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PELLA — The American Rivers Conference released its all-conference

wrestling awards Wednesday and a pair of Central College wrestlers received accolades.

All-conference honors were handed out to the top-three finishers amongst league competitors at the NCAA Division III Central Regional meet that took place on February 24-25. In addition to the nine teams from the American Rivers Conference, the regional meet featured 10 other programs.

Gage Linahon (junior, Newton) was the runner-up at 197 pounds and **Pierre Baldwin (freshman, Carol Stream, Ill., West Chicago HS)** was fifth overall at 141 pounds but was third amongst conference athletes.

Linahon was 23-8 on the season and qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships. Baldwin finished with a 23-7 record.

Massoma Endene (Wartburg College – 174 pounds) and Zane Mulder (Wartburg College – 197 pounds) were named the league's Co-Most Valuable Performers. Eric Keller of Wartburg was given coach of the year and Luther's Clayton McDonough (149 pounds) was named the Freshman of the Year.

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