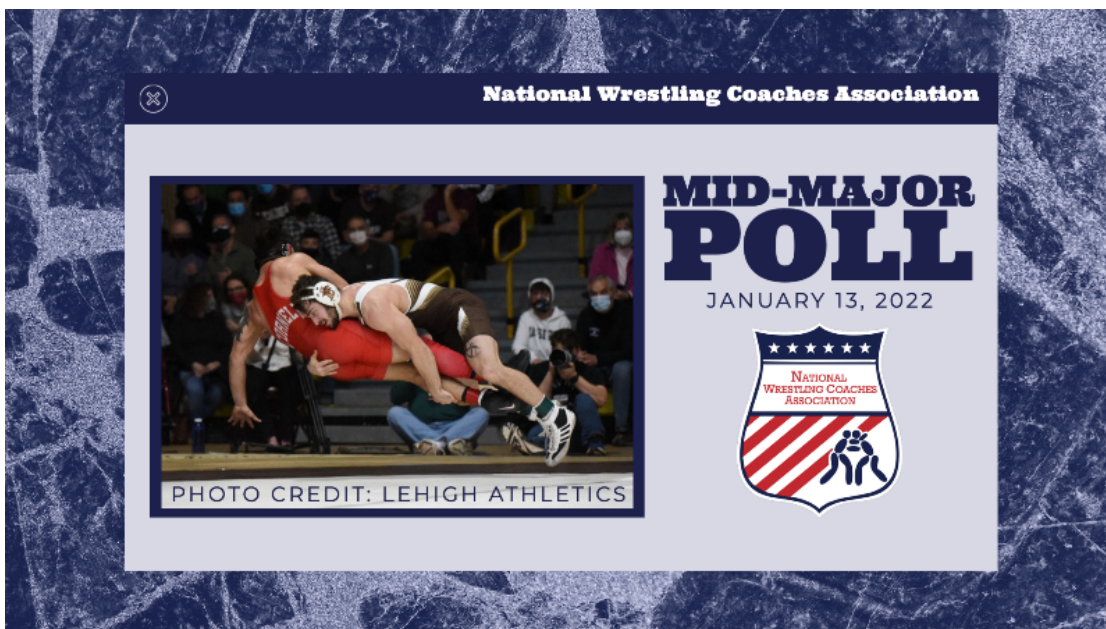


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Lehigh and Cornell Top NWCA Mid-Major Division I Poll

Manheim, Pennsylvania – The National Wrestling Coaches Association released its first Mid-Major Top 20 of the season on Thursday. Formulated in 2017, the Mid-Major Top 20 concentrates on programs outside the traditional "Power 5" conferences.

The EIWA and Big 12 conferences dominated the top 5, with four of the top five teams led by Lehigh ranked first, with five first-place votes. Cornell was right behind the Mountain Hawks in the second position. The Mountain Hawks defeated big Red by a final of 18-15 last Saturday evening.

South Dakota State fell into the third spot following a strong start to the season. North Dakota State in fourth and Campbell in fifth are Round out the top five.

The MAC made a big splash with six schools into the Top 20 along with the Big 12. The EIWA was just behind with five. The SoCon had two teams in the top 20 highlighted by Campbell at number 5.

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Five mid-major teams are ranked in the NWCA Coaches Poll, with four other programs currently receiving votes.

Methodology: The NWCA Division I Mid-Major Wrestling Coaches Poll is voted on by coaches representing teams from non-Power five conferences. The poll is based on dual meet results. Each first-place vote is worth 20 points, 19 points for a second-place vote, 18 for a third-place vote, and so on through to one point for a 20th-place vote. Teams not competing this season are not included in the voting process.

Rank	Name	Points	Wrestling Conf.	All-Sports
1	Lehigh	100 (5)	EIWA	Patriot League
2	Cornell	95	EIWA	Ivy League
3	South Dakota State	76	Big 12	Summit
4	North Dakota State	73	Big 12	Summit
5	Campbell	65	SoCon	Big South
6	Wyoming	60	Big 12	Mountain West
7	Princeton	58	EIWA	Ivy League
8	Northern Iowa	53	Big 12	Missouri Valley
9	Buffalo	46	MAC	MAC
10	Central Michigan	45	MAC	MAC
11	Clarion	42	MAC	PSAC
11	Ohio	42	MAC	MAC
13	Penn	36	EIWA	Ivy League
14	Utah Valley	35	Big 12	WAC
15	Northern Colorado	34	Big 12	Big Sky
16	Appalachian State	32	SoCon	Sun Belt
17	Northern Illinois	31	MAC	MAC
18	Cal Poly	29	PAC 12	Big West
19	Bucknell	21	EIWA	Patriot League
20	Lock Haven	16	MAC	PSAC

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