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Wisconsin named to top-30 All-Academic wrestling team list

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin wrestling team earned a plethora of academic awards from the National Wrestling Coaches Association on Monday. Four Badgers were named to the NWCA All-Academic list while Wisconsin clinched a spot on the NWCA DI Top 30 All-Academic Wrestling Team.

Andrew Crone, Cole Martin, Connor Medbery and TJ Ruschell were all named NWCA All-Academic wrestlers after they each earned Academic All-Big Ten honors this season.

With a cumulative team GPA of 3.223, the Badgers clinched the No. 20 spot on the list of the top 30 All-Academic wrestling teams.

Crone, a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, is a three-time recipient of the George Martin Scholarship Award, which is awarded to the wrestling undergrad with the highest cumulative GPA. The 2015-16 Athletic Board Scholar was a 4.00 student-athlete in 2015-16. He is coming off the most successful season of his career, qualifying for his first NCAA championships and was named the team's most improved wrestler.

Medbery, a four-time Academic All-Big Ten pick, capped off a historic season as the nation's runner-up at heavyweight. Medbery finished the season with a stellar 29-2 record with 10 wins against ranked opponents. He had three major decisions, 12 technical falls and two pins on the season. He led the country in tech falls over Division I opponents.

Ruschell, a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree, had the best season of his career and finished the year with a 16-11 record. He qualified for the NCAA championships and compiled a 4-2 Big Ten record while defeating two ranked opponents.

Martin had an exciting year both on and off the mat in his redshirt freshman season, qualifying for his first NCAA championships but also earning NWCA All-Academic and Academic All-Big Ten honors. He posted a 19-17 record on the season highlighted with a big upset of Penn State's Jimmy Gulibon in the seventh-place match at the Big Ten championships, where Martin pinned the No. 2 seed in 1:11.

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