---
Week 2	12	11	11	10	---
Week 3	12	11	10	10	12
Week 4	10	10	10	10	11
Week 5	13	12	11	11	12

### Anthony Ashnault – 141 Pounds (0-0, 0-0)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	5	5	5	5	5
Week 1	5	NR	NR	---	---
Week 2	5	NR	NR	5	---
Week 3	5	NR	NR	5	5
Week 4	5	NR	NR	5	5
Week 5	NR	NR	NR	6	NR

### Michael Van Brill – 141 Pounds (5-3, 2-2)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Week 1	NR	NR	NR	---	---
Week 2	NR	NR	16	---	---
Week 3	NR	NR	17	NR	NR
Week 4	NR	NR	17	NR	NR
Week 5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

### Eleazar DeLuca – 149 Pounds (3-1, 3-1)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Week 1	NR	NR	NR	---	---
Week 2	14	20	17	17	---
Week 3	13	20	14	15	17
Week 4	13	17	14	15	17
Week 5	14	17	14	18	15

### Richie Lewis – 157 Pounds (1-0, 1-0)

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
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Preseason	8	7	14	10	10
Week 1	8	6	12	---	---
Week 2	9	7	12	5	---
Week 3	8	8	11	5	8
Week 4	8	7	11	5	8
Week 5	9	7	9	4	9

**Jordan Pagano – 174 Pounds (6-4, 1-3)**

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	16	16	17	14	13
Week 1	18	NR	NR	---	---
Week 2	NR	NR	NR	16	---
Week 3	NR	NR	NR	20	17
Week 4	NR	NR	NR	20	17
Week 5	NR	NR	NR	19	NR

**Nicholas Gravina – 184 Pounds (4-0, 4-0)**

	Intermat	FloWrestling	The Open Mat	WIN Magazine	AWN
Preseason	10	10	7	9	8
Week 1	10	10	7	---	---
Week 2	10	10	7	10	---
Week 3	9	10	9	11	9
Week 4	9	11	9	11	9
Week 5	9	11	12	11	8

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